

Assignment No- 28

Q.1) Can an abstract method have static qualifier?

→ No, an abstract method cannot have the static qualifier in Java.

Why?

- Abstract methods require overriding.

An abstract method is meant to be overridden by subclasses.

- A static method belongs to the class itself, not to instances and cannot be overridden.

- Static methods do not support dynamic binding.

- Abstract methods rely on dynamic method dispatch.

Static methods use compile-time binding meaning they cannot be overridden dynamically.

Q.2) What kind of thread is the garbage collector thread?

→ The garbage collector thread in java is daemon thread that runs in the background to automatically reclaim unused memory by removing unreferenced objects.

Features -

Thread Type - Daemon Thread (runs in the background)

Priority - Lower than user threads

Invocation - Runs automatically but can be requested using System.gc()

LifeCycle - Managed by JVM, stops when no user threads remain

Purpose - frees memory by removing unreachable obj.

• Why is the Garbage Collector a Daemon Thread?

- Daemon threads are low-priority background threads that perform system level tasks.

The GC thread does not block the program execution and runs only when needed.

- The JVM terminates daemon threads automatically when all user threads finish.

Q3) What is Daemon Thread?

→ A daemon thread in Java is a background thread that provides supportive tasks for user threads. It runs continuously in the background and terminates automatically when all non-daemon threads have finished execution.

- Purpose - Supports user threads
- Priority - Lower than user threads
- Lifecycle - Ends when all user threads finish
- Created By - JVM or manually set by setDaemon
- Execution Control - JVM may not guarantee full execution before termination.

Q4) What is use of finally block?

→ The finally block in java is used for code that must always execute, regardless of whether an exception occurs or not. It is mainly used for resource cleanup.

- Uses
- Resource cleanup - closes files, databases or network connections
- Ensuring code execution - Runs even if an exception is thrown
- Handling Exceptional scenarios - Prevents memory/resource leaks

Syntax -

```
try { // code that may throw an exception }  
catch (Exception e) { // Handling the exception }  
finally { // code that will always execute }
```

Q5] What is mutable and immutable object?

- In java objects are classified as mutable or immutable based on whether their state can be changed after creation.
- Mutable Object - State can be modified after creation. Methods exist to change the object's state. Used when data needs frequent updates.

Immutable Objects

- Cannot be modified after creation.
- Any modification results in a new object being created.
- Used for thread safety and caching (e.g. String, int)

Q6] What is basic difference between String and

StringBuffer object.

- String (Immutable)
 - Immutable - Once string object is created, its value cannot be changed.
 - Memory Usage - Since every modification creates a new object, it consumes more memory.
 - Performance - Slower when modifying strings frequently because it keeps creating new objects.
 - Thread-Safety - Inherently thread-safe because string objects cannot be modified.
 - Stored in String Pool - Java stores string literals in

the String Pool to optimize memory.

ex - String s = "Hello";

s = s.concat("World");

System.out.println(s);

A new object is created and s now points to the new object.

StringBuffer (mutable)

- Mutable - StringBuffer allows modification of the same object without creating a new one.

- Memory Efficient - Since it modifies existing objects it consumes less memory.

- Performance - Faster for operations like append(), insert(), delete().

- Thread Safety : Synchronized making it safe for use in multi-threaded applications.

ex - StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Hello");

sb.append("World");

System.out.println(sb);

Q7) What is the base class for Error and Exception.
 → In java, Both Error and Exception are subclasses of Throwable, which is the root class for all types of exception and errors.

• Class Hierarchy

[Object]



[Throwable]

