

**Question 1: Methods and Control Structures****9 points****Canonical solution****(a)** **5 points**

```
public int scoreGuess(String guess)
{
    int count = 0;

    for (int i = 0; i <= secret.length() - guess.length(); i++)
    {
        if (secret.substring(i, i + guess.length()).equals(guess))
        {
            count++;
        }
    }

    return count * guess.length() * guess.length();
}
```

**(b)** **4 points**

```
public String findBetterGuess(String guess1, String guess2)
{
    if (scoreGuess(guess1) > scoreGuess(guess2))
    {
        return guess1;
    }
    if (scoreGuess(guess2) > scoreGuess(guess1))
    {
        return guess2;
    }
    if (guess1.compareTo(guess2) > 0)
    {
        return guess1;
    }
    return guess2;
}
```

(a) scoreGuess

| Scoring Criteria   |                                                                                                                                                                                             | Decision Rules                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |
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| 1                  | Compares <code>guess</code> to a substring of <code>secret</code>                                                                                                                           | Responses <b>can</b> still earn the point even if they only call <code>secret.indexOf(guess)</code><br><br>Responses <b>will not</b> earn the point if they use <code>==</code> instead of <code>equals</code>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1 point  |
| 2                  | Uses a substring of <code>secret</code> with correct length for comparison with <code>guess</code>                                                                                          | Responses <b>can</b> still earn the point even if they <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>only call <code>secret.indexOf(guess)</code></li> <li>use <code>==</code> instead of <code>equals</code></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1 point  |
| 3                  | Loops through all necessary substrings of <code>secret</code> ( <i>no bounds errors</i> )                                                                                                   | Responses <b>will not</b> earn the point if they skip overlapping occurrences                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 point  |
| 4                  | Counts number of identified occurrences of <code>guess</code> within <code>secret</code> ( <i>in the context of a condition involving both <code>secret</code> and <code>guess</code></i> ) | Responses <b>can</b> still earn the point even if they <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>initialize count incorrectly or not at all</li> <li>identify occurrences incorrectly</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 point  |
| 5                  | Calculates and returns correct final score ( <i>algorithm</i> )                                                                                                                             | Responses <b>will not</b> earn the point if they <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>initialize count incorrectly or not at all</li> <li>fail to use a loop</li> <li>fail to compare <code>guess</code> to multiple substrings of <code>secret</code></li> <li>count the same matching substring more than once</li> <li>use a changed or incorrect <code>guess</code> length when computing the score</li> </ul> | 1 point  |
| Total for part (a) |                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 5 points |

(b) `findBetterGuess`

| Scoring Criteria            |                                                                                             | Decision Rules                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |          |
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| 6                           | Calls <code>scoreGuess</code> to get scores for <code>guess1</code> and <code>guess2</code> | Responses <b>will not</b> earn the point if they <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fail to include parameters in the method calls</li> <li>call the method on an object or class other than <code>this</code></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 point  |
| 7                           | Compares the scores                                                                         | Responses <b>will not</b> earn the point if they <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>only compare using <code>==</code> or <code>!=</code></li> <li>fail to use the result of the comparison in a conditional statement</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                          | 1 point  |
| 8                           | Determines which of <code>guess1</code> and <code>guess2</code> is alphabetically greater   | Responses <b>can</b> still earn the point even if they reverse the comparison<br><br>Responses <b>will not</b> earn the point if they <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reimplement <code>compareTo</code> incorrectly</li> <li>use result of <code>compareTo</code> as if <code>boolean</code></li> </ul>                                                                                | 1 point  |
| 9                           | Returns the identified <code>guess1</code> or <code>guess2</code> ( <i>algorithm</i> )      | Responses <b>can</b> still earn the point even if they <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>call <code>scoreGuess</code> incorrectly</li> <li>compare strings incorrectly</li> </ul><br>Responses <b>will not</b> earn the point if they <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reverse a comparison</li> <li>omit either comparison</li> <li>fail to return a guess in some case</li> </ul> | 1 point  |
| Total for part (b)          |                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 4 points |
| Question-specific penalties |                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |
| None                        |                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |
| Total for question 1        |                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 9 points |

## Applying the Scoring Criteria

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- `=` instead of `==` and vice versa
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## **Scoring Guidelines**

**2019 SCORING GUIDELINES**

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**2019 SCORING GUIDELINES****Question 1: Calendar**

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| <b>Part (a)</b> | <code>numberOfLeapYears</code> | <b>5 points</b> |
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**Intent:** *Return the number of leap years in a range*

- +1**    Initializes a numeric variable
- +1**    Loops through each necessary year in the range
- +1**    Calls `isLeapYear` on some valid year in the range
- +1**    Updates count based on result of calling `isLeapYear`
- +1**    Returns count of leap years

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| <b>Part (b)</b> | <code>dayOfWeek</code> | <b>4 points</b> |
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**Intent:** *Return an integer representing the day of the week for a given date*

- +1**    Calls `firstDayOfYear`
- +1**    Calls `dayOfYear`
- +1**    Calculates the value representing the day of the week
- +1**    Returns the calculated value

**Question-Specific Penalties**

- 1**    (t) Static methods called with `this`.

