

ANSWER 1 –

`<!DOCTYPE html>` is not a tag in HTML. It is a document type declaration (DTD) or document type definition, often referred to as a doctype. It is placed at the very beginning of an HTML document to inform the browser about the version of HTML being used and how to interpret the document.

The `<!DOCTYPE html>` declaration is used in HTML5 to indicate that the document conforms to the HTML5 standard. It is a short and simple doctype declaration compared to previous versions of HTML. Its purpose is to ensure that the browser renders the document in standards mode rather than quirks mode.