

```
System.out.println((x>y)? 3.14: 3);
}
```

9. State the output of the following program:

```
public static void main(String args[ ])
{
    int x = 10;
    float y = 10.0;
    System.out.println((x>y)? true: false);
}
```

10. Given a package named EDU.student, how would you import a class named Test contained in this package? Write one line statement.
11. Consider the following class definition:
 Class Student
 {
 abstract double result()
 }
 This code will not compile since a keyword is missing in the first line. What is the keyword?
12. Can an abstract method be declared final? Yes or No.

CHAPTER-4

JAVA GUI PROGRAMMING REVISION TOUR – II [Swing Controls]

Brief Summary of the Chapter:

In this chapter we shall be revising the JAVA GUI programming concepts using Swing API through NetBeans IDE. Java GUI applications are created through RAD tools with Classes, Object and methods etc.

Key Points:

- Swing API includes graphical components for building GUIs.
- Swing components can be either container or non container component.
- Swing provide seven different Layout manager.
- Frame is a top level window with a title and a border, created through JFrame component of Swing.
- Common properties of buttons are: background, border, font, foreground, enabled, Horizontal Alignment, Vertical Alignment.
- Label control displays text, that the user can not changed directly.
- Label is created through JLabel class component.
- TextField is created through JTextField class component.
- Password field takes input without showing it on the screen, created through JPasswordField class component.
- TextArea is multiline component to display or enter text, created through JTextArea class component.

- Checkbox is a rectangular area that can be checked or unchecked created through `JCheckBox` class component.

SOLVED QUESTIONS

1. What does `getPassword()` on a password field return?

- (a) a string (b) an integer (c) a character array.

Ans: (c) a character array

2. Which of the following component is the best suited to accept the country of the user?

- A. List B. Combo box C. Radio button D. Check box

Ans: B. Combo box

3. What command do you need to write in `ActionPerformed()` event handler of a button, in order to make it exit button?

- a. `System.out.println();` b. `System.exit(0);` c. `System.out.print();`

Ans: b. `System.exit(0);`

4. What method would you use, in order to simulate a button's (namely `Okbtn`) click event, without any mouse activity from user's side?

- a. `Okbtn.setText()` b. `Okbtn.getText()` c. `Okbtn.doClick()`

Ans: `Okbtn.doClick()`

5. What would be the name of the event handler method in the `ListSelection` listener interface for a list namely `CheckList` to handle its item selections?

- a. `CheckListValueChanged()` b. `getSelectedValue()` c. `clearSelection()`

Ans: a. `CheckListValueChanged()`

6. Which control displays text that the user cannot directly change or edit?

- a. `TextField` b. `Checkbox` c. `Combobox` d. `Label`

Ans: d. `Label`

7. Which control provides basic text editing facility?

- a. `TextField` b. `Checkbox` c. `Combobox` d. `Label`

Ans: a. `TextField`

8. Occurrence of an activity is called:

- a. Function b. Class c. Object d. Event

Ans: d. Event.

9. Which property is used to set the text of the `Label`?

- a. font b. text c. name d. icon

Ans: b. text

10. The object containing the data to be exhibited by the combo box by which property.

- a. editable b. model c. `selectedIndex` d. `selectedItem`

Ans: b. model

11. What is GUI programming?

Ans: A GUI (Graphical User Interface) is an interface that uses pictures and other graphic entities along with text, to interact with user.

12. How is swing related to GUI programming?

Ans: We can create a GUI application on Java platform using Swing API (Application Programming Interface), which is part of Java Foundation Classes(JFC).

13. What is an event? What is event handler?

Ans: An event is occurrence of some activities either initiated by user or by the system. In order to react, you need to implement some Event handling system in your Application. Three things are important in Even Handling-

Event Source: It is the GUI component that generates the event, e.g. Button.

Event Handler or Event Listener: It is implemented as in the form of code. It receives and handles events through Listener Interface.

Event Object or Message: It is created when event occurs. It contains all the information about the event which includes Source of event and type of event etc.

14. What is the default name of action event handler of a button namely TestBtn?

Ans: private void TestBtnActionPerfomed(java.awt.action.ActionEvent evt){ }.

