

## Final Review Fall 2015

### MC

#### Pointers

1. Pointers *cannot* be used to:

- a. Contain memory addresses.
- b. Reference values directly.
- c. Pass an argument by reference.
- d. Manipulate dynamic data structures.

2. Pointers may be assigned which of the following values?

- a. Any integer values.
- b. An address.
- c. `nullptr`.
- d. Both (b) and (c).

3. What does the following statement declare?

```
int *countPtr, count;
```

- a. Two `int` variables.
- b. One pointer to an `int` and one `int` variable.
- c. Two pointers to `ints`.
- d. The declaration is invalid.

4. All of the following *can* cause a fatal **execution-time** error *except*:

- a. Dereferencing a pointer that has not been assigned to point to a specific address.
- b. Dereferencing a pointer that has not been initialized properly.
- c. Dereferencing a null pointer.
- d. Dereferencing a variable that is not a pointer.

5. Three of the following expressions have the same value. Which of the following expressions has a value *different* from the others'?

- a. `*&ptr`
- b. `&*ptr`
- c. `*ptr`
- d. `ptr`

6. Which of the following is *not* a valid way to pass arguments to a function in C++?

- a. By reference with reference arguments.
- b. By value.
- c. By reference with pointer arguments.
- d. By value with pointer arguments.

7. When a compiler encounters a function parameter for a single-subscripted array of the form `int a[]`, it converts the parameter to:

- a. `int a`
- b. `int &a`
- c. `int *a`
- d. No conversion is necessary.

8. Which statement would be used to declare a 10-element integer array `c`?

- a. `array c = int[ 10 ];`
- b. `c = int[ 10 ];`
- c. `int array c[ 10 ];`
- d. `int c[ 10 ];`

9. To *prevent* modification of a built-in array's values when you pass the built-in array to a function:

- a. The built-in array must be declared `static` in the function.
- b. The built-in array parameter can be preceded by the `const` qualifier.
- c. A copy of the built-in array must be made inside the function.
- d. The built-in array must be passed by reference.

10. Which of the following is *false* about a function to which a built-in array is being passed?

- a. It always knows the size of the built-in array that is being passed.
- b. It is being passed the address of the first element in the built-in array.
- c. It is able to modify the values stored in the built-in array.
- d. The built-in array's name is used as an argument in the function call.

11. Given a *built-in array* of `ints` named `values`, which of the following statements would sort the array?

- a. `sort( values.begin(), values.end() );`
- b. `sort( values.array_begin(), values.array_end() );`
- c. `sort( begin( values ), end( values ) );`
- d. `sort( array_begin( values ), array_end( values ) );`

12. A function that modifies an array by using pointer arithmetic such as `++ptr` to process every value of the array should have a parameter that is:

- a. A nonconstant pointer to nonconstant data.
- b. A nonconstant pointer to constant data.
- c. A constant pointer to nonconstant data.
- d. A constant pointer to constant data.

13. A function that prints a string by using pointer arithmetic such as `++ptr` to output each character should have a parameter that is:

- a. A nonconstant pointer to nonconstant data.
- b. A nonconstant pointer to constant data.
- c. A constant pointer to nonconstant data.
- d. A constant pointer to constant data.

14. Which of the following best describes the array name `n` in the declaration `int n[10];`?

- a. `n` is a nonconstant pointer to nonconstant data.
- b. `n` is a nonconstant pointer to constant data.
- c. `n` is a constant pointer to nonconstant data.
- d. `n` is a constant pointer to constant data.

15. What method should be used to pass an array to a function that does not modify the array and only looks at it using array subscript notation:

- a. A nonconstant pointer to nonconstant data.
- b. A nonconstant pointer to constant data.
- c. A constant pointer to nonconstant data.
- d. A constant pointer to constant data.

16. `sizeof`:

- a. Is a binary operator.
- b. Returns the total number of elements in an array.
- c. Usually returns a `double`.
- d. Returns the total number of bytes in a variable.

17. Which of the following gives the number of elements in the array `int r[ 10 ]`?

- a. `sizeof r`
- b. `sizeof ( *r )`
- c. `sizeof r / sizeof ( int )`
- d. `sizeof ( *r ) / sizeof ( int )`

18. Which of the following *can* have a pointer as an operand?

- a. `++`
- b. `*=`
- c. `%`
- d. `/`

19. Given that `k` is an integer array starting at location 2000, `kPtr` is a pointer to `k` and each integer is stored in 4 bytes of memory, what location does `kPtr + 3` point to?

