1. What is JavaScript, and how does it differ from Java?

- **Explanation:**
  - **JavaScript** is a dynamic, interpreted programming language primarily used for adding interactive elements to web pages. It runs in the browser and is an essential part of web development (alongside HTML and CSS).
  - **Java** is a statically-typed, compiled language mainly used for building large-scale applications, including web applications (via server-side frameworks), desktop applications, and mobile applications. JavaScript is often used for client-side development, while Java can be used for server-side development.
- **Example:** JavaScript is used for tasks like form validation, dynamic content updates, and event handling on web pages.

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2. What are the data types in JavaScript?

- **Explanation:** JavaScript has several built-in data types:
  - **Primitive types:**
    - `Number`: Represents both integer and floating-point numbers.
    - `String`: Represents textual data.
    - `Boolean`: Represents true or false values.
    - `Null`: Represents an intentional absence of any object value.
    - `Undefined`: Represents a variable that has been declared but not assigned a value.
    - `Symbol`: Represents a unique and immutable value, used as object property identifiers.
    - `BigInt`: Represents integers with arbitrary precision.
  - **Non-primitive type:**
    - `Object`: Used to store collections of data and more complex entities.

Example:
javascript

```
let num = 42; // Number
let str = "Hello"; // String
let bool = true; // Boolean
let obj = { name: "John" }; // Object
let nothing = null; // Null
let notDefined; // Undefined
let symbol = Symbol("id"); // Symbol
let bigInt = 9007199254740991n; // BigInt
```

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3. What is the DOM (Document Object Model) in JavaScript?

- **Explanation:** The DOM is a programming interface for web documents. It represents the structure of an HTML or XML document as a tree of nodes, where each node is an object representing a part of the document. JavaScript can manipulate the DOM to change the content, structure, and style of a webpage dynamically.

Example:
javascript

```
document.getElementById("myElement").innerHTML = "New Content"; //
Changes the content of an element
```

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4. Explain the concept of closures in JavaScript.

- **Explanation:** A closure is a function that retains access to its lexical scope (the environment in which it was created) even after the outer function has returned. Closures allow functions to maintain references to variables from their outer scope, which can be useful for creating private variables or maintaining state across function calls.

Example:
javascript

```
function outerFunction() {
  let count = 0;
  return function innerFunction() {
    count++;
    return count;
  };
}

const increment = outerFunction();
console.log(increment()); // 1
console.log(increment()); // 2
```

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5. What is the difference between `let`, `const`, and `var` for variable declaration in JavaScript?

- **Explanation:**
  - `var`: Function-scoped, hoisted, and can be redeclared and updated.
  - `let`: Block-scoped, not hoisted to the block's top, and can be updated but not redeclared in the same scope.
  - `const`: Block-scoped, not hoisted to the block's top, and cannot be updated or redeclared. It must be initialized at the time of declaration.

Example:
javascript

```
var x = 10;
let y = 20;
const z = 30;

// Redeclaring
var x = 15; // Allowed
// let y = 25; // Error
// const z = 35; // Error

// Updating
x = 50; // Allowed
y = 60; // Allowed
// z = 70; // Error
```

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6. What is asynchronous programming in JavaScript, and how is it achieved?

- **Explanation:** Asynchronous programming allows tasks to run concurrently, without blocking the main thread, enabling the handling of long-running operations like network requests. It is achieved using callbacks, promises, async/await syntax, and event loops.

Example:
javascript

```
// Using a Promise
```

```
fetch('https://api.example.com/data')
  .then(response => response.json())
  .then(data => console.log(data))
  .catch(error => console.error('Error:', error));

// Using async/await
async function fetchData() {
  try {
    const response = await fetch('https://api.example.com/data');
    const data = await response.json();
    console.log(data);
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Error:', error);
  }
}
fetchData();
```

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7. Explain the event delegation pattern in JavaScript.

- **Explanation:** Event delegation is a technique where a single event listener is added to a parent element to manage events for all its child elements. This is more efficient than adding individual event listeners to each child and is useful for dynamically added elements.

Example:
javascript

```
document.querySelector('#parentElement').addEventListener('click',
function(event) {
  if (event.target && event.target.matches('button.classname')) {
    console.log('Button clicked!');
  }
});
```

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8. What is the purpose of the `this` keyword in JavaScript, and how does its value change in different contexts?