15. What property would you set to assign access key to a button?

Ans: mnemonic property is used to assign access key or shortcut (Alt + Key).

16. Which method can programmatically performs the click action of a push button?

Ans: private void TestBtnActionPerfomed(java.awt.action.ActionEvent evt){ }.

17. Which property would you set the setting the password character as '\$'?

Ans:echoChar

18. Which method returns the password entered in a password field?

Ans: char [] getPassword().

19. Which list property do you set for specifying the items for the list.

Ans: model

20. Which method would you use to determine the index of selected item in a list?

Ans: int getSelectedIndex().

21. Which method would you use to insert an item at specified index, in the list?

Ans: void setSelectedIndex(int index).

22. How you can determine whether 5th item in a list is selected or not?

Ans: isSelectedIndex(4).

23. Which method you would use to insert 'Hello' at 10th position in the Text Area control.

Ans:void insert("Hello", 9).

24. Which method you would like to use to insert an Icon (picture) on a Push Button.

Ans: void setIcon(Icon).

25. Which property would you like to set to make a Combo box editable?

Ans: editable.

26. What is Layout Manager? Name the layout managers offered by NetBeans?

Ans: Layout managers enable you to control the way in which visual components are arranged in GUI forms by determining the size and position of components within containers.

There are seven types of layout are available–

- Flow Layout
- Grid Layout
- Card Layout
- Spring Layout
- Border Layout
- GridBag Layout
- Box Layout

27. Name three commonly used properties and methods of the following controls.

(a) text field (b) text area (c) Check Box

Ans: (a) Properties: text, font, editable. Methods: void setText(), String getText(), void setEditable(boolean).

(b) Properties: enabled, editable, wrapStyleWord Methods: setText(), getText(), isEditable()

(c) Properties:font, text, selected . Methods: getText(), isEnabled(), isSelected().

28. What is dispose() used for ?

Ans: dispose() is used for hide and dispose of the frame when the user closes it. This removes the frame from the screen and frees up any resources used by it.

29. What is the difference between-

(a) Text field & Text area

(b) Text field & password field

(c) Radio Button & Check Box

Ans: (a) A text field's text property can hold single line of text unless it is an HTML text. While a text area's text can hold any number of lines of text depending upon its rows property.

(b) Though a text field and a password field can obtain a single line of text from the user, yet these are different.

A password field displays the obtained text in encrypted form on screen while text field displays the obtained text in unencrypted form.

(c) **Radio Button:** A JRadioButton control belongs to JRadioButton class of Swing controls. It is used to get choices from the user. It is grouped control, so that only one can be selected at a time among them. Radio Button works in group, so that they must be kept in a ButtonGroup container control like so that only one can be selected at the same time.

Some features of JRadioButton control are-

- It can be used to input choices typed input to the application.
- Only one Radio button can be selected at a time.
- They must be kept in a Button Group container control to form a group.

Check box: A JCheckBox control belongs to JCheckBox class of Swing controls. It indicates whether a particular condition is on or off. You can use Check boxes to give users true/false or yes/no options. Check Boxes may works independently to each other, so that any number of check boxes can be selected at the same time.

Some features of JCheckBox control are-

- It can be used to input True/False or Yes/No typed input to the application.
- Multiple check boxes can be selected at the same time.

30. What is the significance of following properties of a text area ?

(a) lineWrap (b) wrapStyleword

Ans: (a) Defines Wrapping featureenable/disable (b) Determines where line wrapping occurs. If true, the component attempts to wrap only at word boundaries. This property is ignored unless linewidth is set to true.

31. What is the significance of a button group? How do you create a button group?

Ans: We must add a **ButtonGroup control** to the frame to group the check boxes by using Button Group property of the check box. By dragging buttongroup control from palette window.

32. What do you understand by focus?

Ans: A Focus is the ability to receive user input/response through Mouse or Keyboard. When object or control has focus, it can receive input from user.

