

# 100 JAVA INTERVIEW Q/A









#### 1. What is Java?

A high-level, object-oriented programming language.

#### 2. What is JVM?

Java Virtual Machine, it runs Java bytecode.

#### 3. What is JDK?

Java Development Kit, includes tools to compile and run Java programs.

#### 4. What is JRE?

Java Runtime Environment, provides runtime libraries for Java.

#### 5. What is a class in Java?

A blueprint for creating objects.

# 6. What is an object in Java?

An instance of a class.

#### 7. What is inheritance in Java?

Acquiring properties of one class into another.

# 8. What is polymorphism?

One method behaving differently based on context.

# 9. What is encapsulation?

Wrapping data and methods together in a class.

# 10. What is abstraction?

Hiding complex details and showing only essential features.

# 11. What is method overloading?

Multiple methods with the same name but different parameters.

# 12. What is method overriding?

Redefining a method in a subclass.

#### 13. What is a constructor?

A special method used to initialize objects.

# 14. What is a default constructor?

A constructor provided by Java with no parameters.

# 15. What is a parameterized constructor?

A constructor that takes arguments.

### 16. What is the this keyword?

Refers to the current object instance.

# 17. What is the super keyword?

Refers to the parent class object.

#### 18. What is a static variable?

A variable shared among all instances of a class.

#### 19. What is a static method?

A method that belongs to the class, not the object.

#### 20. What is the main method in Java?

public static void main(String[] args), the entry point of a Java program.

#### 21. What is an abstract class?

A class that cannot be instantiated and may have abstract methods.

# 22. What is an interface in Java?

A contract that defines a set of abstract methods.

#### 23. What is a final class?

A class that cannot be extended.

#### 24. What is the difference between an interface and an abstract class?

Interfaces have no method implementations, abstract classes can.

## 25. What is the instanceof operator?

Tests whether an object is an instance of a specific class or interface.

# 26. What is a package in Java?

A namespace for organizing classes and interfaces.

# 27. What is the import statement?

Used to include Java packages into your code.

#### 28. What is the access modifier?

Defines the visibility of a class, method, or variable (public, private, protected).

#### 29. What is public access?

Accessible from anywhere in the program.

# 30. What is private access?

Accessible only within the class.

## 31. What is protected access?

Accessible within the same package and subclasses.

#### 32. What is the default access modifier?

No modifier means package-private access.

#### 33. What is the final keyword?

Used to declare constants, methods that cannot be overridden, or classes that cannot be inherited.

# 34. What is garbage collection in Java?

Automatic memory management that frees up memory by removing unused objects.

#### 35. What is the difference between == and equals()?

== compares references, equals() compares content.

## 36. What is a String in Java?

A sequence of characters, immutable.

## 37. What is a StringBuilder?

A mutable sequence of characters.

#### 38. What is a wrapper class?

Provides object methods for primitive data types (e.g., Integer for int).

#### 39. What is autoboxing?

Automatic conversion of primitive types to their corresponding wrapper objects.

#### 40. What is unboxing?

Automatic conversion of wrapper objects to their corresponding primitive types.

#### 41. What is a NullPointerException?

Thrown when accessing an object reference that is null.

## 42. What is exception handling in Java?

Managing runtime errors using try, catch, and finally.

# 43. What is checked exception?

An exception checked at compile-time.

#### 44. What is unchecked exception?

An exception that occurs at runtime.

#### 45. What is the difference between throw and throws?

throw is used to explicitly throw an exception, throws declares exceptions that might be thrown.

#### 46. What is finally block?

A block of code that is executed after a try-catch, regardless of whether an exception is thrown.

# 47. What is the try-with-resources statement?

A try block that automatically closes resources.

#### 48. What is serialization?

Converting an object into a byte stream.

## 49. What is deserialization?

Reconstructing an object from a byte stream.

# 50. What is the transient keyword?

Used to skip fields during serialization.

# 51. What is multithreading in Java?

Running multiple threads concurrently.

### 52. What is the synchronized keyword?

Used to control access to a method or block of code in a multithreaded environment.

