

CMPUT 174 Midterm Review

1. Identify the following tokens in the given python code.

- a. Constant
- b. Function
- c. Method
- d. Variable
- e. Parameter
- f. Argument

```
def helloworld():
    print("Hello world!")

def helloPerson(name):
    print("Hello "+name+"!")

def returnPerson(name):
    return name.capitalize()

max_num = 4

for i in range(max_num):
    if i == 0:
        helloworld()
    elif i%2 == 1:
        helloPerson("WORLD")
    else:
        print(returnPerson("true"))
    print i
print(helloworld())
print(helloPerson(returnPerson("world")))
```

2. What is output by the program above?

3. True or False. If False, change to be true. If ambiguous, clarify.

- a. A formal language requires context to be correctly interpreted.
- b. All statements in any language that are syntactically correct have semantic meaning.
- c. Python is an interpreted language.
- d. Python can be compiled.
- e. The argument to a function is always known at runtime.
- f. The parameter of a function is known at runtime.
- g. An iterative function calls itself.
- h. An expression always evaluates to true or false.

- i. A statement returns a value.
- j. A statement performs a task.
- k. A statement is a sequence of interpretable commands.
- l. A semantic error causes an exception.
- m. A syntax error results from bad input.
- n. A runtime error can occur in a program that the interpreter has completed parsing.
- o. Once the interpreter reports no syntax errors and a program has been successfully run, it is correct.

4. Computing terminology

- a. ___ is the process of writing instructions for the computer.
- b. The ___ is responsible for controlling access to memory.
- c. The ___ stores instructions and data.
- d. A(n) ___ is a sequence of well-defined steps for solving a problem.
- e. A(n) ___ is a sequence of well-defined steps written in a formal language.

5. Programming languages

- a. A(n) ___ language manipulates memory directly and is specific to a processor type.
- b. A(n) ___ language must be processed before it can be run.
- c. A(n) ___ language can have statements with more than one meaning.
- d. A(n) ___ language can be executed immediately by the computer
- e. A(n) ___ language can interweave reading and execution of the program code.
- f. A(n) ___ language must be processed entirely into machine code before being run.
- g. The ___ of a language describes the rules that determine what makes a valid statement.
- h. The ___ of a language describes what a statement means.

6. Programming terminology

- a. The ___ frees up memory that is no longer needed by the program.
- b. The ___ converts programmer-readable code into machine-readable code.
- c. The ___ is a program that reads code written in a particular language and executes the statements.

7. Which of the are statements? Expressions? Which evaluate to true?

- a. $4 = 4$
- b. $4 \text{ is } 4.0$
- c. $4 == 4.0$
- d. $4 < 4.0$
- e. $4 <= 4.0$

- f. $4 == 12/3$
- g. $4 \text{ is } 12/3$
- h. $\text{four} = 4$
- i. $\text{four} = 5-1$

8. What type results from each expression?

$z = 12$

$y = 7$

$x = 3$

- a. $z \% y = ?$
- b. $z / y = ?$
- c. $z // y = ?$
- d. $z \% x = ?$
- e. $z / x = ?$
- f. $z // x = ?$

9. What structures can you use in python to repeat an identical block of code without having to retype it?

10. I have written a function called "tutorFunction" that takes one integer argument and returns a string. Have I given you enough information to use this function? Why or why not?

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1. Program anatomy

- a. `max_num`
- b. User-defined functions: `helloWorld()`, `helloPerson()`, `returnPerson()`.
Built-in functions: `print()`, `range()`
- c. `capitalize()` is a method of the String object name
- d. `i`
- e. `name` is the parameter of `helloPerson` and `helloWorld`
- f. `max_num` is the argument passed to `range`. The string literals "WORLD" and "true" are arguments passed to the user-defined functions.

2. Output:

```
Hello world!  
0  
Hello WORLD!  
1  
True  
2  
Hello WORLD!  
3  
Hello world!  
None  
Hello World!  
None
```

3. True/False questions

- a. False, a formal language is by definition unambiguous. A natural language would require context.
- b. False, all statements in a formal language that are syntactically correct have semantic meaning. Natural languages can have syntactically correct nonsense.
- c. T
- d. T, although it is interpreted by default it can be compiled into byte code
- e. F, an argument is often not known at runtime, although the code from the first question has an example with a constant argument.
- f. T, the parameter is part of the function definition.
- g. F, a recursive function calls itself (although a recursive function may iterate)
- h. F, an expression returns a value. A Boolean expression returns True or False

- i. F, a statement does not return a value, although it may have side effects (eg. `print("Hello")`)
 - j. T
 - k. F, a statement is the smallest executable unit of code. A sequence would be a program, function, block, etc...
 - l. F, a runtime error causes an exception. A semantic error is when the program executes correctly as far as the computer is concerned (i.e. can be parsed correctly and has valid input) but "does the wrong thing".
 - m. F, a syntax error is a problem in the code structure. A runtime error can be caused by bad input.
 - n. T, a runtime error is not caught until the program is executed. The interpreter can only catch syntax errors.
 - o. F, the program may still have runtime errors with inappropriate or unexpected input and may have errors in its logic or operation (hence the need for testing).
4. Computing terminology
- a. Programming
 - b. CPU (Central Processing Unit)
 - c. memory (could also say registers)
 - d. algorithm
 - e. program (or function, or machine code)
5. Programming languages
- a. low-level (also assembly)
 - b. high-level (also compiled or interpreted)
 - c. natural
 - d. low-level or assembly
 - e. interpreted
 - f. compiled
 - g. syntax
 - h. semantics
6. Programming terminology
- a. garbage collector
 - b. compiler
 - c. interpreter
7. Statements and expressions
- a. statement (and syntax error, literals can not be used as variable names)
 - b. expression, False ("is" looks at type as well as value)

- c. expression, True (the equality operator compares values)
- d. expression, False
- e. expression, True
- f. expression, True
- g. expression, False
- h. statement
- i. statement and expression

8. Types

- a. $z\%y$ --> <integer>
- b. z/y --> <float>
- c. $z//y$ --> <integer>
- d. $z\%x$ --> <integer>
- e. z/x --> <float>
- f. $z//x$ --> <integer>

9. Repeating code can be avoided by using a function (or module), a for loop, or a while loop

10. Syntactically, yes. Semantically, no. Since I have told you the function name, argument, and return value you know how it can be used in a program. However, since you do not know what it does (especially if it has any side effects or requirements from the global namespace) you can probably not use it correctly.