- ☐ An object or control can receive focus only if its enabled and visible property are set to true.
- ☐ Most of the controls provides FOCUS_GAINED() and FOCUS_LOST() method in FocusEvent by the FocusListener. FOCUS_LOST() is generally used for validation of data.
- ☐ You can give focus to an object at run time by invoking the requestFocus() method in the code.

Ex. `jTextBox2.requestFocus();`

33. What is meant by scope of a variable?

Ans: In Java, a variable can be declared any where in the program but before using them.

- ☐ The area of program within which a variable is accessible, known as its scope.
- ☐ A variable can be accessed within the block where it is declared.

```
{
int x=10;
if (a>b)
{ int y=5;
..... Scope of x and y
}
else
{ int z=3;
..... Scope of z
}
.....
}
```

34. Create a Java Desktop Application to find the incentive (%) of Sales for a Sales Person on the basis of following feedbacks:

Feedback	Incentive (%)
Maximum Sales	10
Excellent Customer Feedback	8
Maximum Count Customer	5

Note: that the sales entry should not be space. Calculate the total incentive as :Sales amount* Incentive. The feedback will be implemented in JCheckBox controls. Using a JButton's (Compute Incentive) click event handler, display the total incentives in a JTextField control. Assume the nomenclature of the swing components of your own.

Note that the JFrame from IDE window will be shown as given:

```

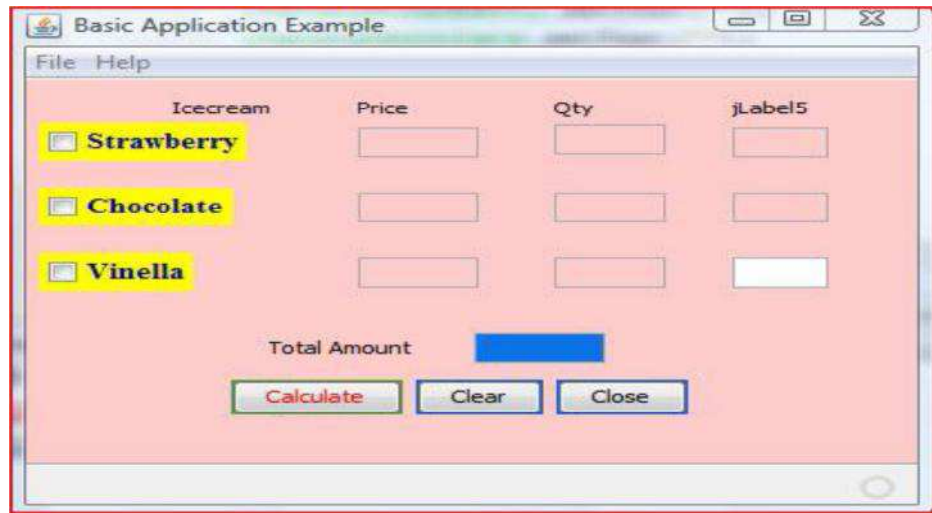
Ans:- private void btnIncActionPerformed (java.awt.ActionEvent evt) {
int sales = 0;
if (! txtSales.getText().trim().equals( "")){
sales=Integer.parseInt(txtSales.getText().trim ( ));
}
double incentive = 0.0;
if (jCheckBox1.isSelected ( )) {
incentive = incentive + 0.1;
}
if (jCheckBox2.isSelected ( )) {
incentive = incentive + 0.8;
}
if (jCheckBox3.isSelected ( )) {
incentive = incentive + 0.05;
}
txtInc.setText ( " " + Math.round(sales * incentive));
}

```

35. Assume the following interface built using Netbeans used for bill calculation of a ice-cream parlor. The parlor offers three varieties of ice-cream – vanilla, strawberry, chocolate. Vanilla icecream costs Rs. 30, Strawberry Rs. 35 and Chocolate Rs. 50. A customer can chose one or more ice-creams, with quantities more than one for each of the variety chosen. To calculate the bill parlor manager selects the appropriate check boxes according to the varieties of ice-cream chosen by the customer and enter their respective quantities.

