

Theory Exercise

Introduction to C++

Q1. What are the key differences between Procedural Programming and Object Oriented Programming (OOP)?

A. The key differences between Procedural Programming and Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) can be summarized based on several core concepts:

◆ **1. Basic Concept**

- **Procedural Programming:**
Follows a **top-down** approach where the program is divided into functions or procedures.
 - **OOP:**
Follows a **bottom-up** approach where the program is organized using **objects** that combine data and behavior.
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◆ **2. Focus**

- **Procedural:** Focuses on **functions** or procedures that operate on data.
 - **OOP:** Focuses on **objects** and **classes**, combining data and methods.
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◆ **3. Data Handling**

- **Procedural:** Data is **global** and can be accessed by any function.
 - **OOP:** Data is **encapsulated** within objects and protected using access modifiers (like private, public, etc.).
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◆ **4. Code Reusability**

- **Procedural:** Limited code reuse. Functions can be reused, but not easily extended.
 - **OOP:** Promotes code reuse through **inheritance**, **polymorphism**, and **composition**.
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◆ **5. Security**

- **Procedural:** Less secure, as data is freely accessible and modifiable.
 - **OOP:** More secure due to **encapsulation** and **data hiding**.
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◆ 6. Examples of Languages

- **Procedural:** C, Pascal, Fortran.
 - **OOP:** C++, Java, Python (partially supports both).
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◆ 7. Execution Flow

- **Procedural:** Linear flow – function after function.
 - **OOP:** Based on interaction between objects – messages passed to invoke behavior.
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◆ 8. Real-World Modeling

- **Procedural:** Harder to map to real-world entities directly.
 - **OOP:** Easier and more natural to represent real-world entities and relationships.
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◆ 9. Maintenance and Scalability

- **Procedural:** Difficult to manage in large, complex programs.
 - **OOP:** Easier to maintain and scale due to modular structure.
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◆ 10. Inheritance and Polymorphism

- **Procedural:** Not supported.
 - **OOP:** Key features; allows creating new classes from existing ones and using objects in multiple forms.
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Q3. Research and provide three real-world applications where C programming is extensively used, such as in embedded systems, operating systems, or game development.

A. Here's a list of the main advantages of Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) over Procedural-Oriented Programming (POP), with clear explanations:

◆ 1. Modularity

- **OOP:** Code is organized into self-contained **classes and objects**, making it easier to manage and understand.
 - **Advantage:** You can work on different parts of a program independently and reuse components.
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◆ 2. Encapsulation

- **OOP:** Keeps data and methods **together** and **hides** internal details from the outside world.
 - **Advantage:** Increases **security**, prevents unintended interference, and simplifies maintenance.
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◆ 3. Code Reusability through Inheritance

- **OOP:** Allows a class to **inherit** features from another class.
 - **Advantage:** Reduces redundancy, saves development time, and promotes consistency.
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◆ 4. Improved Maintainability

- **OOP:** Easier to update and modify code due to a modular and organized structure.
 - **Advantage:** You can fix bugs or extend functionality with minimal impact on other parts of the program.
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◆ 5. Scalability and Flexibility

- **OOP:** Makes it easier to scale programs and add new features by extending classes or creating new ones.
 - **Advantage:** Better suited for **large and complex** applications.
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◆ 6. Polymorphism

- **OOP:** Allows objects to behave differently based on their class (e.g., method overloading/overriding).
 - **Advantage:** Adds **flexibility** and makes code more general and extensible.
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◆ 7. Real-World Modeling

- **OOP:** Models real-world objects and relationships more naturally using classes, inheritance, and interactions.
 - **Advantage:** Improves **problem-solving** and **design clarity**.
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◆ 8. Better Collaboration

- **OOP:** Promotes the use of **interfaces** and **modular code**, allowing teams to work on different parts simultaneously.

-  **Advantage:** Enhances **team productivity** and code integration.
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◆ **9. Dynamic Behavior**

- **OOP:** With polymorphism and dynamic binding, objects can adapt to different situations at runtime.
-  **Advantage:** Improves program **adaptability** and **response to change**.

Q3. Explain the steps involved in setting up a C++ development environment.

A. Setting up a **C++ development environment** involves installing the necessary tools (compiler, editor/IDE) and configuring the system to write, compile, and run C++ programs.

Here are the **main steps**:

Step-by-Step Guide to Set Up C++ Development Environment

◆ **1. Install a C++ Compiler**

You need a **compiler** to convert your C++ code into an executable program.

Popular Compilers:

- **GCC / G++** (for Linux/Mac/Windows via MinGW or WSL)
- **MSVC** (Microsoft Visual C++ compiler)
- **Clang** (used on macOS and Linux)

◆ **For Windows:**

- **MinGW or TDM-GCC** are commonly used with GCC/G++.
 - Alternatively, install **Visual Studio** (includes MSVC).
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◆ **2. Choose and Install a Text Editor or IDE**

An IDE provides tools like syntax highlighting, code suggestions, and debugging.

