

Question 1. True or False

Circle **T** if the statement is true, otherwise circle **F** if the statement is false.

1. `global` keyword is required to access a global variable from within a function. T **F**
2. In Python, an object that is hashable is also immutable. **T** F
3. In Python, the `as` operator creates a new name binding. **T** F
4. The `__name__` special variable of a module is always the name of the file, without the `.py` extension. T **F**
5. In Python, if an exception is not handled by the end of a function, the program will crash. T **F**

Question 2. Multiple Choices

Pick all answer(s) that are correct.

a) Which of the following statements are true about dynamic scoping?

- i.** Dynamic scoping can only be done at runtime.
- ii. You can see which variables are in scope simply by looking at the structure of the code.
- iii.** Each time a new function is executed, a new scope is created.
- iv. Python uses dynamic scoping.
- v.** Depending on the caller of the function, a name may be resolved to different binding.

- b) Which of the following is true about the import statement in Python? e.g. `import foo`, but not `from foo import bar`.
- i. You can have multiple instances of a module by importing it multiple times.
 - ii. In a Python script, you must write all your import statements first before any other statements.
 - iii. If you import a module that has `__all__ = []`, then nothing can be imported from it.
 - iv. The import statement does not import any variable whose name starts with an underscore.
 - v.** Runnable code in a module is also executed when it is being imported.

Question 3. Short Questions

- a) Explain why the built-in type `set` does not support the subscript operator.

Since `set` is an unordered type, it cannot guarantee that an index will map to the same object within the container throughout its lifetime. Therefore, would be incorrect to support the subscript operator.

- b) Explain the difference between `None` in Python and `NULL` in C++.

`None` is a *value* that represents “no value”. `NULL` is an *address* that signifies invalid address.

Incorrectly using `None` will always result in well-defined behaviour (e.g. program crash) whereas dereferencing a null pointer can result in undefined behaviour (e.g. memory corruption instead of program crash).

c) In Python, what is the difference between using `try ... except` versus the `with` statement?

Try-except statements are used for error handling. The `with` statement is usually used to perform automatic clean-up (more accurately, context management, not covered in class).

d) What error is shown when you attempt to run this script?

```
MAXLEN = 4

def process(input):
    size = len(input)
    if size < MAXLEN:
        return input + [0] * (MAXLEN - size)
    else:
        MAXLEN *= 2
        return process(input)

print(process(list(range(1, 6))))
```

UnboundedLocalError

e) Make a one line fix to the above script. What is the output of this script after you have fixed it?

Add this line at the beginning of the function `process`.

```
global MAXLEN
```

The output is `[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 0, 0, 0]`

Question 4. Programming Questions

- a) Write a function, `reverse_dict(d)`, that will reverse keys and values such that the original values become the new keys to lists of one or more values that were the original keys. For example:

```
{ "bob" : 2, "greg" : 3, "joe" : 2, "tom" : 1,
  "dave" : 2, "stu" : 3, "mike" : 5 }
```

becomes

```
{ 1 : ["tom"], 2 : ["bob", "joe", "dave"],
  3 : ["greg", "stu"], 5 : ["mike"] }
```

The function should return a new dictionary and not modify the existing one.

```
def reverse_dict(d):
    out = dict()
    for k, v in d.items():
        if v in out:
            out[v].append(k)
        else:
            out[v] = [k]
    return out
```

- b) Write a function `word_count(filename)`, that will keep count of how many times each word appears in a text file, and return the information in a dictionary, like this:

```
{ "the" : 12, "great" : 2, "a" : 21, "hello" : 1, ... }
```

To make the count more accurate, you must first sanitize the file content by removing all non-alphanumeric characters, so “done.” will become “done”, and “Joe’s” will become “Joes”.

If you cannot open the file, return an empty dictionary (instead of crashing).

```
#
# Note that even though this solution works, it is much better to use
# io.StringIO so you won't need to create a possibly gigantic list.
# Look it up if you are interested, but it's not covered in class.
#
def word_count(filename):
    try:
        f = open(filename, "rt")
    except OSError:
        return {}

    cleaned = []
    for ch in f.read():
        if ch.isspace():
            cleaned.append(" ")
        elif ch.isalnum():
            cleaned.append(ch)
    f.close()

    out = {}
    for word in ''.join(cleaned).split(" "):
        out[word] = out.get(word, 0) + 1

    return out
```