8. Comparing C#, what are advantages or disadvantages Java has?

Java has the advantage of not being platform dependent unlike C#, but is slower and lacks some improvements of C#.

9. What is the purpose of learning Java programming? Why readers should choose this text as first book of Java programming?

The purpose of learning Java is to have knowledge of a immensely popular, cross-platform language. Readers just starting out should choose this text because it is very clear and in depth.