

Questionnaire for prospective teachers

Instructions

Each task consists of a main figure (car) on a grid with marked columns and rows, a screen to display printed messages, and a program written in simple pseudocode. The program directs the car on its way to the destination. For most tasks, the program is already written. It is usually necessary to read the program and determine the correct path, the final position of the figure and the notification on the screen. For some tasks, the path has already been outlined. Then, it is necessary to choose the program(s) that offers the correct description of the path travelled.

Misconception: Several lines of a program can be simultaneously active.

1. task. The program prints location on the car screen. Which notification is correct. Several answers are possible.

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Car screen

Program

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program pathTravelledPot
  sumSquares = 0
  noSquares1 = 0
  noSquares2 = 0
  sumSquares = noSquares1 + noSquares2
  noSquares1 = 3
  noSquares2 = 2
  go forward sumSquares squares
  turn right
  go forward sumSquares+2 squares
  print currentLocation
```

Possible answers:

- U10
- O15
- R11
- S11
- The car leaves the net
- None of the above
- Other:

Why do you think so?

How confident are you in your answer?

Not at all

Pretty wel

Very

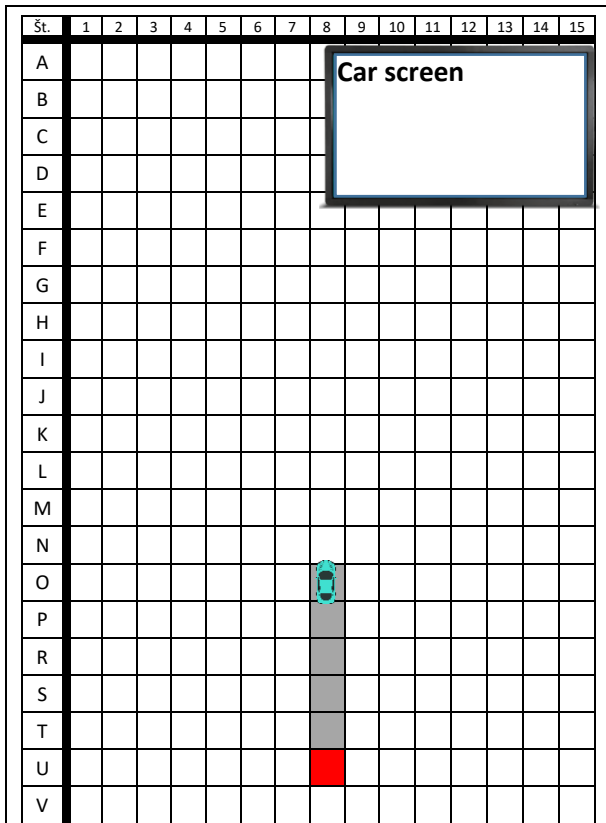
There is no such thing

Location



Misconception: Using 'else' is optional.

2. task. The car is at the end of the path. Choose the program that correctly describes the path travelled.



Program

A

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program pathTravelled
  repeat 5-times
    if you are in row P
      print 'P'
    else
      print 'not in row P'
  go forward 1 square
    
```

B

```

program prepotovanaPot
  repeat 5-times
    if you are in row P
      print 'P'
    print 'not in row P'
  go forward 1 square
    
```

Possible answers:

A, B, A and B, None of the possible answers.

Program prints notifications on car screen during the execution. Which sequence of printed notifications is correct.

- Nothing.
- not in the row P; not in the row P; not in the row P; P; not in the row P.
- not in the row P; not in the row P; not in the row P; P; not in the row P; not in the row P.
- P
- P P P P P P
- We see that nothing is printed .

Why do you think so? Argue both answers.

How confident are you in your answer?

	Not at all	Pretty wel	Very	There is no such thing
Location	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Print	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Misconception: Both 'then' and 'else', branches are executed.

3. task. Which statements are true after the execution of program.

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Car screen

Program

```

program pathTravelled
  go forward 4 squares
  if you are in row P
    turn right
    go forward 3 squares
  else
    go forward 1 square
    turn left
    go forward 5 squares
        
```

Which statements are true after the execution of program.

- The car reaches P11 and stops.
- The car prints P11.
- The car reaches K12 and stops.
- The car prints J13.
- The car reaches O3 and stops.
- The car does not move.

Why do you think so? Argue both answers.

How confident are you in your answer?

Not at all Pretty wel Very There is no such thing

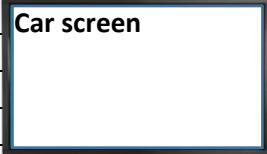
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Misconception 1: Value of source variable is changed to 0.

Misconception 2: Primitive assignment works in the opposite direction.

4. task. Which statements is correct after the execution of program.

