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**CISC 3115 – Modern Programming Techniques**  
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**Exam 1**

**Part I. Answer all questions in the space to the left. (60 points)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) If a balance is changed directly instead of using the withdrawal operation, the program:
- a) bypasses rule logic
  - b) improves encapsulation
  - c) reduces memory usage
  - d) guarantees correctness
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) In a parallel-array design, the array index represents:
- a) the record identity
  - b) the array length
  - c) the memory location
  - d) the sorting order
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) An operations class typically:
- a) contains behavior but little or no entity data
  - b) stores primitive variables only
  - c) contains no methods
  - d) represents compiler rules
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) If a method changes a field of an object passed to it:
- a) the object keeps the change
  - b) the change disappears
  - c) the compiler rejects it
  - d) Java copies the object automatically
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) Instance variables are used to:
- a) store attributes of an object
  - b) store loop counters
  - c) store compiler instructions
  - d) store array indices
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Instance methods are methods that:
- a) operate on specific objects
  - b) run only once
  - c) belong to arrays
  - d) cannot access variables

- \_\_\_\_\_ 7) In `account.deposit(500)`, the object before the dot is the:
- a) receiver
  - b) parameter
  - c) argument
  - d) return value
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8) The statement `BankAccount[] accounts = new BankAccount[100];` creates:
- a) an array capable of storing references to `BankAccount` objects
  - b) 100 `BankAccount` objects automatically
  - c) a primitive array
  - d) a loop
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9) If an object reference variable is copied to another variable:
- a) both variables refer to the same object
  - b) Java creates a new object
  - c) the original object is deleted
  - d) only primitive values copy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10) Encapsulation helps ensure that:
- a) rules governing an entity are enforced through methods
  - b) arrays are unnecessary
  - c) programs run faster
  - d) loops are removed
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11) Changing object state normally occurs through:
- a) method calls
  - b) comments
  - c) array declarations
  - d) compiler directives
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12) Objects help organize programs by:
- a) grouping state and behavior together
  - b) removing variables
  - c) eliminating arrays
  - d) avoiding methods
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13) An instance of a class is:
- a) an object created from that class
  - b) a loop
  - c) a compiler rule
  - d) a variable name

- \_\_\_\_\_ 14) The state of an object is stored in its:
- a) methods
  - b) instance variables
  - c) constructors
  - d) loops
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15) A constructor is primarily used to:
- a) initialize the object
  - b) declare new classes
  - c) terminate execution
  - d) create arrays
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16) Constructors differ from ordinary methods because they:
- a) cannot take parameters
  - b) cannot access fields
  - c) have no return type
  - d) must be static
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17) Constructor parameters typically provide:
- a) access modifiers
  - b) loop counters
  - c) initial values for instance variables
  - d) names of classes
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18) Instance variables are usually declared:
- a) public
  - b) private
  - c) static
  - d) temporary
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19) Methods that form the external interface of a class are typically:
- a) static
  - b) private
  - c) final
  - d) public
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20) Delegating from one constructor to another helps:
- a) remove instance variables
  - b) replace methods
  - c) avoid duplicate initialization logic
  - d) disable encapsulation

- \_\_\_\_\_ 21) The syntax `this(...)` inside a constructor:
- a) declares a variable
  - b) calls a superclass method
  - c) creates a new object
  - d) calls another constructor in the same class
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22) A constructor that takes no arguments is called:
- a) a default constructor
  - b) a message constructor
  - c) a primitive constructor
  - d) a recursive constructor
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23) If a programmer writes any constructor:
- a) objects cannot be created
  - b) all constructors become public
  - c) fields become static
  - d) the implicit default constructor is not generated
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24) Shadowing occurs when:
- a) two classes share the same name
  - b) a parameter has the same name as an instance variable
  - c) a constructor calls another
  - d) two objects share memory
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25) The keyword `this` inside a constructor refers to:
- a) the class name
  - b) the compiler
  - c) a local variable
  - d) the current object
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26) A class should avoid a default constructor when:
- a) it has many methods
  - b) valid objects require caller input
  - c) it uses Strings
  - d) fields are private
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27) Object creation is best understood as:
- a) `new` allocates memory then the constructor initializes the object
  - b) constructors run before objects exist
  - c) methods create objects
  - d) objects initialize themselves

