

**A. Questions**

1) Declare the following:

- a) A prototype for a function named `func1` that accepts two pointers to `int` as input parameters and does not return anything.
- b) A prototype for a function named `func2` that accepts two pointers to `int` as input parameters and returns a pointer to an `int`.
- c) A prototype for a function named `func3` that accepts a pointer to `int` as input parameter and returns a pointer to an `int`. The function is not allowed to modify the value (pointed to) of the input parameter.
- d) A static double-precision floating point number named `sdouble`.
- e) An `int` variable named `sreg` that has register storage class.

Answers:

```
a) void func1(int *, int *);  
b) int *func2(int *, int *);  
c) int *func3(const int *);  
d) static double sdouble;  
e) register int sreg;
```

2) Consider the following C snippet:

```
for(int j=0; j<10; j++) {  
    int k;  
    k = j-1;  
}  
int i = j;
```

- a) What is the storage class of `j`?
- b) What is the storage class of `k`?
- c) What is the initial value of `k`?
- d) Is the last statement valid? If so, what is the value assigned to `i`?

Answers:

```
a) Auto  
b) Auto  
c) Garbage  
d) It is invalid because j does not exist anymore after the for-loop.
```

3) Consider the following C source file:

```
#include <stdio.h>

void init_x(void)
{
    x = 1;
}

int x;

int main (void)
{
    incr_x();
    printf("%d\n", x);
    return 0;
}

void incr_x(void)
{
    x++;
}
```

- What is the storage class of `x`?
- What is the initial value of `x`?
- Can the function `init_x()` access `x` as it is? If not, rewrite `init_x()` so that it can access `x`.
- What is the output of the program?

Answers:

a) Extern

b) 0

c) No, `init_x()` cannot access `x` as it is because the scope of `x` begins after its declaration. But since it is global, we can declare a "link" to it inside `init_x()` using the extern keyword:

```
void init_x(void)
{
    extern int x; // "Link" to global variable x
    x = 1;
}
```

d) 1

- 4) Consider the following C snippet:

```
char *cp;
cp = (char *)malloc(10*sizeof(char));
```

- a) Assuming that the allocation is successful, what is the size (in bytes) of the memory block pointed to by `cp`?
- b) Is it necessary to typecast the return value of `malloc()` to `char *`?
- c) Rewrite the second line to use `calloc()`.

Answers:

a) 10 bytes

b) It is not necessary because `void *` (the return type of `malloc()`) is automatically converted to the type of the left hand side of the assignment. The typecasting is done as a matter of good programming practice

c) `cp = (char *)calloc(10, sizeof(char));`

- 5) Consider the following C snippet:

```
1  int *ip;
2  ip = (int *)calloc(5, sizeof(int));
3  for(int i=0; i<5; i++) {
4      *ip = i;
5      ip++;
6  }
7  free(ip);
```

Describe 3 issues with the code.

Answers:

1) After line 2, there should be check on whether the call to `calloc()` was successful. This can be done by checking whether `ip` is `NULL` (unsuccessful) or `NOT NULL` (successful).

2) In line 5, the only pointer to the allocated memory is incremented. Should use another pointer to iterate over the array.

3) Because `ip` is not pointing to the start of the allocated memory, passing it to `free()` would result in undefined behaviour.