Recommended IDEs/Text Editors:

Tool	Description
Visual Studio (Windows)	Full-featured IDE with MSVC

Tool	Description
Code::Blocks	Lightweight, beginner-friendly
Dev-C++	Easy to set up and use
VS Code	Popular code editor with extensions
CLion	Advanced, paid IDE by JetBrains

 For beginners, **Code::Blocks** or **Dev-C++** are great.
For advanced users, **Visual Studio** or **VS Code with extensions** is preferred.

◆ 3. Set Up the Compiler Path (if needed)

If you're using **VS Code** or other lightweight editors:

- You must ensure your compiler (e.g., g++) is in your **system PATH**.
- On Windows, this means adding the path to g++.exe from MinGW or TDM-GCC.

◆ To check:

```
g++ --version
```

If this returns the version info, your compiler is properly installed.

◆ 4. Write Your First Program

Create a file named main.cpp and add the following code:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    cout << "Hello, C++!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

◆ **5. Compile and Run the Program**

 **Using Terminal/Command Prompt:**

```
g++ main.cpp -o main  
./main    # On Linux/Mac  
main.exe  # On Windows
```

 **Using IDE:**

- Click **Build** or **Run** from the menu.
- The IDE handles compilation and execution automatically.

Q4. What are the main input/output operations in C++? Provide examples.

A. In C++, the main input/output (I/O) operations are handled using the **iostream** library, which provides standard streams for input and output.

◆ **Main I/O Streams in C++**

Stream	Purpose
cin	Standard input
cout	Standard output
cerr	Standard error output (unbuffered)
clog	Standard log/error output (buffered)

◆ **1. Output using cout**

Used to display output to the console.

 **Syntax:**

```
cout << data;
```

 **Example:**

```
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;
```

```
int main() {  
    cout << "Hello, World!" << endl;  
    cout << "The result is: " << 10 + 5 << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

endl is used to move to a new line (like \n).

◆ 2. Input using cin

Used to take input from the user.

Syntax:

```
cin >> variable;
```

Example:

```
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;  
  
int main() {  
    int age;  
    cout << "Enter your age: ";  
    cin >> age;  
    cout << "You entered: " << age << endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

◆ 3. Multiple Inputs

You can take multiple inputs using one cin statement.

Example:

```
int a, b;  
cin >> a >> b;
```

◆ 4. Using cerr for Errors

Used to output **error messages** (does not buffer output).

Example:

```
cerr << "Error: Invalid input!" << endl;
```

◆ 5. Using clog for Logging

Used to output **log messages** (buffered output).

```
clog << "Log: Program started" << endl;
```

Variables, Data Types, and Operators

Q5. What are the different data types available in C++? Explain with examples.

A. In C++, data types define the type of data a variable can hold. They are mainly categorized into **basic**, **derived**, **enumerated**, and **user-defined** types.

Categories of Data Types in C++

◆ 1. Basic (Fundamental) Data Types

Data Type	Description	Example
int	Integer numbers	int age = 25;
float	Floating-point numbers (single precision)	float temp = 36.5;
double	Double precision floating-point	double pi = 3.14159;
char	Single character	char grade = 'A';
bool	Boolean value (true or false)	bool passed = true;
void	Represents no value (used in functions)	void display();

◆ 2. Derived Data Types

These are based on fundamental types.

Type	Description	Example
Array	Collection of elements of same type	int arr[5] = {1,2,3,4,5};
Pointer	Stores memory address of another variable	int* ptr = &x;
Function	A block of code that performs a task	int add(int a, int b);
Reference	Alias for another variable	int &ref = x;

◆ 3. Enumerated Data Types (enum)

Defines a list of named integer constants.

Example:

```
enum Color { RED, GREEN, BLUE };
```

```
Color c = RED;
```

By default, RED = 0, GREEN = 1, BLUE = 2.

◆ 4. User-Defined Data Types

Created by the programmer.

Type	Description	Example
struct	Groups different data types	struct Student { string name; int age; };
class	Blueprint for objects in OOP	class Car { public: string brand; };
union	Stores different data types in same memory	union Data { int i; float f; };
typedef / using	Creates an alias for a data type	typedef int Marks; or using Marks = int;

Q6. Explain the difference between implicit and explicit type conversion in C++.

- A. In C++, *type conversion* means changing a value from one data type to another. It can happen in two main ways: **implicit** (automatic) or **explicit** (manual).

1. Implicit Type Conversion (Type Casting / Type Promotion)

Also called **type coercion**, this is performed **automatically by the compiler** when:

- The types are compatible.
- There is no risk of losing important data (in most cases).
- It's needed to match operands in an expression.

Rules:

- Smaller data types get promoted to larger ones (e.g., int → float).
- Follows the **type promotion hierarchy** (e.g., char → int → float → double).

Example:

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

int main() {
    int a = 5;
    double b = 2.5;

    double result = a + b; // int 'a' is automatically converted to double
    cout << result; // Output: 7.5
    return 0;
}
```

Here, a is implicitly converted to double so it can be added to b.

2. Explicit Type Conversion (Type Casting)

Also called **type casting**, this is done **manually by the programmer** to force a conversion between types.

Two common ways:

1. **C-style cast:**

```
double x = 10.75;
int y = (int)x; // Explicitly cast to int
```

2. **C++ casting operators:**

- static_cast<type>(expression)
- dynamic_cast<type>(expression) (for polymorphic types)
- const_cast<type>(expression) (for removing/adding const)

- `reinterpret_cast<type>(expression)` (for low-level conversions)

Example with `static_cast`:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    double pi = 3.14159;
    int intPi = static_cast<int>(pi); // Explicitly cast to int
    cout << intPi; // Output: 3
    return 0;
}
```

Here, the fractional part is intentionally discarded.

