

# C Programming

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BCA-202

[Maximum Marks : 75]

[Time : Three Hours]

Note : Attempt all the Sections as per instructions.  
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## Section - A

(Very Short Answer Questions)

Attempt all five questions. Each question carries 3 marks. Very short answer is required not exceeding 75 words.

**Q1. What is array in C programming ? Explain with example.**

**Ans.** In C programming Array is a collection of variables belonging to the same data type. Some characteristics of arrays are:

- (i) Array might be belonging to any of the data types.
- (ii) Array size must be a constant value.
- (iii) Contiguous memory locations are used to store array elements in memory.
- (iv) It is a best practice to initialize an array to zero or null while declaring, if we don't assign any values to array.

*For example:*

`int a[10] → integer array.`

We can refer to the array with the help of pointers as:

```
# include <stdio.h>
disp (int *num)
{
    printf("%d", *num);
}
void main ()
{
    int arr [] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0};
    for (int i=0; i<0, i<=10; i++)
    {
        disp (& arr [i]);
    }
}
```

Output: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

**Q2. What is a 'Pointer' ? What operators can be used on pointers ?**

**Ans.** Pointers: Pointers are variables which contain address of some other variables.

**Declaration:**

datatype \*pointername  
e.g. long \*ptr.

The type of pointer depends upon the type of the variable it points to. Every pointer points to some datatype.

**Arithmetic Operations on Pointers :**

1. **Incrementing pointer:** Increments its value by the number of bytes of its data type.
2. **Decrementing pointer:** Decrements its value by the number of bytes of its data type.
3. **Pointer comparisons:** Pointer may be compared by using relational operators such as ==, <and>.
4. Addition/subtraction of pointer and number.
5. Differencing between two pointers.

**Q3. How can you declare and initialize a string ?**

**Ans.** String is declared as the 'array of characters'.

**Syntax:** char-variable-name [size];

e.g. char s[10];

**String initialization:**

1. **At declaration time:** The following two methods are used for string initialization.

(a) `char name[05] = "GYAN";`

(b) `char name[05] = {'G', 'Y', 'A', 'N', '\0'};`

Here, we have used 05 size for the string because in the last the compiler automatically inserts the '\0' which is called **null character**.

2. **Run time initialization:** Following functions are used for initialization :

(a) **scanf ( ):**

syntax: `scanf ("%s", variable-name);`

e.g. `scanf ("%s", str);`

(b) **getchar ( ):** used to read only one character.

syntax: `variable=getchar ( );`

e.g. `char a;`

`a = getchar ( );`

(c) **gets ( ):** This function is used to get input of a line of string.

syntax: `char-variable-name [size];`

`gets (variable);`

e.g. `char str [20];`

`gets (str);`

**Q4. Distinguish between structure and union.**

**Ans. Difference between structure and union:** Unions and structures in C are same in concepts, except allocating memory for their members.

- (i) Structures allocate storage space for all its members separately, **whereas** Union allocates one common storage space for all its members.
- (ii) We can access only one member union at a time, **whereas** in structure, one can access all member values at the same time.

**Difference with the help of an example:**

```
# include <stdio.h>
```

```
union job
```

```
{
```

```
    char name [32];
```

```
    float salary;
```

```
    int worker no;
```

```
} u;
```

```
struct job
```

```
{
```

```
    char name [32];
```

```
    float salary;
```

```
    int worker-no;
```

```
} s;
```

```
void main ( )
```

```
{
```

```
    printf ("size of union = %d", size of (u));
```

```
    printf ("size of structure = %d", size of (s));
```

```
}
```

**Output :**

size of union = 32

size of structure = 40

**Q5. Distinguish between #ifdef and #if directive.**

**Ans. Distinguishing between # ifdef and #if directive:**

**The #ifdef directive:**

The # ifdef directive has the following syntax:

`# ifdef identifier newline`

This directive checks whether the identifier is currently defined. Identifier can be defined by a #define directive or on the command line. If such identifiers have not been subsequently undefined, they are considered currently defined.

**The #if directive:**

The #if directive has the following syntax:

`# if constant expression newline`

The directive checks whether the constant expression is true (nonzero). The operand must be a constant integer expression that doesn't contain any increment (++), decrement (--), size of pointer (\*), address (&) and cast operators.

Identifiers in the constant expression either are or not macro names.

## Section - B

**(Short Answer Questions)**

Attempt any two questions out of the following three questions. Each question carries 7.5 marks. Short answer is required not exceeding 200 words.

**Q6. What are two-dimensional arrays ? How can you initialize them ?**

**Ans. Two-dimensional array :** The simplest form of multidimensional array is 2-D array. A 2-D array is, in essence, a list of 1-D arrays. To declare a 2-D array of size x, y we have to write as :

`type arrayname [x] [y];`

where **type** can be any valid C-data type

**array name** → a valid C-identifier

A 2-D array can be thought of as a table which will have 'x' number of rows and 'y' number of columns. A 2-D array 'a', which contains three rows and four columns can be shown as :



	Column 0	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Row 0	a[0] [0]	a[0] [1]	a[0] [2]	a[0] [3]
Row 1	a[1] [0]	a[1] [1]	a[1] [2]	a[1] [3]
Row 2	a[2] [0]	a[2] [1]	a[2] [2]	a[2] [3]

Thus every element in array is identified by an element name of the form a[i][j],

where a → array name

i, j → subscripts that uniquely identify each element in 'a'

**Initializing 2-D arrays:** Multidimensional arrays may be initialized by specifying bracketed values for each row. Following is an array with 3 rows and each row has 4 columns.

```
int a[3][4] = {{0, 1, 2, 3}, {4, 5, 6, 7}, {8, 9, 10, 11}};
```

The nested braces, which indicate the intended row, are optional.

### Q7. Write a program in C to concatenate two strings without using strcat( ).

**Ans.** Program in C to concatenate two strings without using strcat( ):

```
#include <stdio.h>
void main ( )
{
    char s1[100], s2[100], i, j;
    printf("Enter First string:");
    scanf ("%s", s1);
    printf("Enter Second string:");
    scanf ("%s", s2);
    for (i = 0; s1[i] != '\0'; ++i);
    for (j = 0; s2[j] != '\0'; ++j, ++i)
    {
        s1[i] = s2[j];
    }
    s1[i] = '\0';
    printf("After concatenation: %s", s1);
}
```

**Output:** Enter first string: hello  
Enter second string: bye  
After concatenation: hellobye.

### Q8. What is 'Union' in C? Explain with an example.

**Ans. Union:** Unions are conceptually similar to structures. All members of union uses a single shared memory location which is equal to the size of its largest data member.

This implies that although a union may contain many members of different types, it cannot handle all the members at the same time. A union is declared using "union" keyword.

e.g.: union item

```
{ int m;
  float x;
  char c;
} t1;
```

This declares a variable t1 of type union item. Here this union contains three members each with a different datatype.

**Accessing a union member:** To access members of union t1, we can do;

```
t1. m;
t1. x;
t1. c;
```

### Complete example of union

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
union item
{ int a;
  float b;
  char ch;
}
void main ( )
{ union item t1;
  t1.a = 12;
  t1.b = 20.2;
  t1.ch = 'z';
  clrscr ( );
  printf ("%d\n", t1.a);
  printf ("%f\n", t1.b);
  printf ("%c\n", t1.ch);
  getch ( );
}
```

**Output:**  
-26426  
20.19  
Z