

## 1. What is the lambda expression of Java 8?

A lambda expression in Java is a concise way of representing an anonymous function that can be passed as a parameter, stored in a variable, or returned from a method. It is introduced in Java 8 to enable functional programming.

Syntax :

(parameters) -> expression  
(parameters) -> { statements }

## 2. Can you pass lambda expressions to a method? When?

Yes, we can pass lambda expressions to a method, especially when the method accepts a functional interface (an interface with a single abstract method) as an argument.

Example :

```
@FunctionalInterface
interface Calculator {
    int operate(int a, int b);
}

class Example {
    public static int compute(int a, int b, Calculator calculator) {
        return calculator.operate(a, b);
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Passing lambda expressions
        System.out.println(compute(5, 3, (x, y) -> x + y)); // Addition
        System.out.println(compute(5, 3, (x, y) -> x * y)); // Multiplication
    }
}
```

### 3. What is the functional interface in Java 8?

A functional interface is an interface with exactly one abstract method. It can have default or static methods. Functional interfaces are the target types for lambda expressions. It is annotated with `@FunctionalInterface`.

Example :

```
@FunctionalInterface
interface Greeting {
    void sayHello(String name);
}

class Example {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Greeting greet = (name) -> System.out.println("Hello, " + name);
        greet.sayHello("Java");
    }
}
```

### 4. Why do we use lambda expressions in Java?

Lambda expressions are used in Java for the following reasons:

- Conciseness: Simplifies code by replacing verbose anonymous classes.
- Improved Readability: Enhances clarity when working with functional interfaces.
- Functional Programming: Allows functions to be treated as first-class citizens.

5. Is it mandatory for a lambda expression to have parameters?

It is not mandatory for a lambda expression to have parameters. If the method being implemented does not require parameters, the lambda expression can omit them.

Example :

```
Runnable runnable = () -> System.out.println("hi");  
runnable.run();
```