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Comments /* */, //, and /** */	MOD-2.C.1 thru 2.C.2	Javadoc tool
Primitive Types int Integer.MIN_VALUE/MAX_VALUE Overflow double boolean (values: true, false)	VAR-1.C.1 CON-1.C.5, VAR-1.F.2 CON-1.C.6 VAR-1.C.1 VAR-1.C.1, VAR-1.C.3, CON-1.E.3, CON-1.F.3	char, byte, short, long, float
Operators Arithmetic: +, -, *, /, % Increment/Decrement: ++, -- Assignment: =, +=, -=, *=, /=, %= String concatenation: +, += Numeric casts: (int), (double) Relational: ==, !=, <, <=, >, >= Logical: !, &&, Short circuited evaluation DeMorgan's Laws	CON-1.A.2 thru 1.A.7 CON-1.B.5 CON-1.B.1, CON-1.B.4 VAR-1.E.3 thru 1.E.4 CON-1.C.1 thru 1.C.3 CON-1.E.1 thru 1.E.3 CON-1.F.1 thru 1.F.2 CON-1.F.3 CON-1.G.1	StringBuilder (char), (float) &, , ^ Shift: <<, >>, >>> Bitwise: ~, &, , ^ Conditional: ?:
Escape Sequences \", \\, \n inside strings	VAR-1.E.5	\', \t, \unnnn
Input/Output System.out.print, System.out.println	MOD-1.A.1 thru 1.A.2	Scanner, System.in, System.out, System.err, Stream input/output, GUI input/output Parsing input: Integer.parseInt, Double.parseDouble Formatting output: System.out.printf, String.format
Control Statements if if-else if-else-if Nested if while for, enhanced for (for-each) Nested iteration return	CON-2.A.2 thru 2.A.3 CON-2.A.4 CON-2.A.5 CON-2.B.1 CON-2.C.1 thru 2.C.5, CON-2.E.4 thru 2.E.5 CON-2.C.1 thru 2.C.5, CON-2.E.1 thru 2.E.5, VAR-2.C.1 thru 2.C.4, VAR- 2.G.3 CON-2.G.1 thru 2.G.2, VAR-2.G.1 thru 2.G.3 MOD-1.E.4, CON-2.C.5, MOD-2.D.2 thru 2.D.5	switch break, continue, do-while
Variables Parameter variables Local variables Instance variables visibility (private) Static (class) variables visibility (public, private) final	MOD-1.C.1 thru 1.C.2 VAR-1.G.1 thru 1.G.3 MOD-2.A.4, MOD-3.A.3, VAR-1.G.2 MOD-2.H.1 thru 2.H.3 VAR-1.C.4	final parameter variables final local variables final instance variables

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Methods Visibility (<code>public</code> , <code>private</code>) Static vs. non-static Method signatures Overloading, overriding Formal vs. actual parameters passed using call-by-value Dot (<code>.</code>) operator Void method Non-void method Precondition Postcondition <code>toString</code>	MOD-2.A.1 thru 2.A.2, MOD-2.A.6 MOD-1.E.5 thru 1.E.6, MOD-2.G.1 thru 2.G.5, MOD-1.H.1 MOD-1.C.1, MOD-1.E.3, MOD-1.F.1 thru 1.F.3 MOD-1.F.3, MOD-3.B.10 MOD-1.C.2 thru 1.C.3, MOD-1.C.5 thru 1.C.6, MOD-1.F.1 thru 1.F.6, VAR-1.G.3 MOD-1.E.6, MOD-1.H.1 MOD-1.E.7, MOD-2.E.1 MOD-1.G.1, MOD-2.D.2 thru 2.D.4, MOD-2.F.2 MOD-2.C.3, MOD-2.C.5 MOD-2.C.4, MOD-2.C.5 MOD-2.D.6 thru 2.D.7	visibility (<code>protected</code>) <code>public static void main(String[] args)</code> , command line arguments variable number of parameters, final parameters
Constructors <code>new</code> <code>super ()</code> , <code>super (args)</code> Visibility (<code>public</code>) Initialize state of the object No-argument Overloading	MOD-1.D.1 thru 1.D.2, MOD-1.D.4 MOD-3.B.6 thru 3.B.9, MOD-3.B.14 thru 3.B.15 MOD-2.A.5 MOD-2.B.1 thru 2.B.3 MOD-2.B.5 MOD-1.C.4	default initialization of instance variables, initialization blocks <code>this (args)</code> visibility (<code>private</code> , <code>protected</code>)
