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- 1. What types of data types are used in Java?
 - a. Primitive Data Types
 - b. Non-primitive Data Types
 - c. Both A & B
 - d. Non-linear Data Types

Ans: c. Both A & B

Explanation: In Java, there are two main data types: primitive data types (such as int, float, char, etc.) and non-primitive data types (such as classes, arrays, and interfaces).

- 2. What is meant by Java being a "statically typed" language?
 - a. Variable made at runtime
 - b. Type must be given before use
 - c. Java can't use memory
 - d. Variable can change type

Answer: b. Type must be given before use

Explanation: In statically typed languages like Java, every variable must be declared with a type before it's used.

- 3. Which of the following is a primitive data type in Java?
 - a. Array
 - b. String
 - c. float
 - d. Class

Answer: c. float

Explanation: Java has 8 primitive types: byte, short, int, long, float, double, boolean, and char, float is one of them.

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- 4. What makes Strings in Java different from primitive data types?
 - a. They are declared using the var keyword
 - b. They refer to objects in memory
 - c. They are numeric values
 - d. They are evaluated at compile-time

Answer: b. They refer to objects in memory

Explanation: Strings in Java are non-primitive and refer to objects, unlike primitive types, which store actual values.

- 5. Which integer data type consumes the least memory?
 - a. int
 - b. short
 - c. byte
 - d. long

Answer: c. byte

Explanation: byte uses only 1 byte (8 bits) and is the smallest integer data type in Java.

- 6. When would using short instead of int be appropriate in Java?
 - a. When the number is greater than 109
 - b. When storing fractional numbers
 - c. To save memory for values in the range -32,768 to 32,767
 - d. When precision is a concern

Answer: c. To save memory for values in the range -32,768 to 32,767

Explanation: short is 2 bytes and suitable when the number fits within its range and memory savings are needed.

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- 7. What is the default size of the int data type in Java?
 - a. 2 bytes
 - b. 4 bytes
 - c. 8 bytes
 - d. 1 byte

Answer: b. 4 bytes

Explanation: int occupies 4 bytes and is the most commonly used integer type for general numeric operations.

- 8. Which integer type can store the largest range of values?
 - a. byte
 - b. int
 - c. long
 - d. short

Answer: c. long

Explanation: long can store values from -2⁶³ to 2⁶³-1 and is used for very large integers.

- 9. What suffix is required for assigning a value to a long type variable?
 - a. d
 - b. f
 - c. i
 - d. L

Answer: d. L

Explanation: Java long literals should be suffixed with L to distinguish them from int.

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- 10. What is the key difference between float and double in Java?
 - a. A float is more accurate
 - b. double is smaller in size
 - c. double has higher precision
 - d. float uses more memory

Answer: c. double has higher precision

Explanation: double uses 8 bytes and offers higher precision (~15 decimal digits) than float $(\sim 6-7 \text{ digits}).$

- 11. Which suffix is necessary when assigning a value to a float variable?
 - a. d
 - b. f
 - c. L
 - d. None

Answer: b. f

Explanation: Float values should be suffixed with f (e.g., 5.75f) to distinguish them from double.

- 12. What type of numbers do float and double represent?
 - a. Whole numbers
 - b. Boolean values
 - c. Fractional numbers
 - d. Unicode characters

Answer: c. Fractional numbers

Explanation: float and double are used to represent fractional (decimal) numbers.

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13. In terms of number precision, when should double be preferred over float?

- a. When fewer digits are required
- b. When performing text processing
- c. When higher accuracy is needed in calculations
- d. When storing binary data

Answer: c. When higher accuracy is needed in calculations

Explanation: double is more accurate and preferred in financial or scientific calculations where precision matters.

- 14. How many decimal digits can a float accurately store?
 - a. 3
 - b. 6 to 7
 - c. 9 to 10
 - d. 15

Answer: b. 6 to 7

Explanation: float provides precision up to about 6-7 decimal digits.

- 15. What does scientific notation in Java allow in floating-point numbers?
 - a. Use of hexadecimal
 - b. Representation using powers of 10
 - c. Character manipulation
 - d. Unicode representations

Answer: b. Representation using powers of 10

Explanation: Scientific notation like 3.5e4 represents 3.5 × 104.

