

# 2016 AP<sup>®</sup> COMPUTER SCIENCE A FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

## COMPUTER SCIENCE A SECTION II

Time—1 hour and 30 minutes

Number of questions—4

Percent of total score—50

**Directions:** SHOW ALL YOUR WORK. REMEMBER THAT PROGRAM SEGMENTS ARE TO BE WRITTEN IN JAVA.

### Notes:

- Assume that the classes listed in the Java Quick Reference have been imported where appropriate.
- Unless otherwise noted in the question, assume that parameters in method calls are not `null` and that methods are called only when their preconditions are satisfied.
- In writing solutions for each question, you may use any of the accessible methods that are listed in classes defined in that question. Writing significant amounts of code that can be replaced by a call to one of these methods will not receive full credit.

1. This question involves the implementation and extension of a `RandomStringChooser` class.

- (a) A `RandomStringChooser` object is constructed from an array of non-null `String` values. When the object is first constructed, all of the strings are considered available. The `RandomStringChooser` class has a `getNext` method, which has the following behavior. A call to `getNext` returns a randomly chosen string from the available strings in the object. Once a particular string has been returned from a call to `getNext`, it is no longer available to be returned from subsequent calls to `getNext`. If no strings are available to be returned, `getNext` returns `"NONE"`.

The following code segment shows an example of the behavior of `RandomStringChooser`.

```
String[] wordArray = {"wheels", "on", "the", "bus"};
RandomStringChooser sChooser = new RandomStringChooser(wordArray);
for (int k = 0; k < 6; k++)
{
    System.out.print(sChooser.getNext() + " ");
}
```

One possible output is shown below. Because `sChooser` has only four strings, the string `"NONE"` is printed twice.

```
bus the wheels on NONE NONE
```

**WRITE YOUR SOLUTION ON THE NEXT PAGE.**

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Write the entire `RandomStringChooser` class. Your implementation must include an appropriate constructor and any necessary methods. Any instance variables must be `private`. The code segment in the example above should have the indicated behavior (that is, it must compile and produce a result like the possible output shown). Neither the constructor nor any of the methods should alter the parameter passed to the constructor, but your implementation may copy the contents of the array.

Part (b) begins on page 4.

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## 2016 SCORING GUIDELINES

### Question 1: Random String Chooser

<b>Part (a)</b>	<code>RandomStringChooser</code>	<b>7 points</b>
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**Intent:** *Define implementation of class to choose a random string*

- +1** Uses correct class, constructor, and method headers
- +1** Declares appropriate `private` instance variable(s)
- +1** Initializes all instance variable(s) (*point lost if parameter not used in any initialization*)
- +4** Implements `getNext`
  - +1** Generates a random number in the proper range (*point lost for improper or missing cast*)
  - +1** Chooses a string from instance variable using generated random number
  - +1** Updates state appropriately (*point lost if constructor parameter is altered*)
  - +1** Returns chosen string or `"NONE"` as appropriate

<b>Part (b)</b>	<code>RandomLetterChooser</code>	<b>2 points</b>
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**Intent:** *Define implementation of a constructor of a class that extends `RandomStringChooser`*

- +1** `getSingleLetters(str)`
- +1** `super(getSingleLetters(str));` (*point lost if not first statement in constructor*)

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## 2016 CANONICAL SOLUTIONS

### Question 1: Random String Chooser

Part (a):

```
public class RandomStringChooser
{
    private List<String> words;

    public RandomStringChooser(String[] wordArray)
    {
        words = new ArrayList<String>();

        for (String singleWord : wordArray)
        {
            words.add(singleWord);
        }
    }

    public String getNext()
    {
        if (words.size() > 0)
        {
            return words.remove((int) (Math.random() * words.size()));
        }
        return "NONE";
    }
}
```

Part (b):

```
public RandomLetterChooser(String str)
{
    super(getSingleLetters(str));
}
```

These canonical solutions serve an expository role, depicting general approaches to solution. Each reflects only one instance from the infinite set of valid solutions. The solutions are presented in a coding style chosen to enhance readability and facilitate understanding.