

C BASED:

Basics & Syntax

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3. What are the different data types in C?
4. What is the difference between `=` and `==` in C?
5. How do you declare and initialize a pointer in C?

Control Structures

6. What is the difference between `while` and `do-while` loop?
7. Can we use a `for` loop without initialization, condition, or increment?
8. What is the difference between `break` and `continue`?
9. How does `switch` work in C, and when would you prefer it over `if-else`?

Basics & Syntax

1. Differences between `#include <filename.h>` and `#include "filename.h"`

- `#include <filename.h>` → Compiler looks for the header file **only in the system directories** (standard library headers like `stdio.h`, `math.h`).
 - `#include "filename.h"` → Compiler first looks in the **current directory**, and if not found, then searches system directories. Use `< >` for standard libraries, and `" "` for your custom headers.
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2. Difference between `printf()` and `scanf()`

- `printf()` → Output function, used to display text/data to the console.
- `scanf()` → Input function, used to take input from the user.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int age;
    printf("Enter your age: ");
    scanf("%d", &age);    // input
    printf("You are %d years old\n", age); // output
    return 0;
}
```

3. Different data types in C

- **Basic types** → `int`, `float`, `double`, `char`
- **Derived types** → Arrays, Pointers, Structures, Unions
- **Qualifiers** → `short`, `long`, `signed`, `unsigned`

Example:

```
int a = 10;
float b = 3.14;
```

```
char c = 'A';
double d = 3.14159;
```

4. Difference between = and ==

- = → Assignment operator (assigns a value).
- == → Comparison operator (checks equality).

```
int x = 5;          // assignment
if (x == 5) {       // comparison
    printf("x is 5\n");
}
```

5. Declaring and initializing a pointer

```
int a = 10;
int *p;           // declaration
p = &a;           // initialization with address of 'a'
```

```
printf("Value of a: %d\n", *p); // dereferencing
```

*p gives value stored at address, p gives address.

Control Structures

6. Difference between while and do-while loop

- while → Condition is checked **before** execution. May not run at all.
- do-while → Condition is checked **after** execution. Runs at least once.

```
int x = 0;
while (x > 0) { // won't execute
    printf("Hello\n");
}
```

```
do {
    printf("Hello once\n"); // executes at least once
} while (x > 0);
```

7. Can we use a for loop without initialization, condition, or increment?

Yes. All three parts are optional. It becomes an infinite loop if left empty.

```
for(;;) {
    printf("Infinite loop\n");
    break; // to exit
}
```

8. Difference between break and continue

- break → Exits the loop completely.
- continue → Skips the current iteration and moves to the next one.

```
for (int i=1; i<=5; i++) {
    if (i == 3) continue; // skip when i=3
    if (i == 5) break;    // exit loop when i=5
    printf("%d ", i);
}
// Output: 1 2 4
```

9. How does switch work in C, and when to prefer it over if-else?

- switch evaluates a single expression and jumps to the matching case.
- It's preferred over multiple if-else when you are comparing the same variable with many constant values (better readability).

```
int day = 3;
switch(day) {
    case 1: printf("Monday"); break;
```

```
    case 2: printf("Tuesday"); break;
    case 3: printf("Wednesday"); break;
    default: printf("Invalid day");
}
// Output: Wednesday
```

switch is faster and cleaner when there are many options for the same variable. Use if-else when conditions are **ranges** or **complex expressions**.

Python Based:

1. Difference between mutable and immutable objects in Python?

2. What will be the output of the following and why?

```
a = 256
b = 256
print(a is b)
```

```
x = 257
y = 257
print(x is y)
```

3. Predict the output:

```
def add(x, y=[]):
    y.append(x)
    return y

print(add(1))
print(add(2))
print(add(3, []))
print(add(4))
```

4. Without using a temporary variable, how do you swap two numbers in Python?

5. What is the difference between these two statements?

```
list1 = [1, 2, 3]
```

```
list2 = list1
list3 = list1[:]
```

6. What will be the output?

```
print(bool("False"))
print(bool(""))
```

7. Why does this code behave differently?

```
print(0.1 + 0.2 == 0.3)
```

8. Predict the output and explain:

```
for i in range(3):
    print(i)
else:
    print("Finished")
```

9. What will be the output?

```
x = [1, 2, 3]
print(id(x))
x += [4, 5]
print(id(x))
```

```
y = (1, 2, 3)
print(id(y))
y += (4, 5)
print(id(y))
```

10. Write a one-liner in Python to reverse a string without using loops.

ANSWERS:

1. Difference between mutable and immutable objects in Python?

- **Mutable** → Can be changed after creation. Examples: list, dict, set.
- **Immutable** → Cannot be changed after creation. Examples: int, float, str, tuple.