Write Java code for the following:

- On the click event of the button 'Calculate', the application finds and displays the total bill of the customer. It first displays the rate of various ice-creams in the respective text fields. If a user doesn't select a check box, the respective ice-cream rate must become zero. The bill is calculated by multiplying the various quantities with their respective rate and later adding them all.
- On the Click event of the clear button all the text fields and the check boxes get cleared.
- On the click event of the close button the application gets closed.



Ans: (a)

```
private void jBtnCalculateActionPerformed(java.awt.event.ActionEvent evt)
{
    if(jchkStrawberry.isSelected()==true)
    jTxtPriceStrawberry.setText("35");
    else
    {
        jTxtPriceStrawberry.setText("0");
        jTxtQtyStrawberry.setText("0");
    }
    if(jchkChocolate.isSelected()==true)
    jTxtPriceChocolate.setText("50");
    else
    {
        jTxtPriceChocolate.setText("0");
        jTxtQtyChocolate.setText("0");
    }
    if(jchkVinella.isSelected()==true)
    jtxtPriceVinella.setText("30");
    else
    {
        jtxtPriceVinella.setText("0");
        jTxtQtyVinella.setText("0");
    }
    int r1,r2,r3,q1,q2,q3,a1,a2,a3,gt;
    r1=Integer.parseInt(jTxtPriceStrawberry.getText());
    r2=Integer.parseInt(jTxtPriceChocolate.getText());
    r3=Integer.parseInt(jtxtPriceVinella.getText());
    q1=Integer.parseInt(jTxtQtyStrawberry.getText());
    q2=Integer.parseInt(jTxtQtyChocolate.getText());
    q3=Integer.parseInt(jTxtQtyVinella.getText());
    a1=r1*q1;
    jTxtAmtStrawberry.setText(""+a1);
    a2=r2*q2;
    jTxtAmtChocolate.setText(""+a2);
    a3=r3*q3;
    jTxtAmtVinella.setText(""+a3);
    gt=a1+a2+a3;
    jTxtTotalAmt.setText(""+gt);
}
```


Ans.(b)

```
private void jBtnClearActionPerformed(java.awt.event.ActionEvent evt)
{
    jTxtPriceStrawberry.setText("");
    jTxtPriceChocolate.setText("");
    jtxtPriceVinella.setText("");
    jTxtQtyStrawberry.setText("");
    jTxtQtyChocolate.setText("");
    jTxtQtyVinella.setText("");
    jTxtAmtStrawberry.setText("");
    jTxtAmtChocolate.setText("");
    jTxtAmtVinella.setText("");
    jchkStrawberry.setSelected(false);
    jChkChocolate.setSelected(false);
    jChkVinella.setSelected(false);
}
```

Ans: (c)

```
private void jBtnCloseActionPerformed(java.awt.event.ActionEvent evt)
{
    System.exit(0);
}
```

36. Read the following case study and answer the questions that follow.

TeachWell Public School wants to computerize the employee salary section.

The School is having two categories of employees : Teaching and Non Teaching. The Teaching employees are further categorized into PGTs, TGTs and PRTs having different Basic salary.

The School gives addition pay of 3000 for employees who are working for more than 10 years.

Employee Type	Basic Salary	DA (% of Basic Sal)	HRA (% of Basic Sal)	Deductions (% of Basic sal)
Non Teaching	12500	31	30	12
PGT	14500	30	30	12
TGT	12500	21	30	12
PRT	11500	20	25	12

(a) Write the code to calculate the Basic salary, deductions, gross salary and net salary based on the given specification. Add 3000 to net salary if employee is working for more than 10 years.

Gross salary=Basic salary + DA + HRA

Net salary = Gross salary – deductions

(b)Write the code to exit the application.

(c)Write the code to disable textfields for gross salary, deductions and netsalary.