- \_\_\_\_\_ 28) If a constructor parameter shadows an instance variable, using this allows:
- a) automatic recursion
  - b) removal of variables
  - c) creation of new parameters
  - d) access to the instance variable
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29) Encapsulation is violated when:
- a) fields are private
  - b) constructors initialize fields
  - c) methods validate input
  - d) external code directly modifies instance variables
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30) Composition in a class design means:
- a) one class contains objects of another class as instance variables
  - b) methods are stored outside the class
  - c) a class inherits from two parent classes
  - d) objects cannot contain other objects
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31) When a containing object is created, the contained objects are usually:
- a) initialized inside the constructor
  - b) stored in static variables
  - c) shared by all objects
  - d) created by the compiler automatically
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32) When an object is printed using `System.out.println(obj)`, Java:
- a) compares references
  - b) automatically calls `obj.toString()`
  - c) creates a copy constructor
  - d) calls `equals`
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33) If a class contains other objects, its `toString` method often:
- a) calls `toString` on the contained objects
  - b) creates new contained objects
  - c) compares contained objects
  - d) ignores the contained objects
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34) Semantic equality between objects means:
- a) objects are printed the same way
  - b) objects have the same constructor
  - c) objects occupy the same memory location
  - d) objects represent the same logical value

- \_\_\_\_\_ 35) Using `==` with objects tests:
- a) whether two references refer to the same object
  - b) whether objects have equal data
  - c) whether constructors are identical
  - d) whether objects have equal `toString` values
- \_\_\_\_\_ 36) If two variables alias the same object and one modifies it:
- a) the second variable becomes null
  - b) the change is visible through both variables
  - c) a new object is created
  - d) the program cannot compile
- \_\_\_\_\_ 37) The primary purpose of a copy constructor is to:
- a) replace equals
  - b) call `toString` automatically
  - c) avoid aliasing problems
  - d) initialize loops
- \_\_\_\_\_ 38) A class implementing `equals` typically compares:
- a) its comments
  - b) its constructor names
  - c) its loop counters
  - d) its instance variables
- \_\_\_\_\_ 39) Aliasing can lead to bugs because:
- a) constructors fail
  - b) objects cannot be created
  - c) multiple references modify the same object
  - d) arrays disappear
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40) Composition helps program design because:
- a) arrays are removed
  - b) complex objects can be built from simpler objects
  - c) loops disappear
  - d) inheritance is eliminated
- \_\_\_\_\_ 41) Chaining `toString` through composition means:
- a) removing contained objects
  - b) creating nested constructors
  - c) sharing references
  - d) calling `toString` on contained objects

- \_\_\_\_\_ 42) A copy constructor helps maintain:
- a) aliasing
  - b) method overloading
  - c) static state
  - d) object independence
- \_\_\_\_\_ 43) Which form is normally used when calling a static method?
- a) `object.method()`
  - b) `ClassName.method()`
  - c) `method(object)`
  - d) `new.method()`
- \_\_\_\_\_ 44) Why can a static method not directly access instance variables?
- a) instance variables require inheritance
  - b) instance variables belong to specific objects
  - c) instance variables are private
  - d) instance variables must be final
- \_\_\_\_\_ 45) Why must the main method be static?
- a) the JVM invokes it before any objects exist
  - b) it must access all fields
  - c) it cannot return a value
  - d) it must create arrays
- \_\_\_\_\_ 46) If a read operation cannot construct a valid object, what is commonly returned?
- a) false
  - b) zero
  - c) null
  - d) an empty string
- \_\_\_\_\_ 47) Responsibility-driven programming emphasizes that:
- a) objects manage their own behavior
  - b) arrays control program flow
  - c) loops define state
  - d) applications modify all fields
- \_\_\_\_\_ 48) Utility classes most often contain:
- a) static operations
  - b) instance arrays
  - c) recursive methods only
  - d) container objects