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- 16. What are the only two values a boolean can take in Java?
 - a. 1 and 0
 - b. true and false
 - c. yes and no
 - d. on and off

Answer: b. true and false

Explanation: Booleans in Java can only be true or false.

- 17. Where is the boolean type most commonly used in Java programs?
 - a. String manipulation
 - b. Loop counters
 - c. Conditional expressions
 - d. File operations

Answer: c. Conditional expressions

Explanation: Boolean values are primarily used for conditional decision-making (e.g., if, while).

- 18. What is the size of the boolean type in Java?
 - a. 4 bytes
 - b. 1 bit
 - c. 8 bytes
 - d. 2 bits

Answer: b. 1 bit

Explanation: Conceptually, a boolean occupies 1 bit to store true or false, though memory allocation depends on the JVM.

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- 19. What is the size of the char type in Java?
 - a. 1 byte
 - b. 2 bytes
 - c. 4 bytes
 - d. 8 bits

Answer: b. 2 bytes

Explanation: char in Java uses 2 bytes due to Unicode support.

- 20. What character encoding system does Java use?
 - a. ASCII
 - b. UTF-8
 - c. Unicode
 - d. ISO-8859-1

Answer: c. Unicode

Explanation: Java uses Unicode, which allows support for international characters and symbols.

- 21. What is the lowest value a Java character can have in Unicode?
 - a. 0
 - b. 'a'
 - c. \u0000
 - d. 1

Answer: c. \u0000

Explanation: Unicode starts at \u0000, representing the null character.

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- 22. What kind of quotes must be used to declare a char value in Java?
 - a. Double quotes
 - b. No quotes
 - c. Backticks
 - d. Single quotes

Answer: d. Single quotes

Explanation: Characters in Java must be enclosed in single quotes (e.g., 'A').

- 23. How are string values enclosed in Java?
 - a. Single quotes
 - b. Parentheses
 - c. Double quotes
 - d. Angle brackets

Answer: c. Double quotes

Explanation: String values are enclosed in double quotes (e.g., "Hello").

- 24. What type of data is String considered in Java?
 - a. Primitive data type
 - b. Non-primitive data type
 - c. Numeric data type
 - d. Boolean data type

Answer: b. Non-primitive data type

Explanation: The PPT states that String is a non-primitive type because it refers to objects and has methods.

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- 25. Which of the following statements about Java Strings is true?
 - a. They are stored as characters
 - b. They are a form of primitive data
 - c. They are objects and have methods
 - d. They store boolean values

Answer: c. They are objects and have methods

Explanation: Strings are objects in Java with many built-in methods (e.g., .length(), .substring()).

- 26. What is the range of values for the byte data type in Java?
 - a. 0 to 255
 - b. -128 to 127
 - c. -256 to 255
 - d. -128 to 128

Answer: b. -128 to 127

Explanation: byte is an 8-bit signed data type with a value range from -128 to 127.

- 27. Why might a developer prefer using byte instead of int?
 - a. To represent boolean values
 - b. For more precise decimal operations
 - c. To save memory when values fit in the byte range
 - d. To avoid rounding errors

Answer: c. To save memory when values fit in the byte range

Explanation: When values are guaranteed to fall within the byte range, byte conserves memory over larger types like int.

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- 28. Which primitive data type should be chosen for values like population counts, which may exceed 2 billion?
 - a. int
 - b. short
 - c. long
 - d. byte

Answer: c. long

Explanation: long supports very large numbers beyond the range of int (±2.14 billion).

- 29. Which of the following is the correct use case of the double data type?
 - a. Storing small integers
 - b. Representing a Unicode character
 - c. Performing scientific calculations with decimal precision
 - d. Storing true/false conditions

Answer: c. Performing scientific calculations with decimal precision

Explanation: double provides precision suitable for scientific and high-accuracy decimal operations.

- 30. What is the default value of an uninitialized boolean variable in a Java object?
 - a. true
 - b. 0
 - c. false
 - d. null

Answer: c. false

Explanation: By default, the value of a boolean in Java is false if it's a member of a class.

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- 31. Which data type would be most efficient in terms of memory usage for storing a person's age (0-120)?
 - a. int
 - b. short
 - c. long
 - d. byte

Answer: d. byte

Explanation: Since age fits within -128 to 127, a byte is sufficient and efficient.