Q7. What are the different types of operators in C++? Provide examples of each.

A. In C++, operators are special symbols that perform operations on variables or values. They are grouped into categories based on their functionality.

1. Arithmetic Operators

Used to perform basic mathematical operations.

Operator	Meaning	Example
+	Addition	$5 + 3 \rightarrow 8$
-	Subtraction	$5 - 3 \rightarrow 2$
*	Multiplication	$5 * 3 \rightarrow 15$
/	Division	$5 / 2 \rightarrow 2$ (integer division)
%	Modulus (remainder)	$5 \% 2 \rightarrow 1$

Example:

```
int a = 10, b = 3;
```

```
cout << a + b; // 13
```

2. Relational Operators

Used to compare two values; result is true or false.

Operator	Meaning	Example
==	Equal to	a == b
!=	Not equal to	a != b
>	Greater than	a > b
<	Less than	a < b
>=	Greater than or equal to	a >= b
<=	Less than or equal to	a <= b

3. Logical Operators

Used to combine or invert conditions.

Operator	Meaning	Example
&&	Logical AND	(a > 0 && b > 0)
	Logical OR	'(a > 0
!	Logical NOT	!(a > 0)

4. Assignment Operators

Used to assign values to variables.

Operator	Example	Equivalent to
=	a = 5	Assigns 5 to a
+=	a += 3	a = a + 3
-=	a -= 3	a = a - 3
*=	a *= 3	a = a * 3
/=	a /= 3	a = a / 3
%=	a %= 3	a = a % 3

5. Increment and Decrement Operators

Used to increase or decrease a variable by 1.

Operator	Meaning
++	Increment
--	Decrement

Two types:

- **Pre-increment:** `++a` (increments first, then uses the value)
 - **Post-increment:** `a++` (uses the value, then increments)
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6. Bitwise Operators

Operate on data at the binary level.

Operator	Meaning	Example (a=5, b=3)
&	Bitwise AND	<code>5 & 3 → 1</code>
	Bitwise OR	<code>'5</code>
^	Bitwise XOR	<code>5 ^ 3 → 6</code>
~	Bitwise NOT	<code>~5 → -6</code>
<<	Left shift	<code>5 << 1 → 10</code>
>>	Right shift	<code>5 >> 1 → 2</code>

7. Conditional (Ternary) Operator

Short form of an if-else statement.

Syntax:

```
condition ? expression1 : expression2;
```

Example:

```
int a = 10, b = 5;  
int max = (a > b) ? a : b; // max = 10
```

8. Scope Resolution Operator (::)

Used to access global variables or class members.

Example:

```
int x = 10;

int main() {
    int x = 20;
    cout << ::x; // prints global x → 10
}
```

9. Member Access Operators

- `.` → Access object members.
- `->` → Access members via pointer.

Example:

```
struct Point { int x, y; };

Point p = {1, 2};

Point* ptr = &p;

cout << p.x; // using .

cout << ptr->y; // using ->
```

10. Other Special Operators

- `sizeof` → Returns size in bytes.
- `typeid` → Returns type information.
- `new / delete` → Dynamic memory allocation/deallocation.
- `cast operators` (`static_cast`, `dynamic_cast`, etc.).

Q8. Explain the purpose and use of constants and literals in C++.

A. In C++, *constants* and *literals* are ways to represent fixed values in a program, but they serve slightly different purposes.

1. Constants in C++

A **constant** is a variable whose value **cannot be changed** after it's initialized. They help make programs safer, easier to read, and less error-prone.

Purpose of constants

- **Prevent accidental modification** of important values.
 - Make code **more readable** by giving names to values.
 - **Ease of maintenance** – change the value in one place, and it updates everywhere.
 - Improve **type safety** (compiler errors if you try to modify).
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Ways to define constants

1. Using **const keyword** (type-safe)

```
const double PI = 3.14159;
```

- Must be initialized at declaration.
- Can be of any data type.

2. Using **#define macro** (preprocessor)

```
#define PI 3.14159
```

- No type-checking (simple text replacement).
- Generally less safe than const.