- **Explanation:** The `this` keyword refers to the object that is currently calling the function. Its value changes depending on the context in which it is used:
  - In a method, `this` refers to the object owning the method.
  - In a function, `this` refers to the global object (in strict mode, it's `undefined`).
  - In an event handler, `this` refers to the element that received the event.

Example:
javascript

```
const obj = {
  name: 'John',
  greet: function() {
    console.log(this.name);
  }
};

obj.greet(); // "John"

function globalGreet() {
  console.log(this.name);
}

globalGreet(); // In browsers, this would be undefined in strict mode
or window object.
```

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9. What is a callback function? Provide an example of its usage.

- **Explanation:** A callback function is a function passed as an argument to another function, to be executed later once a certain task is completed. Callbacks are widely used in asynchronous programming, such as handling responses from API calls.

Example:
javascript

```
function doTask(callback) {
```

```
  console.log('Task done!');
  callback();
}

function afterTask() {
  console.log('Callback executed.');
}

doTask(afterTask);
```

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10. Explain the same-origin policy and how it affects JavaScript in web applications.

- **Explanation:** The same-origin policy is a security measure that restricts how documents and scripts from one origin (protocol, domain, and port) can interact with resources from another origin. This policy prevents malicious websites from accessing sensitive data from another website. It primarily affects JavaScript by blocking cross-origin HTTP requests, cookies, and DOM manipulation.
- **Example:** Attempting to fetch data from `https://example.com` using a script from `https://another.com` would be blocked unless CORS (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing) is configured on the server.

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11. What are the differences between `null` and `undefined` in JavaScript?

- **Explanation:**
  - **`null`**: Explicitly represents the absence of any object value and is assigned by the programmer.
  - **`undefined`**: Indicates that a variable has been declared but not assigned a value, or a function didn't return a value.

Example:
javascript

```
let a;
console.log(a); // undefined

let b = null;
console.log(b); // null
```

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12. What is a JavaScript promise, and how does it work?

- **Explanation:** A promise is an object representing the eventual completion or failure of an asynchronous operation. It can be in one of three states: pending, fulfilled, or rejected. Promises provide a more elegant way to handle asynchronous code compared to callbacks.

Example:
javascript

```
const myPromise = new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
  let success = true;
  if (success) {
    resolve('Task completed successfully');
  } else {
    reject('Task failed');
  }
});

myPromise.then(result => {
  console.log(result);
}).catch(error => {
  console.error(error);
});
```

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13. How does hoisting work in JavaScript?

- **Explanation:** Hoisting is a JavaScript mechanism where variable and function declarations are moved to the top of their containing scope before code execution. However, only the declarations are hoisted, not the initializations.

Example:
javascript

```
console.log(hoistedVar); // undefined
```

```
var hoistedVar = 5;

console.log(hoistedFunc()); // "Hoisted function"
function hoistedFunc() {
  return "Hoisted function";
}
```

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14. What is the difference between `==` and `===` operators in JavaScript?

- **Explanation:**
  - **`==` (loose equality):** Compares two values for equality after converting both values to a common type.
  - **`===` (strict equality):** Compares two values for equality without type conversion, ensuring both the type and value are the same.

Example:
javascript

```
console.log(5 == '5'); // true (type conversion occurs)
console.log(5 === '5'); // false (no type conversion)
```

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15. What is the purpose of the `localStorage` and `sessionStorage` objects in JavaScript?

- **Explanation:**
  - **`localStorage`**: Allows you to store key-value pairs in a web browser with no expiration time. Data persists even after the browser is closed.
  - **`sessionStorage`**: Similar to `localStorage`, but the data is stored for the duration of the page session. It is cleared when the page session ends (i.e., when the browser tab is closed).

Example:
javascript

```
// localStorage
localStorage.setItem('username', 'JohnDoe');
```

```
console.log(localStorage.getItem('username')); // "JohnDoe"

// sessionStorage
sessionStorage.setItem('sessionKey', '12345');
console.log(sessionStorage.getItem('sessionKey')); // "12345"
```

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16. What is a callback function in JavaScript, and why are they important in asynchronous programming?

- **Explanation:** A callback function is a function passed as an argument to another function, allowing code to be executed after the completion of an asynchronous operation. They are crucial in JavaScript's non-blocking architecture, enabling the execution of code only when an operation has completed, such as a network request or a timer.

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17. Can you provide an example of a callback function being used in JavaScript?

Example:
javascript

```
function loadScript(src, callback) {
  let script = document.createElement('script');
  script.src = src;
  script.onload = () => callback(script);
  document.head.append(script);
}

loadScript('path/to/script.js', function(script) {
  console.log(`${script.src} is loaded!`);
});
```

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18. Explain the difference between synchronous and asynchronous callbacks.