- \_\_\_\_\_ 49) Why might a program use a container class rather than directly exposing an array?
- a) to enforce rules on how elements are managed
  - b) to remove object creation
  - c) to avoid constructors
  - d) to eliminate references
- \_\_\_\_\_ 50) In an object container, adding a new element typically increases:
- a) array capacity
  - b) logical size
  - c) class size
  - d) method count
- \_\_\_\_\_ 51) Which statement about static variables is correct?
- a) they exist once per object
  - b) they exist once per class
  - c) they are always private
  - d) they cannot store primitives
- \_\_\_\_\_ 52) Why might immutable objects reduce certain programming errors?
- a) their state cannot be changed unexpectedly
  - b) they eliminate constructors
  - c) they avoid references
  - d) they remove arrays
- \_\_\_\_\_ 53) Why are read methods often static?
- a) they construct objects without needing an existing instance
  - b) they must modify fields
  - c) they return primitives
  - d) they call constructors automatically
- \_\_\_\_\_ 54) Why are constants such as `BLACK` declared `static final`?
- a) to allow modification
  - b) to reduce primitive memory
  - c) to share one constant instance
  - d) to enable polymorphism
- \_\_\_\_\_ 55) Why implement `contains` using `find` in the container class?
- a) reuse search logic
  - b) enable sorting
  - c) prevent recursion
  - d) increase complexity

- \_\_\_\_\_ 56) What distinguishes `MutableInt` from `ImmutableInt`?
- a) static variables
  - b) inheritance
  - c) method overloading
  - d) internal state modification
- \_\_\_\_\_ 57) Why do `MutableInt` methods return `this`?
- a) enable chaining
  - b) enforce immutability
  - c) avoid allocation
  - d) simplify constructors
- \_\_\_\_\_ 58) Which situation best illustrates immutability?
- a) a method modifies an object's field
  - b) a method returns a new object
  - c) a method deletes a variable
  - d) a method uses recursion
- \_\_\_\_\_ 59) Which expression demonstrates chaining in `MutableInt`?
- a) `i0.reset()`
  - b) `new MutableInt()`
  - c) `i0.increaseBy(i1)`
  - d) `i0.increaseBy(i1).multiplyBy(i2).divideBy(i3)`
- \_\_\_\_\_ 60) Which task demonstrates composition in the `Quadrilateral` class?
- a) using `Point` objects
  - b) storing primitive `ints`
  - c) declaring static fields
  - d) calling recursion

## Part II. Answer all questions (40 points)

\_\_\_\_\_ 61) Given the following `Student` class that contains a `Name` instance variable:

```
1  class Student {
2      Student(Name name) {
3          id = nextId;
4          nextId++;
5          this.name = name;
6      }
7      ...
8      ...
9      int id;
10     Name name;
11     static int nextId = 1001;
12 }
```

- a) Why is `nextId` static? What is the purpose of the `nextId` variable? What is happening in lines 3 and 4?

`nextId` is used to assign sequential id's to `Student` objects as they are created. We want this number to be unique so we make it static (i.e., a class variable) so there is only one copy of it in the class. In line 3 and 4 we assign the current value of `nextId` to the `id` instance variable (of which there is one per `Student` instance/object, and then update `nextId` so the next created object gets a different (unique and sequential) value in its `id`.

- b) Assuming `Name` has a `read` method, write the `read` method for this class. (Remember, `read` methods accept a `Scanner` and return an object of their defining class created from data read in). Make sure you handle the situation where there is no more data.

```
public static Student read(Scanner scanner) {
    Name name = Name.read(scanner);
    if (name == null) return null;
    return new Student(name);
}

public static Name read(Scanner scanner) {
    if (!scanner.hasNext()) return null;
    String last = scanner.next();
    String first = scanner.next();
    return new Name(last, first);
}
```