- a. 2003
- b. 2006
- c. 2012
- d. 2024

20. A pointer *can not* be assigned to:

- a. Another pointer of the same type without using the cast operator.
- b. A pointer to `void` without using the cast operator.
- c. A pointer of a type other than its own type and `void` *without* using the cast operator.
- d. Any other pointer by using the cast operator.

21. Comparing pointers and performing pointer arithmetic on them is meaningless unless:

- a. They point to elements of the same array.
- b. You are trying to compare and perform pointer arithmetic on the values to which they point.
- c. They point to arrays of equal size.
- d. They point to arrays of the same type.

22. Assuming that `t` is an array and `tPtr` is a pointer to that array, which expression refers to the address of element 3 of the array?

- a. `*( tPtr + 3 )`
- b. `tPtr[ 3 ]`
- c. `&t[ 3 ]`
- d. `*( t + 3 )`

23. Which of the following is *false* for pointer-based strings?

- a. A string may include letters, digits and various special characters (i.e., +, -, \* ).
- b. A string in C++ is an array of characters ending in the null character ( `'\0'` ).
- c. String literals are written inside of single quotes.
- d. A string may be assigned in a declaration to either a character array or a variable of type `char *`.

24. `cin.getline( superstring, 30 );`

is equivalent to which of the following?

- a. `cin.getline( superstring, 30, '\0' );`
- b. `cin.getline( superstring, 30, '\n' );`
- c. `cin.getline( superstring, 30, '\s' );`
- d. `cin.getline( superstring, 30, '\t' );`

25. A string array:

- a. Stores an actual string in each of its elements.
- b. Can only provide access to strings of a certain length.
- c. Is actually an array of pointers.
- d. Is always less memory efficient than an equivalent double-subscripted array.

26. A string array is commonly used for:

- a. Command-line arguments.
- b. Storing an extremely long string.
- c. Storing multiple copies of the same string.
- d. Displaying floating-point numbers to the screen.

27. Which of the following is *not* true of pointers to functions?

- a. They contain the starting address of the function code.
- b. They are dereferenced in order to call the function.
- c. They can be stored in arrays.
- d. They can not be assigned to other function pointers.

28. `( *max )( num1, num2, num3 );`
- a. Is the header for function `max`.
  - b. Is a call to the function pointed to by `max`.
  - c. Is the prototype for function `max`.
  - d. Is a declaration of a pointer to a function called `max`.

## Operator Overloading

29. Which statement about operator overloading is *false*?
- a. Operator overloading is the process of enabling C++'s operators to work with class objects.
  - b. C++ overloads the addition operator (+) and the subtraction operator (-) to perform differently, depending on their context in integer, floating-point and pointer arithmetic with data of fundamental types.
  - c. You can overload all C++ operators to be used with class objects.
  - d. When you overload operators to be used with class objects, the compiler generates the appropriate code based on the types of the operands.
30. Which of the following is *false*?
- a. A `string` can be defined to store any data type.
  - b. Class `string` provides bounds checking in its member function `at`.
  - c. Class `string`'s overloaded `[]` operator returns a vector element as an *rvalue* or an *lvalue*, depending on the context.
  - d. An exception is thrown if the argument to `string`'s `at` member function is an invalid subscript.
31. The correct function name for overloading the addition (+) operator is:
- a. `operator+`
  - b. `operator(+)`
  - c. `operator:+`
  - d. `operator_+`
32. Which of the following operators *cannot* be overloaded?
- a. The `.` operator.
  - b. The `->` operator.
  - c. The `&` operator.
  - d. The `[]` operator.
33. Which statement about operator overloading is *false*?
- a. New operators can never be created.
  - b. Certain overloaded operators can change the number of arguments they take.
  - c. The precedence of an operator cannot be changed by overloading.
  - d. Overloading cannot change how an operator works on built-in types.

34. Which situation would *require* the operator to be overloaded as a non-member function?

- a. The overloaded operator is `=`.
- b. The left most operand must be a class object (or a reference to a class object).
- c. The left operand is an `int`.
- d. The operator returns a reference.

