# Basic Programming Concepts Test + Answers in Bold

This is a test of your current ability to read and understand simple pieces of program code. All of the questions cover basic concepts from 1st to 4th year that you may have come across before in Computing.

Please try to read the questions carefully and choose a single option that you think is the correct answer. Don’t worry if you end up with a low score as this will show which areas you might need extra work on and will also let your teacher know about any misunderstandings you may have about how some of the concepts work.

Q1. The variables angel and egyptian contain 1.7 and 2.0 respectively, which represent their height. What is written out?

IF angel > egyptian THEN

SEND "Egyptian is taller" TO DISPLAY

ELSE

SEND "Angel is taller" TO DISPLAY

END IF

A) Egyptian is taller

**B) Angel is taller**

C) Egyptian is taller Angel is taller

Q2. What will the computer display after it has executed the following instructions?  
  
SET a TO 7

SET b TO 9

SEND a = b TO DISPLAY

A) True

**B) False**

C) 7

D) 9

E) error

F) a = b

Q3. What value is stored in y after the following code executes?

SET x TO 10

SET y TO 4

WHILE x >= y DO

SET y TO y + 2

END WHILE

A) 4

B) 10

**C) 12**

Q4. What will the program display after an input of -1?

RECEIVE x FROM (INTEGER) KEYBOARD

IF x > 3 THEN

SEND “Boo” TO DISPLAY

ELSE

SEND “-hoo” TO DISPLAY

ENDIF

SEND "!" TO DISPLAY

A) !

B) Boo

**C) -hoo!**

D) Boo-hoo!

Q5. What will the computer display after executing the following program if the user enters the number 3 for the first RECEIVE and 4 for the second?

RECEIVE a FROM (INTEGER) KEYBOARD  
RECEIVE b FROM (INTEGER) KEYBOARD

SET b TO a

SET a TO b

SEND a TO DISPLAY

SEND b TO DISPLAY

A) 3 4

B) 4 3

**C) 3 3**

D) 4 4

E) 3 0

F) 0 4

Q6. What will the following code output??

SET count TO 0

SET output TO ""

WHILE count < 3 DO

SET count TO count + 1

SET output TO output & "X"

END WHILE

SEND output TO DISPLAY

A) <no output>

B) X

C) XX

**D) XXX**

Q7. What will the program display after it’s executed if the user types in 7 for x?

SET y TO 0

RECEIVE x FROM (INTEGER) KEYBOARD

IF x > 3 THEN

SET y TO 1

ELSE

SET y TO 4

END IF

SEND y TO DISPLAY

A) 0

**B) 1**

C) 4

D) 5

E) 14

Q8. What will the following code output?

SET count TO 0

SET x TO 9

WHILE x > 7 DO

SET count TO count + 1

SET x TO x – 1

END WHILE

SEND count TO DISPLAY

A) 0

B) 1

**C) 2**

D) 3

Q9. How many times is Hello written out?

SET i TO 10

REPEAT i TIMES

SET i TO i - 2

SEND "Hello" TO DISPLAY

END REPEAT

**A) 10**

B) 8

C) 6

**D) 4**

E) 2

This is very much dependent on the language you are using. In Haggis, 4 is the answer.

Q10. Which code fragment, inserted in the position indicated between the WHILE and the DO keywords would ensure that the following loop body was only executed 3 times?

SET x TO 0

WHILE <Code fragment inserted here> DO

SET x TO x + 1

END WHILE

A) x > 3

B) x >= 3

**C) x < 3**

D) x <= 3

Q11. The following code has been written to input 10 numbers and add them up and write out the total. Do you think it's ok, or if not, which line will be the cause of the first compiler or run-time error?

FOR loopCount FROM 1 TO 10 DO #1

RECEIVE nextNumber FROM (INTEGER) KEYBOARD #2

SET total TO total + nextNumber #3

END FOR #4

SEND total TO DISPLAY #5

A) No error

B) Line 1

C) Line 2

**D) Line 3**

E) Line 4

F) Line 5

Q12. Which of the following is the closest description of the problem that the code solves?

