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<pre> class GoodDog   attr_accessor :name, :height, :weight    def initialize(n, h, w)     @name = n     @height = h     @weight = w   end    def speak     "#{name} says arf!"   end    def change_info(n, h, w)     name = n     height = h     weight = w   end    def info     "#{name} weighs #{weight} and is #{height} tall."   end end  sparky.change_info('Spartacus', '24 inches', '45 lbs') puts sparky.info # =&gt; Sparky weighs 10 lbs and is 12 inches tall.  # Why does the .change_info method not work as expected here? </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>
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Objects do not share state between other objects, but do share behaviors	<a href="#">Link</a>
The values in the objects' instance variables (states) are different, but they can call the same instance methods (behaviors) defined in the class.	<a href="#">Link</a>
Classes also have behaviors not for objects (class methods).	<a href="#">Link</a>
sub-classing from parent class. Can only sub-class from 1 parent; used to model hierarchical relationships	<a href="#">Link</a>
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implementing multiple inheritance	
understand how sub-classing or mixing in modules affects the method lookup path	<a href="#">Link</a>
<p>What will the following code output?</p> <pre> class Animal   def initialize(name)     @name = name   end    def speak     puts sound   end    def sound     "#{@name} says "   end end  class Cow &lt; Animal   def sound     super + "moooooooooooooo!"   end end  daisy = Cow.new("Daisy") daisy.speak </pre>	<a href="#">Link #11</a>
<pre> class Person   attr_writer :first_name, :last_name    def full_name     # omitted code   end end  mike = Person.new mike.first_name = 'Michael' mike.last_name = 'Garcia' mike.full_name # =&gt; 'Michael Garcia' </pre> <p>What code snippet can replace the "omitted code" comment to produce the indicated result?</p>	<a href="#">Link #15</a>
<pre> class Student   attr_accessor :name, :grade    def initialize(name)     @name = name     @grade = nil   end end </pre>	<a href="#">Link #16</a>

<pre>priya = Student.new("Priya") priya.change_grade('A') priya.grade # =&gt; "A"</pre> <p>The last line in the above code should return "A". Which method(s) can we add to the Student class so the code works as expected?</p>	
<p>In the example above, why would the following not work?</p> <pre>def change_grade(new_grade)   grade = new_grade end</pre>	<a href="#">Link #16</a>
<p>On which lines in the following code does self refer to the instance of the MeMyselfAndI class referenced by i rather than the class itself? Select all that apply.</p> <pre>class MeMyselfAndI   self    def self.me     self   end    def myself     self   end end  i = MeMyselfAndI.new</pre>	<a href="#">Link #19</a>
<p>Given the below usage of the Person class, code the class definition.</p> <pre>bob = Person.new('bob') bob.name          # =&gt; 'bob' bob.name = 'Robert' bob.name          # =&gt; 'Robert'</pre>	<a href="#">Link #1</a>
<p>Modify the class definition from above to facilitate the following methods. Note that there is no name= setter method now.</p> <pre>bob = Person.new('Robert') bob.name          # =&gt; 'Robert' bob.first_name    # =&gt; 'Robert' bob.last_name     # =&gt; '' bob.last_name = 'Smith' bob.name          # =&gt; 'Robert Smith'</pre> <p>Hint: let first_name and last_name be "states" and create an instance method called name that uses those states.</p>	<a href="#">Link #2</a>
<p>Now create a smart name= method that can take just a first name or a full name, and knows how to set the first_name and last_name appropriately.</p>	<a href="#">Link #3</a>

<pre> bob = Person.new('Robert') bob.name          # =&gt; 'Robert' bob.first_name    # =&gt; 'Robert' bob.last_name     # =&gt; '' bob.last_name = 'Smith' bob.name          # =&gt; 'Robert Smith'  bob.name = "John Adams" bob.first_name    # =&gt; 'John' bob.last_name     # =&gt; 'Adams' </pre>	
<p>Using the class definition from step #3, let's create a few more people -- that is, Person objects.</p> <pre> bob = Person.new('Robert Smith') rob = Person.new('Robert Smith') </pre> <p>If we're trying to determine whether the two objects contain the same name, how can we compare the two objects?</p>	<a href="#">Link #4</a>
<p>Continuing with our Person class definition, what does the below print out?</p> <pre> bob = Person.new("Robert Smith") puts "The person's name is: #{bob}" </pre>	<a href="#">Link #5a</a>
<p>Let's add a to_s method to the class:</p> <pre> class Person   # ... rest of class omitted for brevity    def to_s     name   end end </pre> <p>Now, what does the below output?</p> <pre> bob = Person.new("Robert Smith") puts "The person's name is: #{bob}" </pre>	<a href="#">Link #5b</a>
<p>Create an empty class named Cat.</p>	<a href="#">Link</a>
<p>Using the code from the previous exercise, create an instance of Cat and assign it to a variable named kitty.</p>	<a href="#">Link</a>
<pre> class Wedding   attr_reader :guests, :flowers, :songs    def prepare(preparers)     preparers.each do  preparer        case preparer       when Chef         preparer.prepare_food(guests)       when Decorator         preparer.decorate_place(flowers)       end     end   end end </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>