35. Suppose you have a programmer-defined data type `Data` and want to overload the `<<` operator to output your data type to the screen in the form `cout << dataToPrint`; and allow cascaded function calls. The first line of the function definition would be:

- a. `ostream &operator<<( ostream &output, const Data &dataToPrint )`
- b. `ostream operator<<( ostream &output, const Data &dataToPrint )`
- c. `ostream &operator<<( const Data &dataToPrint, ostream &output )`
- d. `ostream operator<<( const Data &dataToPrint, ostream &output )`

36. The conventional way to distinguish between the overloaded preincrement and postincrement operators (`++`) is:

- a. To assign a dummy value to preincrement.
- b. To make the argument list of postincrement include an `int`.
- c. To have the postincrement operator call the preincrement operator.
- d. Implicitly done by the compiler.

37. Because the postfix increment operator returns objects by value and the prefix increment operator returns objects by reference:

- a. Prefix increment has slightly more overhead than postfix increment.
- b. The postfix increment operator returns the actual incremented object with its new value.
- c. Objects returned by postfix increment cannot be used in larger expressions.
- d. The postfix increment operator typically returns a temporary object that contains the original value of the object before the increment occurred.

38. There exists a data type `Date` with member function `Increment` that increments the current `Date` object by one. The `++` operator is being overloaded to postincrement an object of type `Date`. Select the correct implementation:

- a. 

```
Date Date::operator++( int ) {  
    Date temp = *this;  
    Increment();  
    return *temp;  
}
```
- b. 

```
Date Date::operator++( int ){  
    Increment();  
    Date temp = *this;  
    return temp;  
}
```
- c. 

```
Date Date::operator++( int ){  
  
    Date temp = *this;  
    return this;  
    temp.Increment();  
}
```
- d. 

```
Date Date::operator++( int ){  
  
    Date temp = *this;  
    Increment();  
    return temp;  
}
```

## Classes and inheritance

39. Member access specifiers (`public` and `private`) can appear:
- In any order and multiple times.
  - In any order (`public` first or `private` first) but not multiple times.
  - In any order and multiple times, if they have brackets separating each type.
  - Outside a class definition.
40. Which of the following preprocessor directives does *not* constitute part of the preprocessor wrapper?
- `#define`
  - `#endif`
  - `#ifndef`
  - `#include`
41. Member function definitions:
- Always require the scope resolution operator (`::`).
  - Require the scope resolution operator only when being defined outside of the definition of their class.
  - Can use the scope resolution operator anywhere, but become `public` functions.
  - Must use the scope resolution operator in their function prototype.
42. Which of the following is *not* a kind of inheritance in C++?
- `public`.
  - `private`.
  - `static`.
  - `protected`.
43. The *is-a* relationship represents.
- Composition.
  - Inheritance.
  - Information Hiding.
  - A friend.
44. To declare class `subClass` a privately derived class of `superClass` one would write:
- `class subClass : private superClass`
  - `class subClass :: private superClass`
  - `class subClass < private superClass >`
  - `class subClass inherits private superClass`
45. Assuming the following is the beginning of the constructor definition for class `BasePlusCommissionEmployee` which inherits from class `Point`,
- ```
BasePlusCommissionEmployee::BasePlusCommissionEmployee( string first,
string last, string ssn, double sales, double rate, double salary )
: CommissionEmployee( first, last, ssn, sales, rate )
```
- The line after the colon (`:`) will
- Invokes the `CommissionEmployee` constructor with arguments.
  - Causes a compiler error.
  - Is unnecessary because the `CommissionEmployee` constructor is called automatically.
  - Indicates inheritance.

## Polymorphism

46. Polymorphism is implemented via:

- a. Member functions.
- b. `virtual` functions and dynamic binding.
- c. `inline` functions.
- d. Non-virtual functions.

47. Which of the following would not be a member function that derived classes `Fish`, `Frog` and `Bird` should inherit from base class `Animal` and then provide their own definitions for, so that the function call can be performed polymorphically?

- a. `eat`
- b. `sleep`
- c. `move`
- d. `flapwings`

48. `Employee` is a base class and `Hourlyworker` is a derived class, with a redefined non-virtual `print` function. Given the following statements, will the output of the two `print` function calls be identical?

```
Hourlyworker h;  
Employee *ePtr = &h;  
  
ePtr->print();  
ePtr->Employee::print();
```

- a. Yes.
- b. Yes, if `print` is a `static` function.
- c. No.
- d. It would depend on the implementation of the `print` function.

