

**Unit 05 Review Questions 1**

1. Answer each in complete sentences with proper grammar. Points will be given for neatness.

a) In the context of object-oriented programming, what is a **class**?

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b) In the context of object-oriented programming, what is a **field**?

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c) In the context of object-oriented programming, what is a **method**?

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d) Explain how the **private** modifier affects access to *fields*?

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e) Explain how the **private** modifier affects access to *methods*?

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f) What is the purpose of the **constructor** in Java?

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g) What is the purpose of a **toString** method in Java?

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h) What is the purpose of an **accessor** method in Java?

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i) What is the purpose of an **mutator** method in Java?

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- j) What is the benefit of a *mutator* method over making a field `public`?

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- k) When reading the declaration of a field in Java, how are *class* fields distinguished from *instance* fields?

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2. Consider the following class definition:

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1 public class Vector {  
2     public double x;  
3     public double y;  
4 }
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- a) How does Java treat classes that have no explicit constructor defined?

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- b) Given the above `Vector` class, write a line of code that will create a new object, `v`, of type `Vector`.

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- c) If a constructor for the `Vector` class were to be explicitly defined, and take two parameters, each parameter of type `double`, in order to initialize the fields `x` and `y`, the line of code written in part (b) would no longer work. Why?

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- d) If a two-parameter constructor were explicitly defined, as in part (c), but we still wish to be able to call a zero-parameter constructor, as in part (b), what is the solution?

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