Ans: (a)

```
double bs=0,da=0,net=0,ded=0,gross=0,hra=0;
```

```
if (rdnon.isSelected()==true)
```

```
{
    bs=12500;
    da=(31*bs)/100;
    hra=(30*bs)/100;
    ded=(12*bs)/100;
```

```
}
```

```
else if (rdpgt.isSelected()==true)
```

```
{
    bs=14500;
    da=(30*bs)/100;
    hra=(30*bs)/100;
    ded=(12*bs)/100;
```

```
}
```

```
else if (rdtgt.isSelected()==true)
```

```
{
    bs=12500;
    da=(21*bs)/100;
    hra=(30*bs)/100;
    ded=(12*bs)/100;
```

```
}
```

```
else if (rdprt.isSelected()==true)
```

```
{
    bs=11500;
    da=(20*bs)/100;
    hra=(25*bs)/100;
    ded=(12*bs)/100;
```

```
}
```

```
gross=bs+da+hra;
```

```
net = gross – ded;
```

```
if(chk10.isSelected()==true)
```

```
{
    net=net+3000;
```

```
}
tfded.setText(""+ded);
```

```
tfgross.setText(""+gross);
```

```
tfnet.setText(""+net);
```

```
tfbs.setText(""+bs);
```

Ans:(b)

```
System.exit(0);
```

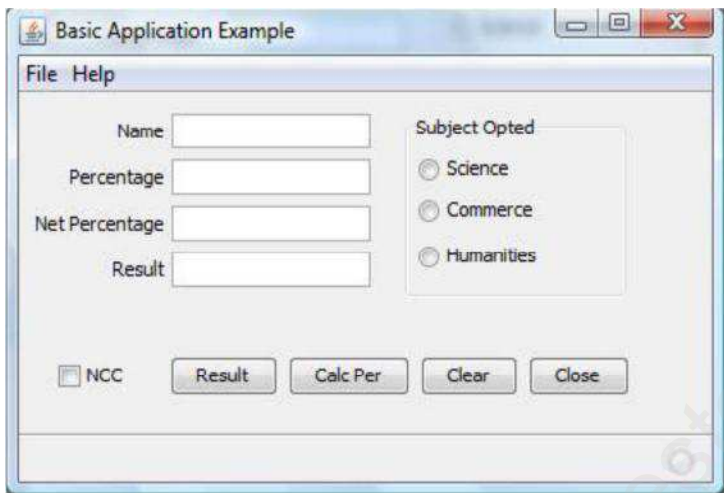
Ans:(c)

```
tfgross.setEditable(false);
```

```
tfded.setEditable(false);
```

```
tfnet.setEditable(false);
```

37. ABC School uses the following interface built in java to check the eligibility of a student for a particular stream from science, commerce and humanities. The user first enters the total percentage and selects the desired stream by selecting the appropriate option button. An additional 5% is marks is given to students of NCC. Write Java Code for the following
- On Action event of the button 'Calc Percentage' Net percentage of the student is calculated and displayed in the appropriate text filed. Net percentage is same as that of the actual percentage if the student doesn't opts for NCC otherwise 5% is added to actual percentage.
 - On Action event of the button 'Result', the application checks the eligibility of the students. And display result in the appropriate text field. Minimum percentage for science is 70, 60 for commerce and 40 for humanities.
 - On the Click event of the clear button all the text fields and the check boxes get cleared.
 - On the click event of the close button the application gets closed.



Ans:

a.

```
private void jBtnCalcPerActionPerformed(java.awt.event.ActionEvent evt)
{
    int p;
    p=Integer.parseInt(jTextField2.getText());
    if (jCheckBox1.isSelected())
    p=p+5;
    jTextField3.setText(Integer.toString(p));
}
```