3. Using **constexpr** (compile-time constants)

```
constexpr int DAYS_IN_WEEK = 7;
```

- Must be computable at compile-time.
 - Useful for array sizes, template parameters, etc.
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Example:

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
int main() {
    const double PI = 3.14159;
    double radius = 5;
    double area = PI * radius * radius;
```

```
cout << "Area: " << area << endl;  
return 0;  
}
```

2. Literals in C++

A **literal** is a fixed value **directly written in the code** (hard-coded).
They are the actual values assigned to variables or used in expressions.

Types of Literals

1. Integer literals

```
10 // decimal  
012 // octal  
0xA // hexadecimal  
0b1010 // binary (C++14)
```

2. Floating-point literals

```
3.14  
2.5e3 // scientific notation → 2500
```

3. Character literals

```
'A'  
\n' // newline escape sequence
```

4. String literals

```
"Hello World"
```

5. Boolean literals

```
true  
false
```

6. nullptr literal

```
nullptr
```

Example:

```
#include <iostream>
```

```

using namespace std;

int main() {
    int age = 21;      // 21 is an integer literal
    double pi = 3.14159; // 3.14159 is a floating-point literal
    char grade = 'A';   // 'A' is a character literal
    string name = "Zaid"; // "Zaid" is a string literal

    cout << "Age: " << age << ", PI: " << pi << ", Grade: " << grade
        << ", Name: " << name << endl;
    return 0;
}

```

Control Flow Statements

Q9. What are conditional statements in C++? Explain the if-else and switch statements.

A. In C++, **conditional statements** allow a program to **make decisions** and execute different code based on whether a condition is **true** or **false**.

They are essential for controlling the program's flow.

1. The if-else Statement

The if-else statement checks a condition:

- If the condition is **true**, the if block runs.
- If the condition is **false**, the else block runs (if present).

Syntax:

```

if (condition) {

    // Code runs if condition is true

}

else {

    // Code runs if condition is false

}

```

Example:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int age = 18;

    if (age >= 18) {
        cout << "You are eligible to vote.";
    }
    else {
        cout << "You are not eligible to vote.";
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Nested if-else (multiple conditions)

```
if (marks >= 90)
    cout << "Grade A";
else if (marks >= 75)
    cout << "Grade B";
else
    cout << "Grade C";
```

2. The switch Statement

The switch statement allows **multi-way branching** based on a variable's value.

- Works well when you have many possible constant values to check.
- Each possible value is handled in a **case** block.
- **break** is used to exit after a match.

- default is used if no case matches.

Syntax:

```
switch (expression) {
    case constant1:
        // Code for case 1
        break;
    case constant2:
        // Code for case 2
        break;
    ...
    default:
        // Code if no case matches
}
```

Example:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int day = 3;

    switch (day) {
        case 1: cout << "Monday"; break;
        case 2: cout << "Tuesday"; break;
        case 3: cout << "Wednesday"; break;
        case 4: cout << "Thursday"; break;
        case 5: cout << "Friday"; break;
        case 6: cout << "Saturday"; break;
        case 7: cout << "Sunday"; break;
        default: cout << "Invalid day";
```

```
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

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- A. In C++, for, while, and do-while are **looping constructs** that allow you to repeat a block of code multiple times.

They differ mainly in **syntax**, **when the condition is checked**, and **common usage**.

1. for Loop

- Best when **number of iterations is known** in advance.
- Initialization, condition, and increment/decrement are written in one line.

Syntax:

```
for (initialization; condition; update) {  
    // loop body  
}
```

Example:

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {  
    cout << i << " ";  
}
```

Flow: Initialization → Condition check → Loop body → Update → Condition check → ...

2. while Loop

- Best when **number of iterations is not known** beforehand.
- **Condition is checked before** entering the loop (entry-controlled loop).
- If the condition is false initially, the loop body may **not run at all**.

Syntax:

```
while (condition) {
```

```
// loop body  
}
```

Example:

```
int i = 1;  
  
while (i <= 5) {  
  
    cout << i << " ";  
  
    i++;  
  
}
```

3. do-while Loop

- Similar to while, but **condition is checked after** the loop body (exit-controlled loop).
- The loop body runs **at least once**, even if the condition is false initially.

Syntax:

```
do {  
  
    // loop body  
  
} while (condition);
```

Example:

```
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do {  
  
    cout << i << " ";  
  
    i++;  
  
} while (i <= 5);
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```

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do {  
    cout << i << " ";  
    i++;  
} while (i <= 5);
```

Q11. How are break and continue statements used in loops? Provide examples.

- A.** In C++, break and continue are **control flow statements** that alter the normal execution of loops (for, while, do-while) and switch statements.
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1. break Statement

- **Purpose:** Immediately **terminates** the nearest enclosing loop or switch statement.
- **Effect:** Control jumps to the first statement **after** the loop or switch.

Syntax:

```
break;
```

Example (using for loop):

```
#include <iostream>  
  
using namespace std;  
  
  
int main() {  
    for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {  
        if (i == 5) {  
            break; // loop ends when i == 5  
        }  
        cout << i << " ";  
    }  
}
```

```
    return 0;  
}
```

Output:

```
1 2 3 4
```

2. continue Statement

- **Purpose:** Skips the **rest of the loop body** for the current iteration and moves to the **next iteration**.
- **Effect:** Control jumps to:
 - **Update step** in for loop.
 - **Condition check** in while / do-while.