Classes Visibility (<code>public</code>) Accessor methods Modifier (mutator) methods Design/create/modify class Encapsulation	MOD-2.A.3 MOD-3.A.4, MOD-2.D.1 MOD-2.E.2 MOD-1.B.2, MOD-3.A.2, VAR-1.G.4 MOD-3.A.1 thru 3.A.4	visibility (<code>private</code> , <code>protected</code>) final class, nested classes, inner classes, enumerations
Inheritance <code>extends</code> <code>super.method (args)</code> Understand inheritance hierarchies, (subclass/superclass relationship) Design/create/modify subclasses Declare/create objects of subclasses Polymorphism	MOD-3.B.4 MOD-3.B.14 thru 3.B.15 MOD-3.B.1 thru 3.B.5 MOD-3.B.11 thru 3.B.15 MOD-3.C.1 thru 3.C.4, MOD-3.D.2 thru 3.D.3 MOD-3.C.1 thru 3.C.4	
Object Comparison object identity (<code>==</code> , <code>!=</code>) vs. object equality (<code>equals</code>) implementation of <code>equals</code> <code>String compareTo</code>	CON-1.H.2 thru 1.H.4 CON-1.H.4, MOD-3.E.4 VAR-1.E.12	Comparable interface
Miscellaneous OOP "is-a" and "has-a" relationships <code>null</code> <code>this</code>	MOD-2.B.1, MOD-3.B.3, MOD-3.C.1 thru 3.C.4 VAR-1.D.1 thru 1.D.2, MOD-1.E.8 VAR-1.H.1, VAR-1.H.2	<code>instanceof</code> , (<code>ClassName</code>) cast <code>this.var</code> , <code>this.method (args)</code>

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Packages <code>import packageName.className</code>	VAR-2.D.6	<code>import packageName.*</code> , static import, package packageName, class path
Standard Java Library Object Integer, Double String Math ArrayList<E> Autoboxing Unboxing	MOD-3.D.1, MOD-3.E.1 thru 3.E.4 VAR-1.F.1 thru 1.F.3 VAR-1.E.1 thru 1.E.4, VAR- 1.E.9 thru 1.E.13, VAR-1.A.1, CON-2.F.1 CON-1.D.1 thru 1.D.4 VAR-2.D.1 thru 2.D.7, VAR-2.E.1 thru 2.E.4 VAR-1.F.4 thru 1.F.5 VAR-1.F.6 thru 1.F.7	clone Collection<E>, Arrays, Collections
Arrays 1-dimensional arrays Capacity: <code>arr.length</code> Default values: 0, 0.0, false, null 2-dimensional rectangular arrays Initializer list: { ... } Row-major and column-major order traversals of 2D array elements	VAR-2.A.1 thru 2.A.4, VAR-2.A.6 thru 2.A.7, VAR-2.B.1 thru 2.B.3, VAR- 2.C.2 thru 2.C.3 VAR-2.F.1 thru 2.F.4, VAR- 2.G.1 thru 2.G.3 VAR-2.A.5, VAR-2.F.3 VAR-2.F.5	<code>new type [] {...}</code> ragged arrays (non-rectangular), arrays with 3 or more dimensions
Exceptions ArithmeticException NullPointerException IndexOutOfBoundsException ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException ConcurrentModificationException	CON-1.A.8 MOD-1.E.8 VAR-1.E.10, VAR-2.E.3 VAR-2.A.7, VAR-2.B.3 VAR-2.E.4	<code>try/catch/finally</code> <code>throw, throws</code> <code>assert</code>
Common Algorithms Identify if integer is(not) divisible by another; Identify individual digits in an integer Determine min/max value; Compute sum/average/mode Array (1D, 2D) traversal (minimum/maximum value, sum, average, mode, element found, access consecutive pairs, determine if duplicates, count elements meeting criteria, shift or rotate elements left/right, reverse order of elements) ArrayList traversal (insert elements, delete elements, and all listed for arrays above) Sequential/linear search Binary search Selection sort, Insertion sort Merge sort Informal run-time comparisons	CON-2.D.1 CON-2.D.2 CON-2.I.1 thru 2.I.2, CON-2.J.1 thru 2.J.2, CON- 2.N.1 thru 2.N.2 CON-2.J.1 thru 2.J.2, CON-2.I.1 thru 2.I.2 CON-2.K.1 thru 2.K.2, CON-2.N.1 CON-2.P.1 thru 2.P.4 CON-2.L.1 CON-2.Q.1 CON-2.M.1	
Recursion Base case, Recursive call	CON-2.O.1 thru 2.O.6	writing recursive methods