```
lst = [1, 2, 3]
lst[0] = 10    # ✓ Works (mutable)

s = "hello"
# s[0] = "H" × Error (immutable)
s = "Hello"    # Creates a new string
```

2. Output & Why?

```
a = 256
b = 256
print(a is b)    # True

x = 257
y = 257
print(x is y)    # False (in most implementations)
```

? Explanation:

- Python **caches small integers** in the range `[-5, 256]` for efficiency.
 - So `a` and `b` point to the **same memory**.
 - For numbers outside this range (like 257), Python creates **new objects**, so `x is y` → False.
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3. Predict the output

```
def add(x, y=[]):
    y.append(x)
    return y

print(add(1))    # [1]
```



```
print(add(2))      # [1, 2]    (same default list reused!)
print(add(3, []))  # [3]      (new list passed explicitly)
print(add(4))      # [1, 2, 4]
```

? Explanation: Default mutable arguments (`y= []`) are **shared** across function calls unless you explicitly pass a new list.

4. Swap without temp variable

```
a, b = 10, 20
a, b = b, a
print(a, b)    # 20 10
```

? Python allows **tuple unpacking** for swapping.

5. Difference between the statements

```
list1 = [1, 2, 3]
list2 = list1      # Reference copy → both point to same object
list3 = list1[:]   # Shallow copy → new object with same elements
```

- `list2` and `list1` are the **same object** → modifying one affects the other.
 - `list3` is a **different object** (copy).
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6. Output

```
print(bool("False"))  # True (non-empty string is True)
print(bool(""))       # False (empty string is False)
```

7. Why different behavior?

```
print(0.1 + 0.2 == 0.3)  # False
```

? Due to **floating-point precision error**.

Internally `0.1 + 0.2 = 0.30000000000000004`, which is not exactly equal to `0.3`.

8. Predict the output

```
for i in range(3):  
    print(i)  
else:  
    print("Finished")
```

Output:

```
0  
1  
2  
Finished
```

? Explanation: The **else** in a **for** loop executes if the loop **completes normally** (not broken by **break**).

9. Output

```
x = [1, 2, 3]  
print(id(x))          # same id  
x += [4, 5]  
print(id(x))          # same id (list modified in-place)  
  
y = (1, 2, 3)  
print(id(y))          # some id  
y += (4, 5)  
print(id(y))          # different id (new tuple created)
```

? Explanation:

- Lists are **mutable**, so **+=** modifies in-place → **id** stays same.
 - Tuples are **immutable**, so **+=** creates a **new tuple object** → **id** changes.
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10. One-liner to reverse a string

```
s = "Python"  
print(s[::-1])    # nohtyP
```

? Uses **slicing with negative step**.

JAVA BASED:

1. Difference between `==` and `.equals()` in Java?
2. Why is Java called platform-independent?
3. Explain the difference between `final`, `finally`, and `finalize()`.
4. What are access modifiers in Java?
5. Difference between `Array` and `ArrayList`?
6. What is the difference between an `abstract` class and an `interface`?
7. Explain method overloading vs. method overriding.
8. What is the difference between `==` operator and `compareTo()` in Strings?
9. Explain garbage collection in Java.
10. What is the difference between JDK, JRE, and JVM?

Answers

1. Difference between JDK, JRE, and JVM

- **JVM:** Runs Java bytecode.
- **JRE:** JVM + libraries to run Java programs.
- **JDK:** JRE + compiler and development tools.

2. Difference between `==` and `.equals()`

- `==`: Compares memory references.
- `.equals()`: Compares actual content (if overridden, e.g., in `String`).

3. Why is Java platform-independent?

Java compiles code into **bytecode** which runs on any OS that has a **JVM** → “Write Once, Run Anywhere.”

4. Difference between `final`, `finally`, and `finalize()`

- `final`: Keyword (constants, prevent inheritance/overriding).
- `finally`: Block that always executes after `try-catch`.
- `finalize()`: Method run by Garbage Collector before object destruction.

5. Access Modifiers in Java

- `public`: Accessible everywhere.
- `protected`: Accessible in same package + subclasses.
- `default` (no keyword): Accessible only in same package.
- `private`: Accessible only within class.

6. Difference between `Array` and `ArrayList`

- `Array`: Fixed size, can hold primitives + objects.
- `ArrayList`: Dynamic size, holds only objects, has utility methods.

7. Difference between `Abstract Class` and `Interface`

- `Abstract class`: Can have both abstract + concrete methods, can hold fields.
- `Interface`: Only method definitions (before Java 8), multiple inheritance allowed.

8. Method Overloading vs. Method Overriding

- `Overloading`: Same name, different parameters (compile-time polymorphism).
- `Overriding`: Child class redefines parent method (runtime polymorphism).

9. Difference between `==` and `compareTo()` in `Strings`

- `==`: Checks reference equality.
- `compareTo()`: Lexicographic comparison (0 if equal, <0 or >0 otherwise).

10. Garbage Collection in Java

- Automatic memory management.
- Removes unreferenced objects.
- `System.gc()` requests GC, but JVM decides when to run it.

C++ BASED:

1.What will be the output?

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    int a = 10;
    cout << a++ << " " << ++a;
    return 0;
}
```