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Program

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program pathTravelled
  noSquaresA = 3
  noSquaresB = 2
  noSquaresA = noSquaresB
  go forward noSquaresA squares
  turn left
  go forward noSquaresB squares
  print currentLocation
```

Which statements is correct after the execution of program.

- S6
- S8
- R5
- Other

Why do you think so? Argue both answers.

How confident are you in your answer?

Not at all

Pretty wel

Very

There is no such thing

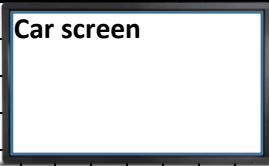
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ZMOTNO PRERPIČANJE: The computer knows the intention of the program or of a piece of code, and acts accordingly. The system does not allow unreasonable operations.

5. task. The car is at the end of the path. Choose the program that correctly describes the path travelled.

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Program

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program pathTaravelled
  repeat 7-times
    if you are in row N
      turn left
      go forward 5 squares
    go forward 1 square
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B
program pathTravelled
  repeat 7-times
    go forward 1 square
  if you are in row N
    turn left
    go forward 5 squares
```

```
C
program pathTravelled
  if you are in row N
    turn left
    go forward 5 squares
  repeat 7-times
    go forward 1 square
```

Choose the program that correctly describes the path travelled.

- Program A
- Program B
- Program C
- Non of the above.

Why do you think so? Argue both answers.

How confident are you in your answer?

	Not at all	Pretty wel	Very	There is no such thing
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Path accuracy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Misconception: A variable can hold multiple values at a same time. Remembers old values. Remembers sum of values.

6. task. Program prints notifications on car screen during the execution. Which notifications is correct.

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Car screen

Program

```

program pathTravelled
  noSquares = 1
  noSquares = 2
  noSquares = 3
  go forward noSquares squares
  print currentLocation
  print noSquares

```

Which notifications is correct.

- U8 0
- N8 6
- R8 3
- T8 1
- S8 2
- Other

Why do you think so? Argue both answers.

How confident are you in your answer?

Not at all Pretty wel Very There is no such thing

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Misconception 1: ‘While’ loops terminate as soon as condition changes to false.
Misconception 2: Difficulties in understanding loops – exactly how many iterations gets

executed.

7. task. Location of the car after the program execution.

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Car screen

Program

```
program pathTravelled
  a = 1
  repeat until a == 3
    a += 1
    go forward a squares
```

Location of the car after the program execution.

- O8
- S8
- N8
- R8
- Other

Why do you think so? Argue both answers.

How confident are you in your answer?

Not at all

Pretty wel

Very

There is no such thing

Location

Misconception 1: Difficulties in understanding loops – exactly how many iterations gets executed.

Misconception 2: ‘Neighborhood code’ gets executed inside loop.

8. task. Which statement is correct after the execution of program.

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Car screen

Program

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program pathTravelled
  noRepetitions = 3
  repeat, until noRepetitions == 0
    go forward noRepetitions squares
    noRepetitions -= 1
  print noRepetitions

```

Which statement is correct after the execution of program.

- The car reaches R8 and prints 3.
- The car reaches O8 and prints 1.
- The car reaches N8 and prints 0.
- The car reaches N8 and prints -1.
- The car reaches N8 and prints 3, 2, 1.
- Other

Why do you think so? Argue both answers.

How confident are you in your answer?

Not at all

Pretty wel

Very

There is no such thing

Location

Print

MISCONEPTION 1: Grouping of code;

MISCONEPTION 2: NEW - Code segments execute from state null.

9. task. The car is at the end of the path. Choose the path which is outlined with the program.

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Car screen

Program

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program pathTravelled
  repeat 3-krat
    go forward 4 squares
    turn left
    go forward 2 squares
    turn right
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- A) path outlined with grey colour
- B) path outlined with blue colour
- C) path outlined with yellow colour

Choose the path which is outlined with the program.

- Path outlined with grey color.
- Path outlined with blue color.
- Path outlined with yellow color.

Why do you think so? Argue both answers.

How confident are you in your answer?

Not at all

Pretty wel

Very

There is no such thing

This is the only correct path

Evaluate the statements below.

	I disagree	Maybe	I agree	I do not know
This is a questionnaire about misconceptions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The questionnaire is very easy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can imagine a car without outlining the path on paper.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I urgently need a paper to outline a path.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was most likely wrong at answering.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In introductory programming, we all make errors in similar way.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is very important to understand my own errors.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other:	<input type="text"/>			

Reasons why I was potentially wrong.

- This is the first time I have encountered this type of task.
- It was not possible to draw on paper.
- I have a hard time imagining abstract matters.
- I do not know.
- Other:

I passed the written part of the exam in Introduction to Programming.

- Yes
- No
- Other:

I passed the exam in at least one mathematical subject.

- Yes
- No
- Other:

Exam in which math subjects have you already passed?