49. If objects of all the classes derived from the same base class all need to draw themselves, the `draw` function would most likely be declared:

- a. `private`
- b. `virtual`
- c. `protected`
- d. `friend`

50. Which of the following statements is *true*?

- a. In C++11, all classes can be used as base classes.
- b. In C++11, only classes that are not declared as `final` can be used as base classes.
- c. In C++11, only classes that are declared as `base` can be used as base classes.
- d. None of the above

51. The line:

```
virtual double earnings() const = 0;
```

appears in a class definition. You *cannot* deduce that:

- a. All classes that directly inherit from this class will *override* this method.
- b. This class is an abstract class.
- c. Any concrete class derived from this class will have an `earnings` function.
- d. This class will probably be used as a base class for other classes.



## Files and Streams

52. Which of the following does *not* have a stream associated with it?
- a. `cerr`.
  - b. `cin`.
  - c. `cout`.
  - d. All of the above have streams associated with them.
53. In order to perform file processing in C++, which header files *must* be included?
- a. `<cstdio>`, `<iostream>` and `<fstream>`.
  - b. `<cstdio>` and `<iostream>`.
  - c. `<cstdio>` and `<fstream>`.
  - d. `<iostream>` and `<fstream>`.
54. Select the *false* statement.
- a. C++ imposes no structure on a file.
  - b. C++ files include information about their structure.
  - c. The programmer must impose a structure on a file.
  - d. C++ files do not understand notions such as “records” and “fields.”
55. Which file open mode would be used to write data only at the end of an existing file?
- a. `ios::app`
  - b. `ios::in`
  - c. `ios::out`
  - d. `ios::trunc`
56. [C++11]: Which of the following statements is *true*?
- a. When opening a file, you can specify the name of the file only as a pointer-based string.
  - b. When opening a file, you can specify the name of the file only as a `string` object.
  - c. When opening a file, you can specify the name of the file as either a pointer-based string or a `string` object.
  - d. None of the above.
57. Random access files are *more* effective than sequential files for:
- a. Instant access to data.
  - b. Updating data easily.
  - c. Inserting data into the file without destroying other data.
  - d. All of the above.
58. A random access file is organized *most* like a(n):
- a. Array.
  - b. Object.
  - c. Class.
  - d. Pointer.

59. Select the proper object type.

\_\_\_\_\_ file( "file.dat", ios::in | ios::out );

- a. `iostream`
- b. `fstream`
- c. `ofstream`
- d. `ifstream`

60. Select the *correct* statement regarding C++ I/O streams:

- a. C++ provides only high-level I/O capabilities because it is a high-level programming language.
- b. High-level (formatted) I/O is best for large-volume transfers.
- c. Low-level I/O breaks information down into small, meaningful groups of related bytes.
- d. Programmers generally prefer high-level I/O to low-level I/O.

61. \_\_\_\_\_ is usually *faster* than \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. High-level I/O, low-level I/O.
- b. Low-level I/O, high-level I/O.
- c. Low-level I/O, internal data processing.
- d. High-level I/O, internal data processing.

62. Which C++ data type was designed to store Unicode characters?

- a. `char`
- b. `long`
- c. `wchar_t`
- d. `size_t`

63. Which of the following classes is a *base class* of the other three?

- a. `basic_ios`
- b. `basic_istream`
- c. `basic_ostream`
- d. `basic_iostream`

64. Which of the following is *not* an object of the `ostream` class?

- a. `cout`
- b. `cerr`
- c. `cin`
- d. `clog`

65. Which of the following is *not* a member function of the C++ `ostream` class?

- a. Stream-insertion operator (<<).
- b. Stream-extraction operator (>>).
- c. `put`.
- d. `write`.

66. Which of the following prints the address of character string `string` given the following declaration?

`char * string = "test";`

- a. `cout << string;`
- b. `cout << *&string;`
- c. `cout << static_cast< void * >( string );`
- d. `cout << * string;`

67. Which of the following is an *illegal* use of function `put`?

- a. `cout.put( 'A' );`
- b. `cout.put( "A" );`
- c. `cout.put( 'A' ).put( '\n' );`
- d. `cout.put( 65 );`

68. Which of the following is *not* true about `setw` and `width`?

- a. If the width set is *not* sufficient the output prints as wide as it needs.
- b. They are used to set the field width of output.
- c. Both of them can perform two tasks, setting the field width and returning the current field width.
- d. They only apply for the next insertion/extraction.