Makes no difference as to which order you read last and first name

\_\_\_\_\_ 62) Given the following app (the main is in the CarDemo class):

```
class Engine {
    public Engine(boolean isHybrid, int numCylinders) {
        this.isHybrid = isHybrid;
        this.numCylinders = numCylinders;
    }
    public Engine() {this(false, 4);}

    public int mpg() {return 60/numCylinders;}

    public String toString() {
        return numCylinders + " cylinder" + (isHybrid ? " hybrid" : "");
    }

    private boolean isHybrid;
    private int numCylinders;
}
```

```
class Car {
    public Car(int year, String model, Engine engine) {
        this.year = year;
        this.model = model;
        this.engine = engine;
    }
    public Car(String model) {this(2018, model, new Engine());}

    public int mpg() {return engine.mpg();}

    public String toString() {
        return "a " + year + " " + model + " " + engine;
    }

    private int year;
    private String model;
    private Engine engine;
}
```

```
class CarDemo {
    public static void main(String [] args) {
        Engine engine = new Engine(true, 6);
        Car car1 = new Car(2017, "Impala", engine);
        System.out.println("car1: " + car1);
        System.out.println("car1's mpg: " + car1.mpg());

        Car car2 = new Car("Malibu");
        System.out.println("car2: " + car2);
        System.out.println("car2's mpg: " + car2.mpg());
    }
}
```

a. (7 points) What is output by the program's execution?

```
car1: a 2017 Impala 6 cylinder hybrid  
car1's mpg: 10 mpg  
car2: a 2018 Malibu 4 cylinder  
car2's mpg: 15
```

b. (3 points) Which method is a *delegation method*? What makes it a delegation method?

```
The mpg method of the Car class ... all it does is call the mpg method of Engine
```

c. Optional (3 points): Can you see a problem with an `Engine` being created with zero (0) cylinders (it's more than simply – ‘a Car can't have 0 cylinders’)? What is the problem, and what would you do about it (nothing detailed—just a sentence is fine)?

```
mpg divides 60 by the number of cylinders... for 0 cylinders this would result in a 0-divide
```

a) (15 points) Write a class named `Integer` with the following:

- an `int` instance variable
  - 3 constructors:
    - a 1-arg constructor accepting an `int`,
    - a default constructor that initializes the instance variable to 0,
    - a copy constructor.
- For full credit, have the default constructor delegate to the 1-arg constructor
- a `toString` method that returns the value of the instance variable
  - an `equals` method
  - an `add` method that accepts another `Integer` and returns a new object corresponding to the sum of the receiver and the parameter (i.e., an immutable addition operation)
  - an `increaseBy` method that accepts another `Integer`, performs an *in-place* add on the receiver and returns (a reference to) the receiver (i.e., a mutable addition operation)

```
class Integer {
    Integer(int val) {this.val = val;}
    Integer() {this(0);}
    Integer(Integer other) {this.val = other.val;}

    Integer add(Integer other) {
        return new Integer(this.val + other.val);
    }
    Integer increaseBy(Integer other) {
        this.val += other.val;
        return this;
    }

    public boolean equals(Integer other) {
        return this.val == other.val;
    }
    public String toString() {return val+"";}

    private int val;
}
```

- b) (7 points) Write a fragment of code that illustrates usage of the above class (i.e., declares variables, illustrates the various constructors and methods). Include an example of chaining.

```
class IntegerApp {
    public static void main(String [] args) {
        Integer
            i1 = new Integer(12) ,
            i2 = new Integer() ,
            i3 = i1 ,
            i4 = new Integer(3) ;

        System.out.println("i1: " + i1 + " i2: " + i2 +
            " i3: " + i3 + " i4: " + i4);

        System.out.println("i1.equals(i1): " + i1.equals(i1));
        System.out.println("i1.equals(i2): " + i1.equals(i2));
        System.out.println("i1.equals(i3): " + i1.equals(i3));
        System.out.println("i1.equals(i4): " + i1.equals(i4));

        System.out.println("i1.add(i4): " + i1.add(i4));
        System.out.println("i1.increaseBy(i4): " + i1.increaseBy(i4));
        System.out.println("i1: " + i1);
    }
}
```