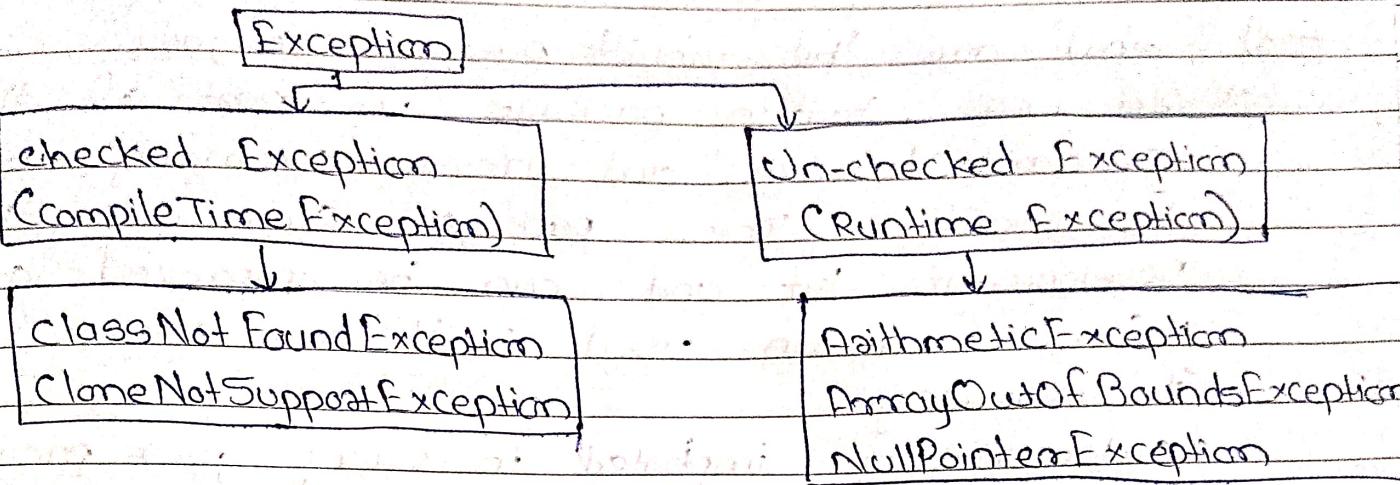


[Error]

[Exception]

① Assertion Error

② OutOfMemoryError



- **Throwable** (Base class)
Superclass of all exceptions and errors in Java.
- Provides methods like `printStackTrace()`, `getMessage()` and `toString()`.

- **Exception** (Recoverable Errors)
 - Used for normal application errors that can be handled using try-catch.
 - Subclasses - **Checked Exception** (must be handled)
 - `IOException`, `SQLException`
 - **Unchecked Exception** (extend `RuntimeException`)
 - `NullPointerException`, `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`

- **Error** (Critical System Issues)
 - Represents serious problems that an application should not try to handle.
 - ex - `OutOfMemoryError`
`StackOverflowError`
`VirtualMachineError`.

- Q8) What are the inbuilt packages in Java?
- In Java, built-in packages are part of the Java Standard Library and provide commonly used functionalities. These packages come with the Java Development Kit and can be imported as needed.
 - Some common used built-in packages:
- 1) **java.lang**: automatically imported in every Java program. Provides fundamental classes.
 - 2) **java.util**: provides utility classes for data structure, data/linked collections, etc.
 - 3) **java.io**: used for input and output operation.
 - 4) **java.nio**: provides advanced file handling and I/O operations.
 - 5) **java.net**: supports networking operations like HTTP, socket and URLs.
 - 6) **java.sql**: used for database connectivity.
 - 7) **java.text**: used for text formatting and parsing.
 - 8) **java.time**: provides modern date and time API.
 - 9) **javax.swing**: used for building GUI applications.
 - 10) **javafx.***: used for modern GUI development in Java.
 - 11) **java.security**: provides security related functionalities.

Q9) Is JVM a compiler or interpreter?

→ In Java: Virtual Machine is both an interpreter and Just-In-Time compiler, but it is not a traditional compiler like javac.

How it works:

1) Compilation Phase (javac - Compiler)

The Java compiler (javac) converts java source code into bytecode

Bytecode is an intermediate representation, not machine code.

2) Execution Phase (JVM - Interpreter + JIT Compiler)

The JVM interprets bytecode and converts it into machine code line by line at runtime.

However, modern JVMs use a Just-In-Time compiler to optimize performance by compiling frequently used bytecode into native machine code.

So JVM is

An interpreter executes bytecode line by line initially
A JIT compiler compiles frequently used code into native machine code for better performance)

Q10) What is the use of final keyword.

→ The final keyword in Java is used to restrict modification. It can be applied to variables, methods & classes with different effects.

1) Final with Variables

Prevents changing the value after initialization

2) Final with methods (prevent overriding)

Prevents a subclass from overriding a method.

3) Final with classes (prevent inheritance)

Prevents a class from being extended (inherited)

③ final with Reference Variables

A final reference variable cannot be reassigned
But its internal state can change (if it's
mutable)