

11.1 Programming Basics

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• operators 运算符

Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **programming basics** 编程基础 — constants, variables, operators and built-in functions.

You must be able to:

- declare **constants** and **variables**, and use **assignment**
- evaluate expressions with arithmetic, comparison and logic **operators** (including DIV and MOD)
- use **built-in functions** such as LENGTH, LEFT, MID, TO_UPPER

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later — follow the steps and you can do the Practice and Exam-style questions yourself.

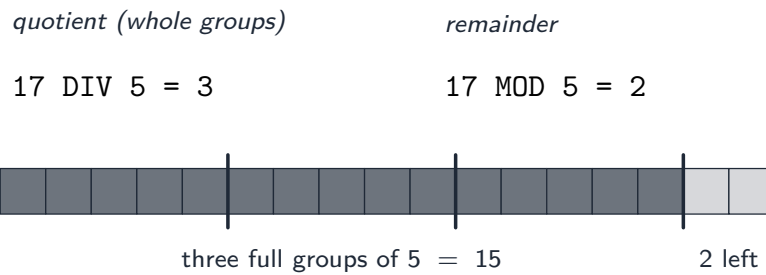
■ Constants and variables

A **constant** holds a value that never changes; a **variable** holds one that can. Declare with a type, assign with $\leftarrow$:

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CONSTANT Pi = 3.14159
DECLARE Radius : REAL
Radius  $\leftarrow$  5
Area  $\leftarrow$  Pi * Radius * Radius
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■ Operators: DIV and MOD

DIV is the **whole-number quotient**; MOD is the **remainder**:



Precedence (do first → last): NOT → * / DIV MOD → + - → comparisons → AND → OR. So 3 + 4 * 2 = 3 + 8 = 11. Use brackets when unsure.

■ Built-in functions

Function	Example	Result
LENGTH(s)	LENGTH("Computer")	8
LEFT(s, n)	LEFT("Computer", 3)	"Com"
MID(s, start, len)	MID("Computer", 4, 3)	"put"
TO_UPPER(s)	TO_UPPER("hi")	"HI"
INT(x)	INT(3.9)	3

MID counts characters from 1. Use the exact names from the paper’s reference list.

2 Practice

Now apply the methods above.

2.1 Write pseudocode to declare a **constant** Pi of 3.14159 and a **real** variable Radius.[2]

2.2 Evaluate 23 DIV 4 and 23 MOD 4. [2]

2.3 Evaluate 3 + 4 * 2 (use precedence). [1]

2.4 State the result of LENGTH("Computer") and LEFT("Computer", 3). [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Write pseudocode that inputs a **Price**, adds **20% tax**, and outputs the total. Use a **constant** for the tax rate. [4]

3.2 Evaluate each expression. [5]

Expression	Value
7 DIV 2	
7 MOD 2	
(5 > 3) AND (2 > 4)	
NOT (1 = 1)	
MID("PROGRAM", 2, 3)	

3.3 Write pseudocode that reads a word and outputs it in **capitals** followed by its **length**, using built-in functions. [3]

3.4 A program stores the marks of 30 students in a 1D array **Mark**, and reports how many passed (a mark of 50 or more).

(a) **Complete** the table by giving an appropriate data type and an example value for each variable. [4]

variable	purpose	data type	example value
Mark[1]	one student's mark	_____	_____
PassRate	percentage that passed	_____	_____
TopName	name of the best student	_____	_____
AllPassed	did everyone pass?	_____	_____

(b) **Write** pseudocode that counts the passes and calculates **PassRate**. [5]

(c) A programmer initialises the counter with **Count** ← 0 before the loop. **Explain** what would happen if this line were left out. [2]

(d) **Describe** how an **IDE** helps a programmer locate a fault during **alpha testing**. [3]

(e) **State** the difference between **alpha** and **beta** testing.

[2]
