

## Recursive Method Tracing

Consider the following method definition for Questions 1 and 2:

```
public int mystery(int k) {  
    if (k == 1) return 0;  
    else return(1 + mystery(k/2));  
}
```

\_\_\_\_\_ 1)

What value is returned by the call `mystery(16)`?

- A. 0
- B. 2
- C. 4
- D. 5
- E. 16

\_\_\_\_\_ 2)

Which of the following best characterizes the values of `k` for which the call `mystery(k)` leads to an infinite recursion?

- A. No values
- B. All positive values
- C. All nonpositive values
- D. All odd values
- E. All even values

\_\_\_\_\_ 3)

Consider the following recursive method. (Assume that method `readInt` reads one integer value typed in by the user.)

```
public static void print(int n) {  
    int x;  
    if (n > 0) {  
        x = readInt();  
        if (x > 0) {  
            print(n-1);  
            System.out.println(x);  
        }  
        else print(n);  
    }  
}
```

Which of the following best describes what happens as a result of the call `print(5)`

- A. The first five numbers typed by the user are printed in the order in which they are typed.
- B. The first five numbers typed by the user are printed in the opposite order to that in which they are typed.
- C. The first five positive numbers typed by the user are printed in the order in which they are typed.
- D. The first five positive numbers typed by the user are printed in the opposite order to that in which they are typed.
- E. Nothing is printed because the call causes an infinite recursion.

4)

Consider the following code segment:

```
public void mystery( int j, int k ) {  
    if (j != k) mystery( j+1, k );  
}
```

Which of the following best characterizes the conditions under which the call `mystery( x, y )` leads to an infinite recursion?

- A. All conditions
- B. No conditions
- C.  $x < y$
- D.  $x > y$
- E.  $x == y$

**Questions 5 & 6 refer to the following code:**

```
public static int minMax(int a[], int n)    public static int maxMin(int a[], int n)  
{  
    if (n==1)  
        return a[0];  
    else  
    {  
        int x = maxMin(a,n-1);  
        if (x < a[n-1])  
            return x;  
        else  
            return a[n-1];  
    }  
}  
}
```

5)

What value is printed by the following code?

```
int a[] = {7, 8, 1, 4, 6, 9};  
System.out.println(minMax(a, a.length));
```

- A. 1
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 9
- E. None of the above

6)

If `b` is an array containing an odd number of integers, how many times (including the initial call) is the method `maxMin` invoked as a result of the code below?

```
minMax(b, b.length)
```

- A. 0
- B.  $(b.length-1)/2$
- C.  $(b.length+1)/2$
- D. `b.length`
- E. Some other number of times