SET x TO 0

WHILE x < 5 DO

RECEIVE v FROM (INTEGER) KEYBOARD

IF v = 3 THEN

SET x TO x + 1

END IF

END WHILE

**A) Read in the value 3 five times**

B) Read in five numbers

C) Read in and add up five numbers

D) Read in numbers until a 3 is received

Q13. We need to determine whether someone is of working age. For this purpose we can start working when we are 16 and stop working when we are 65. We have the following if statement

IF <Boolean expression to test age> THEN

<Code if the person is of working age>

ELSE

<Code if the person is not of working age>

END IF

Assuming that the person's age is held in the variable personsAge, which is the best Boolean expression for this if statement:

A) personsAge < 16 OR personsAge >= 65

B) personsAge > 16 OR personsAge < 66

C) personsAge < 16 OR > 65

**D) personsAge >= 16 AND personsAge < 65**

E) personsAge >= 16 AND <=65

Q14. What will the following code print out to the screen?

SET a TO 0

SET b TO 0

REPEAT

SET b TO b + 1

UNTIL a = 0

SEND b TO DISPLAY

A) 0

**B) 1**

C) <something else>

Q15. What is printed out as a result of this code?

SET answer TO 0

FOR startNumber FROM 1 TO 5 DO

SET startNumber TO startNumber + 1

SET answer TO answer + startNumber

END FOR

SEND answer TO DISPLAY

**A) 12**

B) 15

C) 20

D) Other

Q16. Which code fragment will successfully complete the following program which prints each persons name one after the other.

SET names TO [“Jane”, “Henry”, “Kirsty”, “Robert”]

SET person TO 0

REPEAT length(names) TIMES

SEND <Code fragment inserted here> TO DISPLAY

SET person TO person + 1

END REPEAT

**A) names[ person ]**

B) names[ 1 ]

C) names

D) names[ “henry” ]

E) Jane

Q17. The following section of code is meant to determine whether someone is old enough to have a full driving licence.  
  
RECEIVE age from (INTEGER) KEYBOARD

IF age >= 17

SEND “Eligible for licence” TO DISPLAY

SEND “Not eligible for licence”

END IF

What is sent to display if input from keyboard is 15

A Eligible for licence   
B Not eligible for licence

C **nothing sent to display**

D Eligible for licence

Not eligible for licence

Q18. What is displayed on the screen?

SET names TO [ “Alan”, “Bert”, “Cora”, “Dani”]

SEND names[2] TO DISPLAY

A Alan   
B Bert

C **Cora**

D Dani

19. Which code fragment will successfully complete the following program which prints each person’s name one after the other.

SET names TO [“Jane”, “Henry”, “Kirsty”, “Robert”]

SET person TO 0

REPEAT length(names) TIMES

SEND <Code fragment inserted here> TO DISPLAY

SET person TO person + 1

END REPEAT

**A) names[ person** ]

B) names[ 1 ]

C) names

D) names[ “henry” ]

E) Jane

20. What is displayed on the screen after this section of code

SET a TO 5

IF a = 3 THEN

SEND “True” TO DISPLAY

END IF

SEND a to DISPLAY

A) 3

**B) 5**

C) True

D) False

Q21.

SET apples to < answer 1 >

SET oranges to < answer 2 >

IF apples>5 OR oranges>10 THEN

SEND “Your fruit order requires two boxes!”

END IF  
  
Which of the following set of values does not produce the message “Your fruit order required two boxes!”

1. **5, 10**
2. 10, 5
3. 1, 20
4. 20, 30

Q22. What is the result of this section of code if 10 is input at the keyboard

RECEIVE mark FROM (INTEGER) KEYBOARD

IF mark > 0 OR < 100

SEND “Mark in range” TO DISPLAY

ELSE

SEND “Out of range” TO DISPLAY

END IF

Which of the following set of values produce the message “Your fruit order required two boxes!”

1. Mark in range
2. Mark out of range
3. **Syntax error / will not run**
4. True

Q23. Question with answer options:   
   
   
SET passcode TO “456”

SET passcode2 TO 456

IF passcode = passcode2 THEN

   SEND “Passcode matches” TO DISPLAY

ELSE

   SEND “Passcode does not match” TO DISPLAY

END IF

What will be the output of this program?

A Passcode matches

B Passcode does not match

**C Error message**