Syntax:

```
continue;
```

Example (using for loop):

```
#include <iostream>  
  
using namespace std;  
  
  
int main() {  
    for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {  
        if (i == 3) {  
            continue; // skip printing when i == 3  
        }  
        cout << i << " ";  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

Output:

```
1 2 4 5
```

Q12. Explain nested control structures with an example.

A. In C++, **nested control structures** occur when one control structure (like an if, for, while, or switch) is placed **inside** another.

They are used when solving problems that require **multiple levels of decision-making** or **repetitive tasks within repetitive tasks**.

Types of nesting

- **Nested if statements** – Decision inside another decision.
 - **Loop inside another loop** – Often used for multi-dimensional data (e.g., matrices).
 - **Mix of loops and conditionals** – Common in complex algorithms.
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Example: Nested for loop with if

This program prints a multiplication table but skips results that are **even numbers**.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {          // Outer loop
        for (int j = 1; j <= 5; j++) {      // Inner loop
            int result = i * j;
            if (result % 2 == 0) {          // Nested if inside inner loop
                continue; // Skip even results
            }
            cout << i << " x " << j << " = " << result << endl;
        }
        cout << "----" << endl; // Separator after each row
    }
    return 0;
}
```

How it works:

1. **Outer loop (i)** runs for each row.
2. **Inner loop (j)** runs for each column.
3. **Nested if** checks if the product is even, and skips printing it.

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- Both loops are independent but work together to cover all combinations.

Real-life analogy

Think of **nested control structures** like:

- Outer loop = Teacher checking each class.
- Inner loop = Teacher checking each student **within that class**.
- Nested if = Teacher giving a warning only if a student is absent.

Functions and Scope

Q13. What is a function in C++? Explain the concept of function declaration, definition, and calling.

A. In C++, a **function** is a **block of code** designed to perform a specific task.

It can be **called** whenever you need that task, instead of writing the same code repeatedly.

Purpose of Functions

- Reusability** → Write once, use multiple times.
 - Modularity** → Break large programs into smaller, manageable parts.
 - Readability** → Code becomes easier to understand.
 - Maintainability** → Easier to update/modify specific tasks.
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1. Function Declaration (Prototype)

- Tells the compiler:
 - Function name**
 - Return type**
 - Parameter types**
- Placed **before main()** or in a header file.
- Ends with a **semicolon**.

Syntax:

```
return_type function_name(parameter_list);
```

Example:

```
int add(int a, int b); // Declaration
```

2. Function Definition

- Contains the **actual code** (body) of the function.
- Must match the **declaration** in return type, name, and parameters.

Syntax:

```
return_type function_name(parameter_list) {  
    // function body  
}
```

Example:

```
int add(int a, int b) {  
    return a + b; // Function body  
}
```

3. Function Calling

- Executes the function code.
- Provide required **arguments** (if any).

Example:

```
int result = add(5, 3); // Call function
```

Complete Example

```
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;  
// Function Declaration  
int add(int a, int b);
```

```
int main() {  
    int x = 5, y = 3;  
    int sum = add(x, y); // Function Call  
    cout << "Sum: " << sum;  
    return 0;  
}
```

// Function Definition

```
int add(int a, int b) {  
    return a + b;  
}
```

Output:

Sum: 8

Q14. What is the scope of variables in C++? Differentiate between local and global scope.

A. In C++, the **scope** of a variable refers to the **region of the program** where that variable can be accessed or used.

The scope determines the **lifetime** and **visibility** of a variable.

Types of Scope

1. Local Scope

- A variable declared **inside** a function, block ({}), or loop.
- Can **only** be accessed **within** that function/block.
- Created when the block is entered, destroyed when the block ends.

Example:

```
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;
```

```
int main() {
```

```

int x = 10; // Local to main()
{
    int y = 20; // Local to this block
    cout << x << " " << y << endl;
}
// cout << y; // ✗ Error: y is not accessible here
return 0;
}

```

2. Global Scope

- A variable declared **outside** all functions.
- Accessible from **any function** in the program (unless shadowed by a local variable with the same name).
- Exists for the **entire duration** of the program.

Example:

```

#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int g = 100; // Global variable

void display() {
    cout << "Global g: " << g << endl;
}

int main() {
    cout << "Access in main: " << g << endl;
    display(); // Accessible in another function
    return 0;
}

```

Q15. Explain recursion in C++ with an example.

A. In C++, recursion is a technique where a **function calls itself**—either directly or indirectly—to solve a problem.

It works by breaking a large problem into **smaller subproblems** of the same type until it reaches a **base case** (a condition where the function stops calling itself).

Key Concepts in Recursion

1. **Base Case** → The stopping condition that prevents infinite recursion.
 2. **Recursive Case** → The part of the function where it calls itself with a simpler/smaller input.
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General Syntax

```
return_type function_name(parameters) {  
    if (base_condition) {  
        // Stop recursion  
        return some_value;  
    } else {  
        // Recursive call with smaller/simpler problem  
        return function_name(modified_parameters);  
    }  
}
```

Example 1: Factorial Using Recursion

The factorial of a number n is:

$$n! = n \times (n-1) \times (n-2) \times \dots \times 1$$

And by definition:

$$0! = 1$$

Code:

```
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;
```

```

int factorial(int n) {
    if (n == 0) // Base case
        return 1;
    else
        return n * factorial(n - 1); // Recursive case
}

int main() {
    int num = 5;
    cout << "Factorial of " << num << " is " << factorial(num);
    return 0;
}

```

Output:

Factorial of 5 is 120

Advantages of Recursion

- Simplifies problems that can be divided into smaller, similar problems.
 - Makes code shorter and easier to read for certain algorithms (like tree traversal, backtracking).
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Disadvantages of Recursion

- More memory usage (due to function call stack).
- Can be slower than iterative solutions.
- Risk of **stack overflow** if base case is missing or incorrect.