b.

```
private void jBtnResultActionPerformed(java.awt.event.ActionEvent evt)
{
    int p;
    p=Integer.parseInt(jTextField3.getText());
    if( jRadioButton1.isSelected())
    {
        if ( p>=70)
        jTextField4.setText("Eligible for all subject");
        else
        jTextField4.setText("Not Eligible for science");
    }
    else if( jRadioButton2.isSelected())
    {
```

```

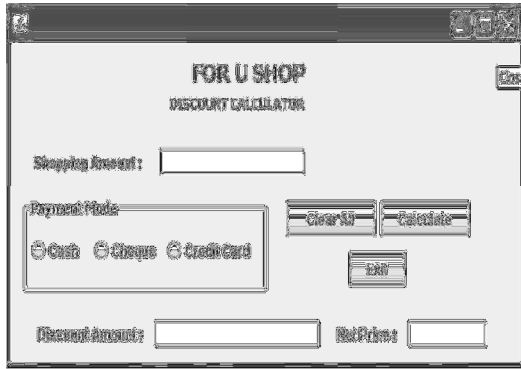
if ( p>=60 )
jTextField4.setText("Eligible for Commerce and Humanities");
else
jTextField4.setText("Not Eligible for Science and Commerce");
}
else
{
if ( p>=40 )
jTextField4.setText("Eligible for Humanities");
else
jTextField4.setText("Not Eligible for any subject ");
}
}
c.
private void jBtnClearActionPerformed(java.awt.event.ActionEvent evt)
{
jTextField1.setText(" ") OR jTextField1.setText(null)
jTextField1.setText(" ") OR jTextField1.setText(null)
jTextField1.setText(" ") OR jTextField1.setText(null)
jTextField1.setText(" ") OR jTextField1.setText(null)
jCheckBox1.setSelected(false);
}

d.
private void jBtnCloseActionPerformed(java.awt.event.ActionEvent evt)
{
System.exit(0);
}

```

Unsolved Questions:

1. Describe the relationship between properties, methods and events.
2. What is container tag?
3. What does a getPassword() method of a password field returns?
4. What will be the contents of jTextField1 after executing the following statement: 1
5. jTextField1.setText("Object\nOriented\tProgramming");
6. What is difference between jRadioButton and jCheckBox?
7. What does a JList fire when a user selects an item?
8. What is Layout Manager? Discuss briefly about layout managers offered by NetBeans?
9. Name three commonly used properties and methods of the following controls.
10. (a) text field (b) text area (c) label (d) Check Box (e) button.
11. What is dispose() used for ?
12. What is the difference between-
13. (a) Text field & Text area
14. (b) List & Combo
15. (c) Radio Button & Check Box
16. What is the significance of following properties of a text area ?
17. (a) lineWrap (b) wrapStyleword
18. What is the significance of a button group ? How do you create a button group ?
19. Discuss about some commonly used properties of lists and a combo boxes.
20. What methods obtains the current selection of a combo box ? Give a code example.
21. The FOR U SHOP has computerized its billing. A new bill is generated for each customer. The shop allows three different payment modes. The discount is given based on the payment mode.



Credit Card Type	Shopping Amount	Discount
Cash	< 10000	20 %
	>= 10000	25 %
Cheque	< 15000	10 %
	>= 15000	15 %
Credit Card	< 10000	10 %
	>= 10000	12%

- Write the code for the CmdClear Button to clear all the Text Fields.
- Write the code for the CmdCalc Button to display the Discount Amount and Net Price in the TxtDisc and the TxtNet Text Fields respectively.

CHAPTER-5

JAVA GUI PROGRAMMING REVISION TOUR – III [Methods etc.]

Brief Summary of the Chapter:

In this chapter concept related with Class, Objects, Constructors and methods are discussed. In Java method or function is a sequence of some declaration and executable statements.

In Java, which is strictly Object-oriented, any action can take place through methods and methods have to be exist as a part of the class.

Key points:

- Methods is a sequence of statements that carry out specific tasks.
- Methods returns a value through return statement.
- Class is a blue print for creating objects of a certain characteristics.
- Class contains fields and methods.
- Classes created through keyword class.
- Object is instance of a class created through new operator.
- Constructor is method with the same name as of that class it is used to initialize object of class.
- Constructor can either be parameterized or non-parameterized.
- The “this” keyword is used to refer to current object.

SOLVED QUESTIONS

1. In java, methods reside in _____.

- (a) Function (b) Library (c) Classes (d) Object

Ans: (c) Classes

2. The number and type of arguments of a method are known as _____.

- (a) Parameter list (b) Calling (c) Definition (d) None of these.

Ans: (a) Parameter list

3. The first line of method definition that tells about the type of return value along with number and type of arguments is called _____.