- **Explanation:**

    - **Synchronous Callbacks:** Executed immediately after the function that contains them completes its task.
    - **Asynchronous Callbacks:** Executed after the function that contains them has completed, often used in scenarios where tasks like network requests or timers are involved.
- **Example:** A synchronous callback in an array `forEach` loop versus an asynchronous callback in a `setTimeout`.

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19. What is a callback hell (or pyramid of doom), and how can it be mitigated?

- **Explanation:** Callback hell refers to a situation where callbacks are nested within other callbacks, leading to difficult-to-read and maintain code. It can be mitigated by using modular functions, named functions, or replacing callbacks with promises or async/await syntax.

Example:
javascript

```
// Callback hell
doTask1(function() {
  doTask2(function() {
    doTask3(function() {
      console.log('Tasks completed');
    });
  });
});

// Mitigation with Promises
doTask1()
  .then(doTask2)
  .then(doTask3)
  .then(() => console.log('Tasks completed'));
```

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20. How does error handling work with callback functions in asynchronous code?

- **Explanation:** Error handling in asynchronous code often involves passing an error object as the first argument to the callback function. This pattern, known as the "error-first" callback, allows the calling function to handle errors in a structured way.

Example:
javascript

```
function doTask(callback) {
  let error = false;
  if (error) {
    callback('An error occurred');
  } else {
    callback(null, 'Task completed successfully');
  }
}

doTask(function(error, result) {
  if (error) {
    console.error(error);
  } else {
    console.log(result);
  }
});
```

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21. What is the purpose of the Node.js `callback` convention, and how does it help handle errors in asynchronous operations?

- **Explanation:** The Node.js callback convention is an "error-first" approach where the first argument of the callback function is reserved for an error object (or `null` if no error occurred). This allows developers to easily handle errors and results in a consistent pattern for error management across asynchronous operations.

Example:
javascript

```
fs.readFile('file.txt', (err, data) => {
  if (err) {
    console.error('Error reading file:', err);
```

```
    return;
  }
  console.log('File content:', data);
});
```

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22. What is a higher-order function, and how does it relate to callbacks?

- **Explanation:** A higher-order function is a function that can take other functions as arguments or return a function as a result. Callbacks are often passed as arguments to higher-order functions, making them essential in functional programming and asynchronous operations.

Example:
javascript

```
function repeat(action, times) {
  for (let i = 0; i < times; i++) {
    action(i);
  }
}

repeat(console.log, 5); // Logs numbers 0 through 4
```

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23. Describe the role of the event loop in executing callback functions in JavaScript.

- **Explanation:** The event loop is a mechanism in JavaScript that continuously checks the call stack and the task queue (including callback functions). When the call stack is empty, the event loop takes the first task from the queue and pushes it onto the stack for execution. This allows asynchronous operations to run without blocking the main thread.
- **Example:** In a typical browser environment, the event loop handles tasks like handling UI events, timers, and callbacks from AJAX requests.

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24. How can you ensure that a callback function runs only after multiple asynchronous operations have completed?

- **Explanation:** This can be achieved by using a combination of counters and conditions, promises with `Promise.all`, or async/await syntax.

Example:
javascript

```
function doTask1() {
  return new Promise(resolve => setTimeout(() => resolve('Task 1 completed'), 1000));
}

function doTask2() {
  return new Promise(resolve => setTimeout(() => resolve('Task 2 completed'), 2000));
}

Promise.all([doTask1(), doTask2()]).then(results => {
  console.log('All tasks completed:', results);
});
```

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25. Explain the concept of a "promise callback" and how it differs from traditional callbacks.

- **Explanation:** A "promise callback" is a function attached to a promise that is executed when the promise is either resolved or rejected. Unlike traditional callbacks, promise callbacks are more predictable and help avoid issues like callback hell. They provide methods like `.then()`, `.catch()`, and `.finally()` for chaining operations.

Example:
javascript

```
let promise = new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
  let success = true;
  if (success) {
    resolve('Task completed');
  } else {
    reject('Task failed');
  }
```

```
});

promise.then(result => {
  console.log(result);
}).catch(error => {
  console.error(error);
});
```

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26. What is a scheduler in JavaScript, and what is its role in managing asynchronous tasks?

