Assignment 13 - final modifier

Exploring the final Modifier in Java

Objective:

To understand and practice the use of the final modifier in Java, including its usage with variables, methods, and classes.

Instructions:

Complete each problem by implementing Java code and answer any related questions.

Problem 1: Using final with Variables

- 1. Create a class car with the following:
 - A final instance variable MAX_SPEED of type int initialized to 200.
 - An instance variable currentSpeed of type int.
 - A method setSpeed(int speed) that updates currentSpeed. If speed is greater than MAX_SPEED, Set currentSpeed to MAX_SPEED.
- 2. Write a main class to create an instance of car, attempt to set a speed greater than MAX_SPEED, and print the currentSpeed.

Questions:

- What happens if you try to change MAX_SPEED in the constructor or any method?
- Explain why final is useful here.

Problem 2: Using final with Methods

- 1. Create a base class **BankAccount** with:
 - An instance variable balance of type double.
 - A final method displayBalance() that prints the current balance.

- A method deposit(double amount) to increase the balance by the given amount.
- 2. Create a subclass SavingsAccount that extends BankAccount:
 - Attempt to override displayBalance() in SavingsAccount. Observe and explain the outcome.

Questions:

- What error message do you get if you attempt to override displayBalance()?
- Why might you use final on a method in a real-world scenario?

Problem 3: Using final with Classes

- 1. Create a final class LibraryItem With:
 - A variable title of type string.
 - A constructor to initialize title.
 - A method displayTitle() that prints the title.
- 2. Attempt to create a subclass **Book** that extends **LibraryItem**. Observe and explain the result.

Questions:

- What error message do you get when you try to extend <u>LibraryItem</u>?
- When would it make sense to make a class final in real-world applications?

Problem 4: Using final with Static Constants

- 1. Create a class MathConstants:
 - Define a public static final variable PI with a value of 3.14159.
 - Define another public static final variable E with a value of 2.718.
- 2. Write a main method that prints the values of PI and E.

Questions:

Why is final used for these variables?

• Explain the difference between static and final in this context.

Submission:

Submit your code for each problem along with answers to the questions in comments or a separate text file.

Good luck, and remember to think about why final might be helpful for creating constants, preventing inheritance, or restricting method overriding in Java!