69. Which of the following stream manipulators causes an outputted number's sign to be *left justified*, its magnitude to be *right justified* and the center space to be filled with fill characters?

- a. `left`
- b. `right`
- c. `internal`
- d. `showpos`

70. Which of the following statements restores the *default fill character*?

- a. `cout.defaultFill();`
- b. `cout.fill();`
- c. `cout.fill( 0 );`
- d. `cout.fill( ' ' );`

71. What will be *output* by the following statements?

```
double x = .0012345;  
cout << fixed << x << endl;  
cout << scientific << x << endl;
```

- a. 1.234500e-003  
0.001235
- b. 1.23450e-003  
0.00123450
- c. .001235  
1.234500e-003
- d. 0.00123450  
1.23450e-003

## Standard Template Library

72. Which of the following is *not* a key component of the Standard Library?

- a. Containers.
- b. Iterators.
- c. Algorithms.
- d. Pointers.

73. Which of the following containers is *not* considered a near container?

- a. C-like arrays

- b. `vectors`
- c. `strings`
- d. `bitsets`

74. Iterators are similar to pointers because of the:

- a. `*` and `++` operators.
- b. `->` operator.
- c. `begin` and `end` functions.
- d. `&` operator.

75. Which of the following is the correct hierarchy of iterator categories (*weakest* at the *left*)?

- a. Input/output, forward, bidirectional, random access.
- b. Random access, forward, bidirectional, input/output.
- c. Bidirectional, forward, random access, input/output.
- d. Input/output, bidirectional, forward, random access.

76. A Standard Library algorithm *cannot*:

- a. Return an iterator.
- b. Take two iterators as arguments to specify a range.
- c. Access Standard Library members directly.
- d. Be used with containers that support more powerful iterators than the minimum requirements for the algorithm.

77. Which of the following is *not* a sequence container provided by the Standard Library?

- a. `vector`
- b. `array`
- c. `list`
- d. `deque`

78. Which of the following applications would a deque *not* be well suited for?

- a. Applications that require frequent insertions and deletions at the front of a container.
- b. Applications that require frequent insertions and deletions in the middle of a container.
- c. Applications that require frequent insertions and deletions at the back of a container.
- d. Applications that require frequent insertions and deletions at the front and at the back of a container.

79. Which of the following is *not* a member function of all sequence containers?

- a. `front`
- b. `middle`
- c. `back`
- d. `pop_back`

80. Which of the following is a *difference* between `vectors` and arrays?

- a. Access to any element using the `[]` operator.
- b. Stored in contiguous blocks of memory.
- c. The ability to change size dynamically.
- d. Efficient direct access to any element.

81. The `erase` member function of class `vector` *cannot*:

- a. Specify an element to be removed from the vector.
  - b. Specify a value to be removed from the vector.
  - c. Specify a range of elements to be removed from the vector.
  - d. Be called by member function `clear`.
82. The `list` sequence container does *not*:
- a. Efficiently implement `insert` and `delete` operations anywhere in the `list`.
  - b. Use a doubly linked list.
  - c. Support bidirectional iterators.
  - d. Automatically sort inserted items.
83. Class `deque` provides:
- a. Efficient indexed access to its elements.
  - b. The ability to add storage at either end of the `deque`.
  - c. Efficient insertion and deletion operations at the front and back of a `deque`.
  - d. All of the above.
84. The main *difference* between `set` and `multiset` is:
- a. Their interface.
  - b. That one deals with keys only, and the other deals with key/value pairs.
  - c. Their efficiency.
  - d. How they handle duplicate keys.
85. If a program attempts to insert a duplicate key into a `set`:
- a. An exception is thrown.
  - b. The `set` will contain multiple copies of that key.
  - c. A compile error will occur.
  - d. The duplicate key will be ignored.
86. If `pairs` is a map containing `int` keys and `double` associated values, the expression `pairs[ 5 ] = 10`:
- a. Associates the value 10.0 to the key 5 in `pairs`.
  - b. Associates the value 5.0 to the key 10 in `pairs`.
  - c. Associates the value associated with key 10 to key 5 in `pairs`.
  - d. Associates the value associated with key 5 to key 10 in `pairs`.
87. To pop an element off the top of a `stack` for processing:
- a. Use member function `top`.
  - b. Use member function `pop`.
  - c. Use member function `top` and then member function `pop`.
  - d. Use member function `pop` and then member function `top`.
88. Which of the following is a *not* a member function of `queue`?
- a. `enqueue`
  - b. `pop`
  - c. `empty`
  - d. `size`