(a) Class (b) Object (c) Prototype (d) Datatype

Ans: (c) Prototype

4. A member method having the same name as that of its class is called _____ method.

(a) Destructor (b) Constructor (c) Object (d) Variable

Ans: (b) Constructor

5. A constructor method has _____ return type.

(a) float (b) void (c) no (d) int

Ans: (c) no

6. A _____ constructor takes no arguments.

(a) Copy constructor (b) Non-Parameterized constructor (c) Parameterized constructor

Ans: (b) Non-Parameterized constructor

7. A _____ constructor creates objects through values passed to it.

(a) Copy constructor (b) Default constructor (c) Parameterized constructor

Ans: (c) Parameterized constructor

8. The keyword _____ refers to current object.

(a) void (b) goto (c) this (d) null

Ans: (c) this

9. Define a method. What is method prototype and signature?

Ans: A message to an object is a call to the object's method requesting that it performs some specified action.

```
int absval(int a) {  
    return(a<0?-a:a);  
}
```

The first line of the method definition is the prototype of the method i.e. the prototypes of method defined above is:

```
int absval(int a)
```

10. How are following passed in Java: (i) primitive types (ii) reference types?

Ans: (i) By Value (ii) By reference

11. The String objects being reference types are passed by reference but changes, if any, are not reflected back to them. Why?

Ans: The String objects are immutable in Java, which means once they are created, they cannot be changed. That is why, even though Strings are passed by reference, they cannot be changed.

12. At what time is the constructor method automatically invoked?

Ans: Every time an object is created, the constructor method is automatically invoked.

13. What are Composite and user defined data types?

Ans: The data types that are based on fundamental or primitive data types, are known as Composite Datatypes. Since these data types are created by users, these are also known as User Defined Datatypes.

14. Can you refer to a class as a composite type/ user-defined type?

Ans: Yes, class is referred to as a composite type/user defined type.

15. How is a constructor invoked?

Ans: A constructor is automatically called with a new operator in order to create a new object.

16. Which method of a class is invoked just once for an object? When?

Ans: The constructor method.

It is invoked for initializing values of the object at the time of its creation.

17. Passing the address means call by value or call by reference?

Ans: Call by reference.

18. What's wrong with the following constructor definition for the class PlayInfo?

```
public void PlayInfo( int sticks)  
{
```

```

        nsticks = sticks;
    }

```

Ans: A constructor cannot have a return type, not even void.

19. How many values can be returned from a method?

Ans: Only one value can be returned from a method though a method can have multiple return statements but only one gets executed which is reached first and thus returns the value.

20. What do you understand by Class and Object?

Ans: The basic unit of OOP is the Class. It can be described as a blue print of Objects. In other words, an Object is an instance of a class. A JAVA program may have various class definitions.

An Object is an entity having a unique Identity, characteristics (Properties) and Behavior (Methods).

21. How to declare a class in Java?

Ans: In Java a Class is declared/defined by using class keyword followed by a class name.

For example:

```

public class Student

```

```

{
String Name;
int RollNo;
String FName;
String DOB;
void getAdmission()
{.....
.....
}
void getTransfer()
{.....
.....
}
void feeDeposit()
{ .....
.....
}
}

```

22. What is the difference between instance and static variable?

Ans: **Instance Variable**- These data member are created for every object of the class i.e. replicated with objects.

Class variable (static)- These data members that is declared once for each class and all objects share these members. Only a single copy is maintained in the memory. These are declared with static keyword.

23. What do you understand by constructor in OOP?

Ans: A Constructor is a member method of a class, used to initialize an Object, when it is created (instantiated).

24. What are the properties of Constructor?

Ans: There are some properties of constructor:

- A Constructor must have the same name as the class name and provides initial values to its data members.
- A constructor have no return type not even void.
- JAVA automatically creates a constructor method, if it is not defined with default values.

25. What do you understand by methods? What are the advantages of methods?

Ans: **Definition:** A Method or function is sequence of statement which are written to perform a specific job in the application. In Object Oriented Programming, Method represents the behavior of the object. A message can be thought as a call to an object's method.

The following three advantages/reasons describes that why we use methods.

To cope with complexity:

When programs become more complex and big in size, it is best technique to follow “Divide and conquer” i.e. a complex problem is broken in to smaller and easier task, so that we can make it manageable. Some times it is also called Modularization.

