

## ANSWER KEY

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| 1. <b>B</b> | 8. <b>C</b>  | 15. <b>C</b> |
| 2. <b>B</b> | 9. <b>C</b>  | 16. <b>E</b> |
| 3. <b>C</b> | 10. <b>D</b> | 17. <b>C</b> |
| 4. <b>C</b> | 11. <b>A</b> | 18. <b>C</b> |
| 5. <b>A</b> | 12. <b>D</b> | 19. <b>B</b> |
| 6. <b>D</b> | 13. <b>E</b> | 20. <b>A</b> |
| 7. <b>C</b> | 14. <b>A</b> | 21. <b>E</b> |

## ANSWERS EXPLAINED

1. **(B)** All the `Math` class methods are static methods, which means you can't use a `Math` object that calls the method. The method is invoked using the class name, `Math`, followed by the dot operator. Thus segment II is correct, and segment I is incorrect. Segment III will cause an error: Since the parameters of `pow` are of type `double`, the result should be stored in a `double`.
2. **(B)** The `Math.sqrt` method must be invoked on a primitive type `double`, but auto-unboxing takes care of that in the line

```
double x = d;
```

The return type of the method is `Double`, and autoboxing takes care of that in the statement

```
return x;
```

Segment III fails because you can't use the `Double` constructor to create a new object without using the keyword `new`.

3. **(C)** The value  $-4.67$  must be rounded to  $-5$ . Subtracting  $0.5$  gives a value of  $-5.17$ . Casting to `int` truncates the number (chops off the decimal part) and leaves a value of  $-5$ . None of the other choices produces  $-5$ . Choice A gives the absolute value of  $d$ :  $4.67$ . Choice B is an incorrect use of `Random`. The parameter for `nextInt` should be an integer  $n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . The method then returns a random `int`  $k$ , where  $0 \leq k < n$ . Choice D is the way to round a *positive* real number to the nearest integer. In the actual case it produces  $-4$ . Choice E gives the absolute value of  $-5$ , namely  $5$ .
4. **(C)** The statement `double x = Math.random();` generates a random `double` in the range  $0 \leq x < 1$ . Suppose `probDeath` is  $0.67$ , or  $67\%$ . Assuming that random doubles are uniformly distributed in the interval, one can expect that  $67\%$  of the time  $x$  will be in the range  $0 \leq x < 0.67$ . You can therefore simulate the probability of death by testing if  $x$  is between  $0$  and  $0.67$ , that is, if  $x < 0.67$ . Thus,  $x < \text{probDeath}$  is the desired condition for plant death, eliminating choices A and B. Choices D and E fail because `(int) probDeath` truncates `probDeath` to  $0$ . The test  $x < 0$  will always be false, and the test  $x == 0$  will only be true if the random number generator returned exactly  $0$ , an extremely unlikely occurrence! Neither of these choices correctly simulates the probability of death.