1. What does the acronym COBOL stand for?

**Common Business Oriented Language**

1. What is ANSI and what purpose does it serve? (You may need to Google for a more compete answer)

**American National Standards Institute**

**ANSI is an organization setting product, process, system and personnel standards**

1. List the four divisions of a COBOL program. State the purpose of each.

**Identification -- Define and name the program**

**Environment – Define which system environment the program will run**

**Data – Define data , variables,**

**Procedure – Contains all statements that determines what the program will do**

1. List the 5 paragraphs in the example on page 22

**PROGRAM-ID. -- REQUIRED**

**SOURCE-COMPUTER**

**OBJECT-COMPUTER**

**FILE-CONTROL**

**PARA-ONE**

1. How do you designate a line of comments?

**Everything after \*must start in column 7 takes the whole line**

1. What columns are Area A in and what statements are coded here?

**Columns 8-11**

**All division names, section names, and paragraph headings start here.**

**01’s defined**

1. What columns are Area B in and what statements are coded here?

**Columns 12-72**

**The main body of the program, entries began in Area A can continue in Area B**

1. Explain the difference between **Infile** and **datain** in the example on page 28.

**Infile is the internal program name -reference name**

**Datain is the external physical file name**

1. What is the purpose of the File Section?

**The file section is used to define the data file contents used during the execution of the program**

**Defines input-output-records-fields**

1. What is the purpose of the Working-Storage Section?

**The working-storage section contains the data definitions of the variables that the program needs during execution**