- 32. What type should be used if decimal precision beyond 7 digits is essential?
 - a. float
 - b. int
 - c. byte
 - d. double

Answer: d. double

Explanation: double is preferred when higher decimal precision (up to ~15 digits) is needed.

- 33. Which values can a boolean data type store in Java?
 - a. true and false
 - b. yes and no
 - c. 0 and 1
 - d. on and off

Answer: a. true and false

Explanation: The PPT shows that boolean stores logical values like true or false and is used for conditional testing.

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- 34. Which of the following primitive types is **not** numeric?
 - a. double
 - b. boolean
 - c. int
 - d. long

Answer: b. boolean

Explanation: boolean represents logical values, not numeric data.

- 35. Which value is the lowest possible for a char in Unicode in Java?
 - a. \uFFFE
 - b. \uFFFF
 - c. \u0000
 - d. 255

Answer: c. \uFFFF

Explanation: The highest possible value for char in Java's Unicode range is \uFFFF.

- 36. Which of the following statements is true about Java character encoding?
 - a. Java uses ASCII like C
 - b. Java characters are encoded using UTF-32
 - c. Java supports multiple encodings, but stores characters using Unicode
 - d. Java does not support international character sets

Answer: c. Java supports multiple encodings, but stores characters using Unicode Explanation: Java uses Unicode, supporting global languages and symbols in a standard way.

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- 37. Why does Java use 2 bytes for the char type instead of 1 byte like C?
 - a. For faster computation
 - b. For backward compatibility
 - c. To support Unicode, which requires more space
 - d. To support floating-point characters

Answer: c. To support Unicode, which requires more space

Explanation: Unicode supports a vast range of international characters, requiring 2 bytes in Java's char.

- 38. Which of the following is considered a non-primitive type in Java?
 - a. char
 - b. boolean
 - c. double
 - d. interface

Answer: d. interface

Explanation: Interfaces are part of non-primitive types in Java and are used to define behavior contracts.

- 39. Arrays in Java are categorized as what type of data?
 - a. Numeric
 - b. Primitive
 - c. Non-primitive
 - d. Literal

Answer: c. Non-primitive

Explanation: Arrays are non-primitive because they reference memory locations and are objects.

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- 40. What distinguishes non-primitive data types from primitive types in Java?
 - a. They are smaller
 - b. They don't require a type declaration
 - c. They store memory addresses of objects
 - d. They can hold boolean values

Answer: c. They store memory addresses of objects

Explanation: Non-primitive types like arrays, classes, and strings store memory references, not direct values.

- 41. Which of the following operations can be performed directly on a primitive type but not on non-primitive types?
 - a. Method calls
 - b. Value comparison with ==
 - c. Direct assignment
 - d. Object instantiation

Answer: c. Direct assignment

Explanation: Primitive types support direct value assignment; non-primitives require reference/object handling.

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- 42. Why is String considered a non-primitive data type?
 - a. It stores only numeric values
 - b. It cannot be used in Java
 - c. It refers to objects in memory
 - d. It is a type of boolean

Answer: c. It refers to objects in memory

Explanation: Strings are non-primitive types in Java because they store references to objects, not actual values.

- 43. How are scientific numbers written in Java?
 - a. Using %
 - b. Using #
 - c. Using e or E
 - d. Using &

Answer: c. Using e or E

Explanation: In Java, scientific notation is written using e or E to represent powers of 10. For example, 3.5e4 means $3.5 \times 10^4 = 35000$.

- 44. In which format is the number 3.5e4 represented in Java?
 - a. Binary
 - b. Hexadecimal
 - c. Scientific notation
 - d. ASCII

Answer: c. Scientific notation

Explanation: 3.5e4 is a number written in scientific notation, which means 3.5 × 104. Java treats this as a double-precision floating-point number.

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45. What is the highest Unicode value for a char in Java?

- a. 255
- b. \uFFFF
- c. \u0000
- d. 65536

Answer: b. \uFFFF

Explanation: In Java, char is a 16-bit unsigned data type that holds a single Unicode character. Its highest value is \uFFFF, which is 65535 in decimal. Unicode goes up to \uFFFF for the char type (not 65536, as counting starts from 0).