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Time: 9.30 am – 12.00 noon

Answer **FOUR** questions only.

**Q1.**

- (a) Define the terms *Object*, *Class*, *Abstraction*, *Inheritance* and *Polymorphism* in the context of object-oriented programming.
- (b) What do you mean by *information hiding*? Explain using an example.
- (c) Create a C++ class to represent a person with attributes name, year of birth and height in meters.
  - i) Define methods to set these three attributes.
  - ii) Add a method which will return a person's (approximate) age when the year of birth is passed as a parameter.
  - iii) Add another method which will return the person's height in centimeters.

**Q2.**

- (a) What do you mean by *function overloading*? Explain very clearly, using an example.
- (b) Define a class to represent a complex number. This class should contain the following members:

Data members

- i) Real part
- ii) Imaginary part

Member functions:

- i) A default constructor to initialize both real and imaginary part to zero.
- ii) A user defined constructor to initialize data members of the class.
- iii) Overload + operator for adding two complex numbers.
- iv) Overload \* operator for multiplying a complex number by a scalar.  
[E.g.  $2(5+6i) = (10+12i)$ ]
- v) To display the data members of the complex number.

Write a simple main ( ) function to test your class.

**Q3.**

- (a) (i) What is the purpose of the *default constructor* and the *user defined constructor*?  
(ii) Describe the importance of a *destructor*.
- (b) Define a class to represent the time named as *Time*. This class should contain the following members:

Data members

- i) hour
- ii) minute
- iii) second

Member functions:

- i) `int Time:: get_hour( );`
- ii) `int Time:: get_min( );`
- iii) `int Time:: get_sec( );`

Write member functions for *Time* that will return the three parts of time as integers. Use the function prototypes given above.

(Note: Write a complete C++ program to represent the above class)

**Q4.**

- (a) (i) Explain the concept of *friend function* and *friend classes*.  
(ii) A friend function violates the *Data hiding* concept in Object-Oriented Programming. Do you agree with this statement or not? Justify your answer.
- (b) (i) Declare a base class *Thermometer* that holds a temperature in degrees Kelvin. Provide methods that will allow a new temperature to be entered and another that will return the temperature in degrees Kelvin.  
(ii) Declare two classes derived from the *Thermometer* class in the above part (b-i) called *Celsius* and *Fahrenheit*. Each should use the same method for entering a new temperature as the base class but the function that returns the temperature should provide a Fahrenheit or Celsius value.

(Hint: Equation for converting Celsius temperature into Fahrenheit is,  $F = (32 + C) \times 9/5$ )

5. What is an "abstract class"? Give a real world example to illustrate it.

- (i) Distinguish Abstraction via encapsulation and explain the difference among private, protected and public data and method types.
- (ii) What is the purpose of overriding a function? Give a suitable example.
- (i) Discuss the role of inheritance in Object Oriented Programming.
- (ii) Briefly explain the role of multiple inheritance.
- (iii) When do we use the **protected** visibility specifier to a class member? Give a suitable example.

06.

(a) Briefly discuss the role of polymorphism in Object-Oriented Programming.

(b) What is meant by the term aggregation used in Object-Oriented Programming?

(c) State whether the following statements are *TRUE* or *FALSE*.

- (i) Every class can have only the default constructors.
- (ii) An abstract data type defines the attributes and methods of all objects belonging to a particular 'class'.
- (iii) A friend function is called like  $f(x)$ , while a member function is called like  $x.f(x)$ .
- (iv) Genericity can not be a powerful tool allowing us to create generic functions, methods and classes.
- (v) Inheritance allows classes to inherit attributes and methods from other classes in a classification hierarchy.
- (vi) Polymorphism means 'having many forms'. In an object-oriented program, methods and operators can have many forms by being 'overloaded' in various ways.
- (vii) Multiple inheritance applies where a class is 'a kind of' more than one base class.
- (viii) Derived classes inherit overloaded assignment operators.
- (ix) Aggregations have certain properties (transitivity, antisymmetry and propagation) and may be of various types.
- (x) Containers vary in characteristics such as the ability to contain objects of different types, whether they are of fixed size, and what methods of access they allow.