1. What does the acronym COBOL stand for?

**Common Business Oriented Language**

1. What is ANSI and what purpose does it serve? (You may need to Google for a more compete answer)

**American National Standards Institute**

1. List the four divisions of a COBOL program. State the purpose of each.

**Identification – Defines the program’s function**

**Environment – Identifies file names**

**Data – Defines variables and constants**

**Procedure – Contains all of the actual logic**

1. List the 5 paragraphs in the example on page 22.

**Program ID, Source-Computer, Object-Computer, File Control, Para-One**

1. How do you designate a line of comments?

**An asterisk in column 7**

1. What columns are Area A in and what statements are coded here?

**Columns 8-11, division, section, and paragraph names**

1. What columns are Area B in and what statements are coded here?

**Columns 12-72, all statements**

1. Explain the difference between **Infile** and **datain** in the example on page 28.

**InFile and Outfile are the internal program names and datain and dataout are the external (or real) physical file names**

1. What is the purpose of the File Section?

**Defines all input and output files, records and fields.**

1. What is the purpose of the Working-Storage Section?

**Reserves storage for fields not part of the files required for processing**