Q16. What are function prototypes in C++? Why are they used?

A. In C++, a **function prototype** is a **declaration** of a function that tells the compiler:

- The **function's name**
- Its **return type**

- The number and types of parameters

...but **does not** contain the function body.

Syntax

```
return_type function_name(parameter_list);
```

Example:

```
int add(int, int);
```

Purpose of Function Prototypes

1. Inform the compiler before function usage

- Ensures the compiler knows how to handle the function call, even if the function definition appears **after** main().

2. Type checking

- The compiler checks that the arguments in a function call **match** the declared parameter types.

3. Code organization

- Allows separating **function declarations** (often in header files) from **definitions** (in .cpp files).
-

Example Without Prototype (May Cause Error)

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    cout << add(3, 4); // ❌ Compiler may complain: 'add' not declared
    return 0;
}
```

```
int add(int a, int b) { // Definition after main
    return a + b;
```

```
}
```

Example With Prototype

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

// Function prototype
int add(int a, int b);

int main() {
    cout << "Sum: " << add(3, 4); // ✓ Works fine
    return 0;
}

// Function definition
int add(int a, int b) {
    return a + b;
}
```

Output:

Sum: 7

Arrays and Strings

Q17. What are arrays in C++? Explain the difference between single-dimensional and multi- dimensional arrays.

A. In C++, an array is a collection of elements of the same data type stored in contiguous memory locations.

Each element is accessed using an **index** (also called a subscript), starting from 0.

Arrays are useful for storing and working with multiple values without creating separate variables for each.

Declaration of an Array

```
data_type array_name[size];
```

- **data_type** → type of elements stored (int, float, char, etc.)
- **array_name** → name you choose for the array
- **size** → number of elements

Example:

```
int marks[5]; // array of 5 integers
```

Single-Dimensional Array

- Represents a **list** of elements in a single row.
- Accessed using **one index**: `array_name[index]`
- **Memory layout**: sequential

Example:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int marks[5] = {90, 85, 78, 92, 88}; // single-dimensional array

    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        cout << "marks[" << i << "] = " << marks[i] << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
marks[0] = 90
marks[1] = 85
marks[2] = 78
marks[3] = 92
```

```
marks[4] = 88
```

Multi-Dimensional Array

- Represents **data in tables, matrices, or higher dimensions.**
- Accessed using **multiple indices**.
- The most common form is a **two-dimensional array** (rows and columns).

Syntax:

```
data_type array_name[rows][cols];
```

Example:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int matrix[2][3] = { {1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6} }; // 2 rows, 3 columns

    for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
            cout << "matrix[" << i << "][" << j << "] = " << matrix[i][j] << " ";
        }
        cout << endl;
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
matrix[0][0] = 1  matrix[0][1] = 2  matrix[0][2] = 3
matrix[1][0] = 4  matrix[1][1] = 5  matrix[1][2] = 6
```

Key Differences Between Single & Multi-Dimensional Arrays

Feature	Single-Dimensional Array	Multi-Dimensional Array
Structure	Stores data in a single row	Stores data in a table/matrix
Number of Indices	One index [i]	Two or more indices [i][j]...
Usage	Lists, sequential data	Tables, matrices, grids
Memory	Contiguous, linear structure	Contiguous but stored in row-major order
Example	int arr[5]	int arr[3][4]

Q18. Explain string handling in C++ with examples.

A. In C++, **string handling** means working with sequences of characters—creating, modifying, and processing them.

C++ supports string handling in two main ways:

1. Using C-style strings (char arrays)

These are inherited from the C language and are essentially arrays of characters ending with a **null character '\0'**.

Example:

```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstring> // for strlen, strcpy, strcat, strcmp
using namespace std;

int main() {
    char str1[20] = "Hello";
    char str2[20] = "World";

    // Length of string
    cout << "Length of str1: " << strlen(str1) << endl;

    // Copy string
    strcpy(str2, str1);
```

```

cout << "After copying, str2: " << str2 << endl;

// Concatenate

strcat(str1, " C++");

cout << "After concatenation: " << str1 << endl;

// Compare strings

if (strcmp(str1, str2) == 0)

    cout << "str1 and str2 are equal" << endl;

else

    cout << "str1 and str2 are different" << endl;

return 0;

}

```

Key functions in <cstring>:

- `strlen()` – Finds string length.
 - `strcpy()` – Copies one string to another.
 - `strcat()` – Concatenates two strings.
 - `strcmp()` – Compares two strings.
-

2. Using `std::string` class (C++ way)

The `<string>` library provides the `std::string` class, which is more convenient and safer than C-style strings.