- **Explanation:** A scheduler in JavaScript manages the execution of asynchronous tasks by deciding when they should run. The event loop and task queues (macrotask and microtask queues) are part of this scheduling system. The scheduler ensures that tasks are executed in the correct order, allowing for efficient and non-blocking code execution.

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27. Describe the difference between microtask and macrotask queues in the event loop.

- **Explanation:**
  - **Microtask Queue:** Contains tasks that should be executed immediately after the currently executing script (e.g., promise callbacks, `process.nextTick` in Node.js).
  - **Macrotask Queue:** Contains tasks like `setTimeout`, `setInterval`, and I/O operations that are scheduled to run after the microtask queue has been cleared.
- **Example:** Promise resolutions go into the microtask queue, while `setTimeout` callbacks go into the macrotask queue.

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28. How does the `setTimeout` function work in terms of scheduling code execution?

- **Explanation:** The `setTimeout` function schedules a function to be executed after a specified delay (in milliseconds). The callback function is added to the macrotask queue and executed after the delay, once the call stack is clear and all microtasks are complete.

Example:
javascript

```
setTimeout(() => {
```

```
  console.log('This runs after 1 second');
}, 1000);
```

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29. What is the purpose of the `requestAnimationFrame` function, and how does it relate to scheduling tasks?

- **Explanation:** The `requestAnimationFrame` function schedules a callback to run before the next repaint of the browser, optimizing animations and improving performance. It is often used in place of `setTimeout` for smoother animations.

Example:
javascript

```
function animate() {
  // Update animation state
  requestAnimationFrame(animate);
}

requestAnimationFrame(animate);
```

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30. Explain the use of the `setImmediate` function and its relationship with the event loop.

- **Explanation:** `setImmediate` is a function available in Node.js that schedules a callback to run immediately after the current poll phase of the event loop. It is similar to `setTimeout(fn, 0)` but more efficient in certain cases, as it bypasses the timer.

Example:
javascript

```
setImmediate(() => {
  console.log('This runs immediately after the current event loop
phase');
});
```

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31. What is the `process.nextTick` function in Node.js, and how does it differ from other scheduling methods?

- **Explanation:** `process.nextTick` schedules a callback to be executed after the current operation completes but before the event loop continues. It is placed in the microtask queue, making it higher priority than `setImmediate` and `setTimeout`.

Example:
javascript

```
process.nextTick(() => {
  console.log('This runs before any I/O or timer callbacks');
});
```

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32. How can you use `setTimeout` and `setInterval` for scheduling repeated tasks?

- **Explanation:**
  - **`setTimeout`** can be used to schedule a one-time execution after a delay.
  - **`setInterval`** schedules repeated execution of a function at specified intervals.

Example:
javascript

```
setTimeout(() => {
  console.log('This runs once after 2 seconds');
}, 2000);

setInterval(() => {
  console.log('This runs every 1 second');
}, 1000);
```

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33. What is the difference between using `setTimeout(fn, 0)` and `process.nextTick(fn)` for scheduling immediate execution of code?

- **Explanation:**
  - `setTimeout(fn, 0)`: Schedules the function in the macrotask queue to be executed after the current event loop phase.
  - `process.nextTick(fn)`: Schedules the function in the microtask queue, meaning it will execute immediately after the current operation and before any I/O tasks.
- **Example:** `process.nextTick(fn)` is generally faster and used for tasks that need to be executed before any I/O operations.

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34. Describe scenarios where using a specific scheduling method might be more appropriate than others.

- **Explanation:**
  - `requestAnimationFrame`: Best for animations that need to run smoothly in sync with the browser's refresh rate.
  - `process.nextTick`: Suitable for tasks that need to be executed before any I/O tasks in Node.js.
  - `setImmediate`: Useful for tasks that should run after I/O tasks and the current event loop phase in Node.js.
- **Example:** Use `requestAnimationFrame` for animations, `setImmediate` for tasks that should run after asynchronous I/O operations, and `process.nextTick` for tasks that need to run immediately after the current operation.

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35. How do you avoid blocking the main thread while working with schedulers in the browser?

- **Explanation:** To avoid blocking the main thread, break large tasks into smaller chunks using techniques like `setTimeout` with short intervals, `requestIdleCallback` for low-priority tasks, and `web workers` for heavy computations off the main thread.

Example:
javascript

```
// Breaking down a large task
function processLargeData(data) {
  let chunkSize = 100;
```

```
  for (let i = 0; i < data.length; i += chunkSize) {
    setTimeout(() => {
      processChunk(data.slice(i, i + chunkSize));
    }, 0);
  }
}
```