Study Questions
CSC 207, "Algorithms and Object-Oriented Design"
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1. What language construct in Java is most similar to a function definition in C? What are the most significant differences between C function definitions and their Java analogues?

2. What does the keyword static signify when it occurs in a field declaration or in the signature of a method definition?

3. Examine the short Java program at
/home/hajiamini/courses/CSC207/code/HelloWorld.java
Why do some of the comments in that program begin with /** rather than /*?

4. How would you find out what methods the objects of the Java String class support and how to invoke those methods?

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5. What is the difference between Java’s two right-shift operators, >> and >>>? Give an example in which applying these operators to the same operands would yield different results.

6. Do the lab Starting Out in Java. Write a short summary confirming that you completed each step and reporting any difficulties you encountered along the way. Include any Java code that you wrote and report the results of all exercises that produce program output.

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7. What’s the difference between a reference and a pointer? In what contexts, in Java, does a reference variable behave like a C pointer?

8. Java has no operators analogous to the dereferencing operators in C (the unary * operator and the -> operator, which dereferences its left operand and selects a field from the result). How does Java handle dereferencing?

9. Do the lab References and Objects. Write a short summary confirming that you completed each step and reporting any difficulties you encountered along the way. Include any Java code that you wrote and report the results of all exercises that produce program output.