<pre>         when Musician           preparer.prepare_performance(songs)         end       end     end   end end  class Chef   def prepare_food(guests)     # implementation   end end  class Decorator   def decorate_place(flowers)     # implementation   end end  class Musician   def prepare_performance(songs)     #implementation   end end  # The above code would work, but it is problematic. What is wrong with this code, and how can you fix it? </pre>	
What happens when you call the p method on an object? And the puts method?	<a href="#">Link</a>
What is a spike?	<a href="#">Link</a>
When writing a program, what is a sign that you're missing a class?	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>What are some rules/guidelines when writing programs in OOP?</b>	<a href="#">Link</a>
<pre> class Student   attr_accessor :grade    def initialize(name, grade=nil)     @name = name   end end  ade = Student.new('Adewale') ade # =&gt; #&lt;Student:0x00000002a88ef8 @grade=nil, @name="Adewale"&gt; # Why does this code not have the expected return value? </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a> #2, D
<pre> class Character   attr_accessor :name    def initialize(name)     @name = name   end </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a> #4

<pre>def speak   "#{@name} is speaking." end  class Knight &lt; Character   def name     "Sir " + super   end end  sir_gallant = Knight.new("Gallant") sir_gallant.name # =&gt; "Sir Gallant" sir_gallant.speak # =&gt; "Sir Gallant is speaking." # What change(s) do you need to make to the above code in order to get the expected output?</pre>	
<pre>class FarmAnimal   def speak     "#{self} says "   end end  class Sheep &lt; FarmAnimal   def speak     super + "baa!"   end end  class Lamb &lt; Sheep   def speak     "baaaaaaa!"   end end  class Cow   def speak     super + "moooooooooo!"   end end  Sheep.new.speak # =&gt; "Sheep says baa!" Lamb.new.speak # =&gt; "Lamb says baa!baaaaaaa!" Cow.new.speak # =&gt; "Cow says moooooooooo!" # Make the changes necessary in order for this code to return the expected values.</pre>	<a href="#">Link</a> #6
<pre>class Person   def initialize(name)     @name = name   end end  class Cat</pre>	<a href="#">Link</a> #8



<pre>def initialize(name, owner)   @name = name   @owner = owner end  sara = Person.new("Sara") fluffy = Cat.new("Fluffy", sara) Identify all custom defined objects that act as collaborator objects within the code.</pre>	
How does equivalence work in Ruby?	<a href="#">Link</a>
How do you determine if two variables actually point to the same object?	<a href="#">Link</a>
What is == in Ruby? How does == know what value to use for comparison?	<a href="#">Link</a>
Is it possible to compare two objects of different classes?	<a href="#">Link</a>
What do you get “for free” when you define a == method?	<a href="#">Link</a>
<pre>arr1 = [1, 2, 3] arr2 = [1, 2, 3] arr1.object_id == arr2.object_id      # =&gt; ??  sym1 = :something sym2 = :something sym1.object_id == sym2.object_id      # =&gt; ??  int1 = 5 int2 = 5 int1.object_id == int2.object_id      # =&gt; ?? # What will the code above return and why?</pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>
What is the === method?	<a href="#">Link</a>
What is the eql? method?	<a href="#">Link</a>
What is the scoping rule for instance variables?	<a href="#">Link</a>
<pre>class Person   def get_name     @name                # the @name instance variable is not     initialized anywhere   end end  bob = Person.new bob.get_name             # =&gt; ?? # What is the return value, and why?</pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>
What are the scoping rules for class variables? What are the two main behaviors of class variables?	<a href="#">Link</a>
What are the scoping rules for constant variables?	<a href="#">Link</a>
How does sub-classing affect instance variables?	<a href="#">Link</a>

<pre> class Animal   def initialize(name)     @name = name   end end  class Dog &lt; Animal   def initialize(name); end    def dog_name     "bark! bark! #{@name} bark! bark!"   end end  teddy = Dog.new("Teddy") puts teddy.dog_name          # =&gt; ?? # What will this return, and why? </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>
<pre> module Swim   def enable_swimming     @can_swim = true   end end  class Dog   include Swim    def swim     "swimming!" if @can_swim   end end  teddy = Dog.new teddy.swim # How do you get this code to return "swimming"? What does this demonstrate about instance variables? </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>
<p>Are class variables accessible to sub-classes?</p>	<a href="#">Link</a>
<p>Why is it recommended to avoid the use of class variables when working with inheritance?</p>	<a href="#">Link</a>
<pre> class Vehicle   @@wheels = 4    def self.wheels     @@wheels   end end  Vehicle.wheels          # =&gt; ??  class Motorcycle &lt; Vehicle   @@wheels = 2 end </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>