2.Predict the output:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    const int x = 5;
    const int *p = &x;
    int y = 10;
    p = &y;
    cout << *p;
    return 0;
}
```

3.What will this print?

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void func(int x, int y=5) {
    cout << x + y << endl;
}
```

```
int main() {  
    func(10);  
    func(10, 20);  
}
```

4. Identify error (if any) and explain:

```
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;  
int main() {  
    int arr[5] = {1,2,3,4,5};  
    cout << *(arr+2);  
    return 0;  
}
```

5. Output of this program?

```
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;  
int main() {  
    string s1 = "Hello";  
    string s2 = s1;  
    s2[0] = 'Y';  
    cout << s1 << " " << s2;  
}
```

6. What happens here?

```
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;  
class Test {  
public:
```

```

    Test() { cout << "Constructor "; }
    ~Test() { cout << "Destructor "; }
};
int main() {
    Test t1;
    {
        Test t2;
    }
}

```

7. Predict the output:

```

#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
class A {
public:
    virtual void show() { cout << "A "; }
};
class B : public A {
public:
    void show() override { cout << "B "; }
};
int main() {
    A *ptr = new B();
    ptr->show();
    delete ptr;
}

```

8. What will this print?

```

#include <iostream>

```



```
using namespace std;
int main() {
    int x = 5;
    cout << (x << 1) << " " << (x >> 1);
}
```

9. Find the mistake:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    int *p = new int(5);
    cout << *p;
    delete p;
    cout << *p;
}
```

10. Reverse a string using STL in one line.

Answers

Q1

```
int a = 10;  
cout << a++ << " " << ++a;
```

a++ prints 10, then a becomes 11.

++a makes it 12 before printing.

Output:

10 12

Q2

```
const int x = 5;  
const int *p = &x;  
int y = 10;  
p = &y;  
cout << *p;
```

- p is a pointer to **const int**, meaning you can change where it points, but not modify the value via p.
- Initially p points to x, then changed to y.

Output:

10

Q3

```
void func(int x, int y=5) {  
    cout << x + y << endl;
```

```
}  
func(10);          // uses default y=5 → 15  
func(10, 20);     // uses y=20 → 30
```

Output:

15

30

Q4

```
int arr[5] = {1,2,3,4,5};  
cout << *(arr+2);
```

? arr is base address, so arr+2 points to 3rd element.

? *(arr+2) = arr[2] = 3.

Output:

3

Q5

```
string s1 = "Hello";  
string s2 = s1;  
s2[0] = 'Y';  
cout << s1 << " " << s2;
```

In C++, `string` is deep copied, so modifying `s2` won't change `s1`.

Output:

Hello Yello

Q6

```
class Test {  
public:  
    Test() { cout << "Constructor "; }  
    ~Test() { cout << "Destructor "; }  
};  
Test t1;  
{  
    Test t2;  
}
```

- First prints Constructor for t1.
- Then inside block: t2 is constructed → prints Constructor.
- Block ends → t2 destroyed → Destructor.
- At end of main, t1 destroyed → Destructor.

Output:

Constructor Constructor Destructor Destructor

Q7

```
class A { public: virtual void show() { cout << "A  
"; } };  
class B : public A { public: void show() override {  
cout << "B "; } };  
A *ptr = new B();  
ptr->show();
```

? ptr is of type A* but points to B.

? Because show() is virtual, runtime polymorphism calls B's version.

Output:

B

Q8

```
int x = 5;
```

```
cout << (x << 1) << " " << (x >> 1);
```

5 in binary = 101.

- $x \ll 1 \rightarrow 1010$ (binary 10).

- $x \gg 1 \rightarrow 10$ (binary 2).

Output:

10 2

Q9

```
int *p = new int(5);
```

```
cout << *p;
```

```
delete p;
```

```
cout << *p;
```

? First $*p = 5$ is valid.

? After delete, memory is freed. Accessing $*p$ is **undefined behavior** (might print garbage or crash).

Expected safe output:

5 <garbage or crash>

Q10 Reverse a string in one line using STL:

```
#include <algorithm>
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    string s = "Hello";
    reverse(s.begin(), s.end());
    cout << s;
}
```

Output:

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