LISP Programming Worksheet

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You may not need to know all of this material for the next contest! Problems 1 and 2 are representative of problems you may see on contest #2. Problems 3 through 5 are representative of problems you may see on contest #4.

Questions

Evaluate the following LISP code.

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1. (DIV 24 (SUB 2 5))
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2. (ADD (MULT 48 40)
(SUB (SQUARE 9) 1)
(MULT 3 5))
```

3. What is the final returned value of the program?

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(SETQ a 'hello)
(ATOM a)
```

4. What is the final value of b after this program is run?

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(SETQ b '((what) is a list "?"))
(CONS (CAR b) (CDR b))
(SETQ b (CONS (CAR (CAR b)) (CDR b)))
```

5. What is the final returned value of the program?

```
(SET 'c '(21 22 23 50))
(SETQ d (CONS 33 (CDR (CDR c)))
(REVERSE d)
```

Answers

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1. (DIV 24 -3)
  -8
2.
    (ADD (MULT 48 40) (SUB 81 1) (MULT 3 5))
    (ADD 1920 80 15)
   2015
3.
    (SETQ a 'hello) Set variable a to symbol hello.
    (ATOM a)
                       Returns true, since a is not a list.
4.
    (SETQ b '((what) is a list "?"))
                                               Set variable b to
                                                      containing
                                               elements:
                                                          (a) A
                                               list
                                                      containing
                                               one element, the
                                               symbol
                                                           what.
                                               (b) The symbol
                                               is. (c) The sym-
                                               bol list. (d) The
                                               string "?".
    (CONS (CAR b) (CDR b))
                                               Returns the list
                                                ((what) is a
                                               list "?")
                                                            (the
                                               exact same list).
    (SETQ b (CONS (CAR (CAR b)) (CDR b)))
                                               Changes
                                                             the
                                               value of the first
                                               element in b to
                                               the first element
                                               in the list (what),
                                               the symbol what.
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Therefore, the value of b is (what is a list "?").

5.

(SET 'c '(21 22 23 50))

Set variable c to list containing elements 21, 22, 23, and 50.

(SETQ d (CONS 33 (CDR (CDR c)))

Set variable d to list containing elements 33, 23, and 50.

(REVERSE d)

Returns (50 23 33).