<pre> Motorcycle.wheels          # =&gt; ?? Vehicle.wheels             # =&gt; ??  class Car &lt; Vehicle end  Car.wheels                  # =&gt; ?? # What would the above code return, and why? </pre>	
Is it possible to reference a constant defined in a different class?	<a href="#">Link</a>
What is the namespace resolution operator?	<a href="#">Link</a>
How are constants used in inheritance?	<a href="#">Link</a>
<pre> module Maintenance   def change_tires     "Changing #{WHEELS} tires."   end end  class Vehicle   WHEELS = 4 end  class Car &lt; Vehicle   include Maintenance end  a_car = Car.new a_car.change_tires # Describe the error and provide two different ways to fix it. </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>
What is lexical scope?	<a href="#">Link</a>
When dealing with code that has modules and inheritance, where does constant resolution look first?	<a href="#">Link</a>
<pre> class Person   attr_accessor :name, :age    def initialize(name, age)     @name = name     @age = age   end end  bob = Person.new("Bob", 49) kim = Person.new("Kim", 33) puts "bob is older than kim" if bob &gt; kim # How can you make this code function? How is this possible? </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>
<pre> my_hash = {a: 1, b: 2, c: 3} my_hash &lt;&lt; {d: 4} # What happens here, and why? </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>

When do shift methods make the most sense?	<a href="#">Link</a>
<pre> class Team   attr_accessor :name, :members    def initialize(name)     @name = name     @members = []   end    def &lt;&lt;(person)     members.push person   end    def +(other_team)     members + other_team.members   end end  # we'll use the same Person class from earlier  cowboys = Team.new("Dallas Cowboys") cowboys &lt;&lt; Person.new("Troy Aikman", 48)  niners = Team.new("San Francisco 49ers") niners &lt;&lt; Person.new("Joe Montana", 59) dream_team = cowboys + niners          # what is dream_team? # What does the Team#+ method currently return? What is the problem with this? How could you fix this problem? </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>
<b>Explain how the element getter (reference) and setter methods work, and their corresponding syntactical sugar.</b>	<a href="#">Link</a>
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How do you define a class method?	<a href="#">Link</a>
<pre> class Cat   attr_accessor :name    def initialize(name)     @name = name   end    def rename(new_name)     name = new_name   end end </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>

<pre> end  kitty = Cat.new('Sophie') p kitty.name # "Sophie" kitty.rename('Chloe') p kitty.name # "Chloe" # What is wrong with the code above? Why? What principle about getter/setter methods does this demonstrate? </pre>	
Self refers to the _____. _____.	<a href="#">Link</a>
How do you print the object so you can see the instance variables and their values along with the object?	<a href="#">Link</a>
When writing the name of methods in normal/markdown text, how do you write the name of an instance method? A class method?	<a href="#">Link</a>
How do you override the to_s method? What does the to_s method have to do with puts?	<a href="#">Link</a>
<pre> # Using the following code, allow Truck to accept a second argument upon instantiation. Name the parameter bed_type and implement the modification so that Car continues to only accept one argument.  class Vehicle   attr_reader :year    def initialize(year)     @year = year   end end  class Truck &lt; Vehicle end  class Car &lt; Vehicle end  truck1 = Truck.new(1994, 'Short') puts truck1.year puts truck1.bed_type </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>
<pre> # Given the following code, modify #start_engine in Truck by appending 'Drive fast, please!' to the return value of #start_engine in Vehicle. The 'fast' in 'Drive fast, please!' should be the value of speed.  class Vehicle   def start_engine     'Ready to go!'   end end  class Truck &lt; Vehicle   def start_engine(speed) </pre>	<a href="#">Link</a>

<pre> end end  truck1 = Truck.new puts truck1.start_engine('fast')  # Expected output:  # Ready to go! Drive fast, please! </pre>	
When do you use empty parentheses with super?	<a href="#">Link</a>
How do you find the lookup path for a class? (lookup path stops when you find it)	<a href="#">Link</a> , <a href="#">Link</a> , <a href="#">Link</a>
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When using getters and setters, in what scenario might you decide to only use a getter, and why is this important?	<a href="#">Link</a>
When might it make sense to format the data or prevent destructive method calls changing the data by using a custom getter or setter method?	<a href="#">Link</a> , <a href="#">Link</a> , <a href="#">Link</a> , <a href="#">Link</a> , <a href="#">Link</a>