

Week 2 Quiz

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1.

Suppose I define the following function in R

```
1 cube <- function(x, n) {  
2   x^3  
3 }
```

What is the result of running

```
1 cube(3)
```

in R after defining this function?

- ☐ The users is prompted to specify the value of 'n'.
 - ☒ The number 27 is returned
 - ☐ An error is returned because 'n' is not specified in the call to 'cube'
 - ☐ A warning is given with no value returned.
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2.

The following code will produce a warning in R.

```
1 x <- 1:10
2 if(x > 5) {
3     x <- 0
4 }
```

Why?

- ☒ 'x' is a vector of length 10 and 'if' can only test a single logical statement.
 - ☐ The expression uses curly braces.
 - ☐ You cannot set 'x' to be 0 because 'x' is a vector and 0 is a scalar.
 - ☐ The syntax of this R expression is incorrect.
 - ☐ There are no elements in 'x' that are greater than 5
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3.

Consider the following function

```
1 f <- function(x) {  
2   g <- function(y) {  
3     y + z  
4   }  
5   z <- 4  
6   x + g(x)  
7 }
```

If I then run in R

```
1 z <- 10  
2 f(3)
```

What value is returned?

☐ 16

☒ 10

☐ 4

☐ 7

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4.

Consider the following expression:

```
1 x <- 5
2 y <- if(x < 3) {
3     NA
4 } else {
5     10
6 }
```

What is the value of 'y' after evaluating this expression?

- ☐ 5
 - ☐ 3
 - ☐ NA
 - ☒ 10
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5.

Consider the following R function

```
1 h <- function(x, y = NULL, d = 3L) {  
2   z <- cbind(x, d)  
3   if(!is.null(y))  
4     z <- z + y  
5   else  
6     z <- z + f  
7   g <- x + y / z  
8   if(d == 3L)  
9     return(g)  
10  g <- g + 10  
11  g  
12 }
```

Which symbol in the above function is a free variable?

- ☒ f
- ☐ z
- ☐ d
- ☐ L
- ☐ g

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6.

What is an environment in R?

- ☒ a collection of symbol/value pairs
- ☐ a special type of function
- ☐ a list whose elements are all functions
- ☐ an R package that only contains data

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7.

The R language uses what type of scoping rule for resolving free variables?

- ☐ global scoping
 - ☒ lexical scoping
 - ☐ compilation scoping
 - ☐ dynamic scoping
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8.

How are free variables in R functions resolved?

- ☐ The values of free variables are searched for in the environment in which the function was called
 - ☐ The values of free variables are searched for in the global environment
 - ☐ The values of free variables are searched for in the working directory
 - ☒ The values of free variables are searched for in the environment in which the function was defined
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9.

What is one of the consequences of the scoping rules used in R?

- ☐ Functions cannot be nested
- ☐ R objects cannot be larger than 100 MB
- ☐ All objects can be stored on the disk
- ☒ All objects must be stored in memory

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10.

In R, what is the parent frame?

- ☐ It is the environment in which a function was called
- ☐ It is always the global environment
- ☒ It is the environment in which a function was defined
- ☐ It is the package search list

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