Example:

```

#include <iostream>

#include <string>

using namespace std;

int main() {

    string s1 = "Hello";

```

```

string s2 = "World";

// Concatenation

string s3 = s1 + " " + s2;
cout << "Concatenated: " << s3 << endl;

// Length of string

cout << "Length of s3: " << s3.length() << endl;

// Substring

cout << "Substring (first 5 chars): " << s3.substr(0, 5) << endl;

// Replace

s3.replace(6, 5, "C++");
cout << "After replace: " << s3 << endl;

// Find

size_t pos = s3.find("C++");
if (pos != string::npos)
    cout << "Found 'C++' at position: " << pos << endl;

return 0;
}

```

Common std::string functions:

- `.length() / .size()` – Returns number of characters.
- `.append() / +` – Concatenates strings.
- `.substr(start, length)` – Extracts substring.
- `.find(substring)` – Finds position of substring.
- `.replace(pos, len, new_str)` – Replaces part of string.

- `.erase(pos, len)` – Removes characters.

Q19. How are arrays initialized in C++? Provide examples of both 1D and 2D arrays.

A. In C++, **arrays** can be initialized in several ways, and the method depends on whether the array is **one-dimensional (1D)** or **two-dimensional (2D)**.

1. Initializing 1D Arrays

A **1D array** is just a list of elements of the same type stored in contiguous memory locations.

Syntax:

```
data_type array_name[size] = {value1, value2, ...};
```

Examples:

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    // Method 1: Specify size and values
```

```
    int arr1[5] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50};
```

```
    // Method 2: Let compiler calculate size
```

```
    int arr2[] = {1, 2, 3, 4};
```

```
    // Method 3: Partial initialization (remaining elements set to 0)
```

```
    int arr3[5] = {5, 10};
```

```
    // Method 4: Initialize all elements to 0
```

```
    int arr4[5] = {0};
```

```
    // Display arr1
```

```
    cout << "arr1 elements: ";
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
```

```
    cout << arr1[i] << " ";
    cout << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

2. Initializing 2D Arrays

A **2D array** is like a table of rows and columns.

Syntax:

```
data_type array_name[rows][cols] = {
    {value11, value12, ...},
    {value21, value22, ...},
    ...
};
```

Examples:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    // Method 1: Full initialization
    int matrix1[2][3] = {
        {1, 2, 3},
        {4, 5, 6}
    };

    // Method 2: Row-by-row initialization
    int matrix2[2][3] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};

    // Method 3: Partial initialization (missing values set to 0)
```

```

int matrix3[2][3] = {
    {1, 2}, // Remaining element becomes 0
    {4}    // Remaining two elements become 0
};

// Display matrix1
cout << "matrix1 elements:\n";
for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
        cout << matrix1[i][j] << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;
}

return 0;
}

```

Q20. Explain string operations and functions in C++.

A. In C++, **string operations and functions** can be done in two main ways:

1. **C-style strings** (char arrays with `<cstring>` functions)
 2. **std::string class** (modern C++ approach with `<string>` library)
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1. C-Style String Operations (`<cstring>`)

C-style strings are arrays of characters ending with a null character ('\0'). They are manipulated using functions from the `<cstring>` header.

Common Functions:

Function	Purpose
<code>strlen(str)</code>	Returns length (excluding '\0').
<code>strcpy(dest, src)</code>	Copies src into dest.

Function	Purpose
strcat(dest, src)	Appends src to dest.
strcmp(str1, str2)	Compares strings (0 if equal).
strchr(str, ch)	Finds first occurrence of a character.
strstr(str, sub)	Finds first occurrence of a substring.

2. std::string Operations (<string>)

The std::string class is easier and safer, with built-in operators and methods.

Common Operations:

Operation	Example	Purpose
Concatenation	s3 = s1 + s2;	Joins two strings.
Assignment	s2 = s1;	Copies one string to another.
Comparison	s1 == s2	Checks if strings are equal.
Access char	s1[0]	Gets first character.
Append	s1.append("text");	Adds text to end.
Length	s1.length()	Number of characters.
Substring	s1.substr(pos, len)	Extracts part of string.
Find	s1.find("word")	Finds position of substring.
Replace	s1.replace(pos, len, "new")	Replaces part of string.
Erase	s1.erase(pos, len)	Removes characters.
Clear	s1.clear()	Makes string empty.

Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming

Q21. Research different types of internet connections (e.g., broadband, Fiber, satellite) and list their pros and cons

A. Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) in C++ is a programming paradigm that organizes code around **objects** (real-world entities) rather than functions and logic. It helps make programs more **modular, reusable, and easier to maintain**.

Here are the **key concepts** of OOP:

1. Class and Object

- **Class** → A blueprint or template that defines the properties (**data members**) and behaviors (**member functions**) of objects.
 - **Object** → An instance of a class. It has its own data but shares the class's structure.
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2. Encapsulation

- Wrapping data and functions into a single unit (class).
 - Uses **access specifiers** (private, protected, public) to control access.
 - Protects data from unintended modification.
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3. Abstraction

- Showing only **essential details** and hiding the internal implementation.
 - Achieved using **abstract classes** or **interfaces** (in C++ via pure virtual functions).
-

4. Inheritance

- Allows one class (**child/derived class**) to acquire properties and behaviors of another (**parent/base class**).
- Promotes **code reuse**.

Types in C++:

- Single, Multiple, Multilevel, Hierarchical, Hybrid.

5. Polymorphism

- Means **many forms** – the ability of a function or object to behave differently based on context.
 - **Compile-time polymorphism** → Function overloading, operator overloading.
 - **Run-time polymorphism** → Function overriding (with virtual functions).
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6. Data Hiding

- Part of encapsulation.
 - Restricts direct access to object's data to maintain integrity.
-

7. Message Passing

- Objects communicate with each other by sending and receiving messages (calling methods).

Q22. What are classes and objects in C++? Provide an example.

A. In C++, **classes** and **objects** are the foundation of **Object-Oriented Programming (OOP)**.

Class

- A **class** is a **blueprint** or **template** that defines the structure of objects.
- It contains:
 - **Data members** → variables that store object data.
 - **Member functions** → functions that operate on that data.

Syntax:

