

CSE 160  
Midterm Practice Solutions

1. Evaluate the following Python expressions:

```
(5 / 2) + 2 * 2
2 + 2 * 2
2 + 4
6
```

```
["live", "long", "and", "prosper"][1][1:]
"long"[1:]
"ong"
```

```
len({1:"one", 2:"two", 3:"three"}[2])
len("two")
3
```

```
float(str(2 + 2) + "5") + 1
float(str(4) + "5") + 1
float("4" + "5") + 1
float("45") + 1
45.0 + 1
46.0
```

```
itemgetter(1)(["to", "boldly", "go"])
f(["to", "boldly", "go"])           where f(k) is a function that returns k[1]
"boldly"
```

2. Write a function that sorts a list of numbers by their absolute value, and returns a new sorted list as the result. One possible solution:

```
def sort_abs(items):
    return sorted(items, key=abs)
```

3. Write a function that takes a list as a parameter, and returns a set containing the elements that appear more than once in the list. One possible solution:

```
def duplicates(input_list):
    seen = set()
    result = set()
    for element in input_list:
        if element in seen:
            result.add(element)
        seen.add(element)
    return result
```

4. Write a function that takes a string as an argument, and returns a dictionary that maps each character to its frequency in the given string. One possible solution:

```
def freq(input_string):
    result = {}
    for character in input_string:
        if character not in result:
            result[character] = 0
        result[character] = result[character] + 1
    return result
```

5. Write a function that reverses a list, without using the built-in reverse function. Your function should return the reversed list, and not modify the list passed as a parameter. One possible solution:

```
def reverse_list(original_list):
    result = []
    for i in range(len(original_list) - 1, -1, -1):
        result.append(original_list[i])
    return result
```

Another possible solution:

```
def reverse_list(original_list):
    result = []
    for element in original_list:
        result.insert(0, element)
    return result
```

6. For each of the locations indicated above, draw the environment frame(s) at that moment during execution.

Location A:

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Global Environment          | percent_error    |
| a -> 15.0                   | actual -> 15.0   |
| b -> 10.0                   | expected -> 10.0 |
| pos_dif -> (function)       |                  |
| percent_error -> (function) |                  |

Location B:

|                             |                  |           |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Global Environment          | percent_error    | pos_dif   |
| a -> 15.0                   | actual -> 15.0   | y -> 15.0 |
| b -> 10.0                   | expected -> 10.0 | x -> 10.0 |
| pos_dif -> (function)       |                  |           |
| percent_error -> (function) |                  |           |

Location C:

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Global Environment          | percent_error    |
| a -> 15.0                   | actual -> 15.0   |
| b -> 10.0                   | expected -> 10.0 |
| pos_dif -> (function)       | x -> 5.0         |
| percent_error -> (function) | y -> 10.0        |

For more information, execute the code using the Python Tutor.