#### 53. What is a thread in Java?

A lightweight process.

# 54. What is thread safety?

A concept that ensures multiple threads do not cause errors when accessing shared resources.

#### 55. What is a daemon thread?

A background thread that terminates when all non-daemon threads finish.

#### 56. What is the Runnable interface?

Represents a task that can be executed by a thread.

#### 57. What is the Thread class?

A class that represents a thread of execution.

#### 58. What is the difference between Runnable and Thread?

Runnable defines a task, Thread represents the thread itself.

#### 59. What is the wait() method?

Causes the current thread to wait until another thread invokes notify().

## 60. What is the notify() method?

Wakes up a single waiting thread.

# 61. What is the notifyAll() method?

Wakes up all threads waiting on an object's monitor.

#### 62. What is a deadlock?

A situation where two or more threads are blocked forever, each waiting on the other.

# 63. What is join() method in Java threads?

Forces one thread to wait until another completes.

#### 64. What is the Java Collections Framework?

A set of classes and interfaces that implement commonly reusable data structures.

#### 65. What is a List in Java?

An ordered collection that allows duplicate elements.

#### 66. What is a Set in Java?

A collection that does not allow duplicate elements.

#### 67. What is a Map in Java?

A collection that maps keys to values.

# 68. What is the difference between ArrayList and LinkedList?

ArrayList uses dynamic arrays, LinkedList uses doubly linked lists.

### 69. What is the difference between HashSet and TreeSet?

HashSet is unordered, TreeSet is ordered and sorted.

#### 70. What is HashMap?

A map implementation that uses hash tables to store key-value pairs.

#### 71. What is TreeMap?

A map that stores key-value pairs in a sorted order.

#### 72. What is Iterator in Java?

An object used to iterate over elements of a collection.

#### 73. What is fail-fast behavior in Java?

Throws ConcurrentModificationException if a collection is modified while iterating.

# 74. What is Comparable interface?

Used to define the natural ordering of objects.

## 75. What is Comparator interface?

Used to define custom ordering for objects.

# 76. What is hashCode() method?

Returns a hash code value for an object.

# 77. What is equals() method?

Checks if two objects are equal based on content.

# 78. What is the difference between hashCode() and equals()?

hashCode() is used in hashing, equals() checks content equality.

# 79. What is Lambda expression in Java?

A concise way to represent an anonymous function.

#### 80. What is functional interface?

An interface with exactly one abstract method.

#### 81. What is a stream in Java 8?

A sequence of elements supporting functional-style operations.

#### 82. What is the difference between for Each() and map() in streams?

forEach() performs an action on each element, map() transforms elements.

#### 83. What is Optional in Java 8?

A container class to handle null values more gracefully.

#### 84. What is method reference?

A shorthand for calling a method using :: syntax.

#### 85. What is a default method in Java?

A method with an implementation in an interface.

#### 86. What is the Predicate functional interface?

Represents a boolean-valued function.

# 87. What is the Supplier functional interface?

Provides a value without taking any input.

#### 88. What is the Consumer functional interface?

Represents an operation that accepts a single input and returns no result.

#### 89. What is the Function functional interface?

Represents a function that takes an input and returns an output.

### 90. What is immutability in Java?

An object whose state cannot be changed after it's created.

#### 91. What is reflection in Java?

A feature to inspect and manipulate classes, methods, and fields at runtime.

# 92. What is dynamic binding?

Method call resolution at runtime.

# 93. What is static binding?

Method call resolution at compile-time.

# 94. What is a singleton class?

A class that allows only one instance.

# 95. What is enum in Java?

A special type to define a collection of constants.

# 96. What is the volatile keyword?

Ensures that the value of a variable is always read from the main memory.

# 97. What is assert in Java?

A keyword to test assumptions in code.

# 98. What is the transient keyword?

Marks fields to be ignored during serialization.

# 99. What is the instanceof operator used for?

Checks if an object is an instance of a specific class or interface.

# 100. What is the Java memory model?

Defines how Java threads interact through memory, ensuring visibility of variables across threads.