## Algorithms

89. The algorithms in the Standard Library:

- a. Use `virtual` function calls.
- b. Are implemented as member functions of the container classes.
- c. Do *not* depend on the implementation details of the containers on which they operate.
- d. Are *not* as efficient as the algorithms presented in most textbooks.

90. The easiest way to set all the values of a `vector` to zero is to use function:

- a. `fill`
- b. `fill_n`
- c. `generate`
- d. `generate_n`

91. Which of the following function calls is a *valid* way to place elements into `vector< char > chars`?

- a. `std::fill( chars.begin(), chars.end(), '5' );`
- b. `std::fill_n( chars.begin(), chars.end(), '5' );`
- c. `std::generate( chars.begin(), 10, '5' );`
- d. `std::generate_n( 10, chars.end(), '5' );`

92. Given that `v1` and `v2` are `vectors`, what is returned by the function call

```
std::equal( v1.begin(), v1.end(), v2.begin() )
```

- a. A `bool` indicating whether `v1` and `v2` are equal.
- b. A `bool` indicating whether the first element of `v1`, the last element of `v1` and the first element of `v2` are all equal.
- c. An iterator pointing to the first location where `v1` and `v2` are equal.
- d. An iterator pointing to the first location where `v1` and `v2` are not equal.

93. Function `mismatch` returns:

- a. The position number where the two specified sequences do *not* match.
- b. A `pair` containing the two elements in the specified sequences that do *not* match.
- c. A `pair` containing two iterators pointing to the two locations in the specified sequences that do *not* match.
- d. A `bool` indicating whether the two specified sequences do *not* match.

94. Which of the following is *not* a mathematical algorithm included in the Standard Library?

- a. `min_element`
- b. `copy`
- c. `transform`
- d. `accumulate`

95. The easiest way to search through a list of names and output the first one that begins with a vowel would be to use function:

- a. `find`
- b. `find_if`
- c. `sort`
- d. `binary_search`

96. Which of the following statements produces the *same* results as the statement:

```
std::copy( v1.begin(), v1.end(), v2.begin() );
```

if v1 and v2 are both 10-element vectors?

- a. `std::copy_backward( v1.begin(), v1.end(), v2.begin() );`
- b. `std::copy_backward( v2.begin(), v2.end(), v1.begin() );`
- c. `std::copy_backward( v1.begin(), v1.end(), v2.end() );`
- d. `std::copy_backward( v2.begin(), v2.end(), v1.end() );`

97. The \_\_\_\_\_ function would produce the sequence 1, 5, 6 when passed the sequences 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 2, 3, 4, 7 as first/second and third/fourth arguments, respectively.

- a. `set_intersection`
- b. `set_difference`
- c. `set_union`
- d. `set_symmetric_difference`

98. The \_\_\_\_\_ function would produce a sequence containing three elements when passed the sequences 1, 2 and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 as first/second and third/fourth arguments, respectively.

- a. `set_intersection`
- b. `set_difference`
- c. `set_union`
- d. `set_symmetric_difference`

99. Sorting a preexisting sequence of  $n$  elements can be accomplished with the *heapsort algorithm* by:

- a. Calling `make_heap` on the entire sequence and then calling `pop_heap` on the entire sequence  $n$  times.
- b. Calling `push_heap` on the entire sequence  $n$  times and then calling `pop_heap` on the entire sequence  $n$  times.
- c. Calling `make_heap` on the entire sequence and then calling `sort_heap` on the entire sequence.
- d. Calling `push_heap` on the entire sequence  $n$  times and then calling `sort_heap` on the entire sequence.

100. Which of the following function calls would *not* return the value that is its *first* argument?

- a. `std::min( 3, 23 )`
- b. `std::min( 'N', 'P' )`
- c. `std::max( 17, 16 )`
- d. `std::max( 'd', 'k' )`