```
class ClassName {  
    accessSpecifier:  
        // data members  
        // member functions  
};
```

Object

- An **object** is an **instance** of a class.
 - It has:
 - Its own copy of data members.
 - Access to the class's functions.
-

Example:

```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

// Defining a class
class Car {
public:
    string brand;
    int speed;

    void drive() {
        cout << brand << " is driving at " << speed << " km/h" << endl;
    }
};

int main() {
    // Creating objects of the Car class
    Car car1;
    Car car2;

    // Assigning values to car1
    car1.brand = "Toyota";
```

```

car1.speed = 120;

// Assigning values to car2

car2.brand = "BMW";

car2.speed = 150;

// Calling member functions

car1.drive();

car2.drive();

return 0;
}

```

Q23. What is inheritance in C++? Explain with an example.

A. In C++, **inheritance** is an **Object-Oriented Programming** concept where one class (**derived class**) acquires the properties and behaviors (data members and member functions) of another class (**base class**).

It allows you to **reuse code** and create a natural **hierarchical relationship** between classes.

Key Points

- **Base Class** → The class whose members are inherited.
 - **Derived Class** → The class that inherits from the base class.
 - Helps avoid code duplication.
 - Supports different types: single, multiple, multilevel, hierarchical, hybrid.
-

Syntax

```

class DerivedClass : accessSpecifier BaseClass {
    // additional members
}

```

Access Specifiers:

- public → Public members stay public; protected stay protected.
 - protected → Public and protected members become protected.
 - private → Public and protected members become private.
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1. Single Inheritance

- One derived class inherits from **one base class**.
 - Represents a simple “is-a” relationship.
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2. Multiple Inheritance

- One derived class inherits from **more than one base class**.
 - Can cause **ambiguity** if base classes have members with the same name (resolved using the **scope resolution operator**).
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3. Multilevel Inheritance

- A derived class becomes the base class for another class (inheritance chain).
-

4. Hierarchical Inheritance

- **Multiple derived classes** inherit from **the same base class**.
-

5. Hybrid Inheritance

- A combination of two or more types of inheritance.
- Often involves **multiple + multilevel** inheritance.
- Can lead to **diamond problem** (resolved using **virtual inheritance**).

Example:

```
class Engine {  
public:  
    void startEngine() { cout << "Engine started\n"; }  
};
```

```
class Vehicle : public virtual Engine {  
public:  
    void fuelUp() { cout << "Fueled up\n"; }  
};
```

```
class Boat : public virtual Engine {  
public:  
    void sail() { cout << "Sailing...\n"; }  
};
```

```
class AmphibiousVehicle : public Vehicle, public Boat {  
public:  
    void driveOnLand() { cout << "Driving on land\n"; }  
};
```

Q24. What is inheritance in C++? Explain with an example.

A. In C++, **encapsulation** is the process of **bundling data (variables)** and **methods (functions)** that operate on that data into a single unit called a **class**, while **restricting direct access** to some of the object's components.

It is one of the **four main pillars of OOP** (along with inheritance, polymorphism, and abstraction).

Key Points

- Protects data from accidental or unauthorized modification.
 - Achieved using **access specifiers**:
 - **private** → Accessible only inside the class.
 - **protected** → Accessible inside the class and derived classes.
 - **public** → Accessible from anywhere.
-

How Encapsulation is Achieved in Classes

1. **Keep data members private** → Hides the internal representation.
 2. **Provide public getter and setter functions** → Controls access to data.
-

Example

```
#include <iostream>
```

```
using namespace std;
```

```
class BankAccount {
```

```
private:
```

```
    double balance; // data is hidden
```

```
public:
```

```
// Constructor
```

```
BankAccount(double initialBalance) {
```

```
    if (initialBalance >= 0)
```

```
        balance = initialBalance;
```

```
    else
```

```
        balance = 0;
```

```
}
```

```
// Setter
```

```
void deposit(double amount) {
```

```
    if (amount > 0)
```

```
        balance += amount;
```

```
}
```

```
// Getter
```

```
double getBalance() {
```

```
    return balance;  
}  
};  
  
int main() {  
    BankAccount account(1000);  
  
    account.deposit(500); // modify via method  
    cout << "Balance: " << account.getBalance() << endl;  
  
    // account.balance = 5000; X Not allowed (private member)  
  
    return 0;  
}
```