Hiding Details:

Once a method is defined, it works like a Black-box and can be used when required, without concerning that “How it Works?”

Reusability of code:

Once a method is implemented, it can be invoked or called from anywhere in the program when needed i.e. Method can be reused. Even a packaged method may be used in multiple applications. This saves our time and effort. Most of the method like Math.sqrt() is available as ready to use which can be used anywhere in the application.

26. How to define a method?

Ans: A method must be defined before its use. The method always exist in a class. A Java Program must contain a main() method from where program execution starts. The general form of defining method is as-

```
[Access specifier]<return_type> <method_name>(<parameter(s)>)
```

```
{..... ;
```

```
body of the method i.e. statement (s);
```

```
}
```

☐ **Access Specifier:**

It specified the access type and may be public or protected or private.

☐ **Return Type:**

Specifies the return data type like int, float etc. Void is used when nothing is to be returned.

☐ **Method Name:**

Specified the name of method and must be a valid Java identifier.

☐ **Parameters List:**

It is list of variable(s), also called Formal Parameter or Argument, which are used to catch the values when method is invoked. Also a method may have no parameters.

27. What are the way to pass values to methods in Java?

Ans: You can pass arguments (Actual parameters) to method (Formal Parameters) using valid data types like int, float, byte, char, double, boolean etc. or Reference data type like Object and Arrays.

A method can called in two ways –

☐ **Call by Value:** In this method, the values of Actual parameters are copied to Formal parameters, so any changes made with Formal parameters in Method’s body, will not reflected back in the calling function.

The original value of Actual parameters is unchanged because the changes are made on copied value.

☐ **Call by Reference:**

In Reference method, the changes made on the formal parameters are reflected back in the Actual parameters of calling function because instead of values, a Reference (Address of Memory location) is passed.

In general, all primitive data types are passed by Value and all

Reference types (Object, Array) are passed by Reference..

28. Differentiate between constructor and method.

Ans: Though Constructor are member method of the class like other methods, but they are different from other method members-

☐ Constructor creates (initializes) an Object where a method is a group of statements which are packaged to perform a specific job.

☐ Constructor has no return type, even void also. Whereas method may have any return type including void.

☐ The Constructor has the same name as Class, but method may have any name except Class name.

☐ It is called at the time of object creation, but a method can be called any time when required.

29. What is “this” keyword?

Ans: As you are aware that static data and method members of a class is kept in the memory in a single copy only. All the object are created by their instance variables but shares the class variables (static) and member methods.

```
public class test
```

```
{ int x, y;
```

```
static int z;
```

```
static method1()
```

```
{.....}
```

```
static method2()
```

```
{.....}
```

```
}
```

Suppose method2() is changes X data member, then big question arises that which object's x variable will be changed?

This is resolved by using 'this' keyword. The keyword 'this' refers to currently calling object. Instead of using object name, you may use 'this' keyword to refer current object.

Ex. **this.method2()**

30. How can we use a class as a composite data type?

Ans: Since a class may have various data members of primitive data types like int, float, long etc. In general class may be assumed as a bundle of primitive data types to make a user-defined composite data type.

// use of class as composite data type

```
class date
```

```
{ byte dd, mm, yy;
```

```
public date( byte d, byte m, byte y)
```

```
{ dd= d;
```

```
mm= m;
```

```
yy= y;
```

```
} v
```

```
oid display()
```

```
{system.out.println(“”+dd+”/”+mm+”/”+yy);
```

```
}
```

```
};
```

```
date DOB = new date(13,2,1990);
```

UNSOLVED QUESTIONS

1. How are parameterized constructors different from non-parameterized constructors?
2. List some of the special properties of the constructor methods.
3. Differentiate between Instance member and static members of a class.
4. What do you mean by actual and formal parameters of a method? Explain with an example.
5. Identify the errors in the method skeletons given below:

(1) float average (a, b) { }

(2) float mult (int x, y) { }

(3) float doer (int, float = 3.14) { }

6. Given the method below write an ActionPerformed event method that includes everything necessary to call this method.

```
int thrice (int x)
```

```
{ return (a * 3) ; }
```