**2019 SCORING GUIDELINES****Question 1: Scoring Notes**

| <b>Part (a)</b> <code>numberOfLeapYears</code> |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                         | <b>5 points</b>                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Points                                         | Rubric Criteria                                                  | Responses earn the point even if they...                                                                                                                | Responses will not earn the point if they...                                                                                                                    |
| +1                                             | Initializes a numeric variable                                   |                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use the variable for loop control only</li> </ul>                                                                        |
| +1                                             | Loops through each necessary year in the range                   |                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consider years outside the range</li> </ul>                                                                              |
| +1                                             | Calls <code>isLeapYear</code> on some valid year in the range    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>do not use a loop</li> </ul>                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| +1                                             | Updates count based on result of calling <code>isLeapYear</code> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>do not use a loop</li> <li>do not initialize the counter</li> </ul>                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use result as a non-boolean</li> </ul>                                                                                   |
| +1                                             | Returns count of leap years                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>loop from <code>year1</code> to <code>year2</code> incorrectly</li> <li>do not initialize the counter</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>do not use a loop</li> <li>update or initialize the counter incorrectly</li> <li>return early inside the loop</li> </ul> |
| <b>Part (b)</b> <code>dayOfWeek</code>         |                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                         | <b>4 points</b>                                                                                                                                                 |
| Points                                         | Rubric Criteria                                                  | Responses earn the point even if they...                                                                                                                | Responses will not earn the point if they...                                                                                                                    |
| +1                                             | Calls <code>firstDayOfYear</code>                                |                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>do not use the given year</li> </ul>                                                                                     |
| +1                                             | Calls <code>dayOfYear</code>                                     |                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have arguments out of order</li> </ul>                                                                                   |
| +1                                             | Calculates the value representing the day of the week            |                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>make any error in the calculation</li> </ul>                                                                             |
| +1                                             | Returns the calculated value                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>return the value from calling <code>firstDayOfYear</code> or <code>dayOfYear</code></li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>return a constant value</li> </ul>                                                                                       |

**2019 SCORING GUIDELINES****Question 1: Calendar***Part (a)*

```
public static int numberOfLeapYears(int year1, int year2)
{
    int count = 0;
    for (int y = year1; y <= year2; y++)
    {
        if (isLeapYear(y))
        {
            count++;
        }
    }
    return count;
}
```

*Part (b)*

```
public static int dayOfWeek(int month, int day, int year)
{
    int startDay = firstDayOfYear(year);
    int nthDay = dayOfYear(month, day, year);
    int returnDay = (startDay + nthDay - 1) % 7;
    return returnDay;
}
```

These canonical solutions serve an expository role, depicting general approaches to solution. Each reflects only one instance from the infinite set of valid solutions. The solutions are presented in a coding style chosen to enhance readability and facilitate understanding.

**2019 SCORING GUIDELINES****Question 2: Step Tracker****Class:** `StepTracker`**9 points****Intent:** *Define implementation of a class to record fitness data*

- +1** Declares all appropriate `private` instance variables
- +2** Constructor
  - +1** Declares header: `public StepTracker(int ____)`
  - +1** Uses parameter and appropriate values to initialize instance variables
- +3** `addDailySteps` method
  - +1** Declares header: `public void addDailySteps(int ____)`
  - +1** Identifies active days and increments count
  - +1** Updates other instance variables appropriately
- +1** `activeDays` method
  - +1** Declares and implements `public int activeDays()`
- +2** `averageSteps` method
  - +1** Declares header: `public double averageSteps()`
  - +1** Returns calculated `double` average number of steps

**2019 SCORING GUIDELINES****Question 2: Scoring Notes**

| <b>Class</b> StepTracker |                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>9 points</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Points                   | Rubric Criteria                                                        | Responses earn the point even if they...                                                                                                                                                                | Responses will not earn the point if they...                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| +1                       | Declares all appropriate <code>private</code> instance variables       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>omit keyword <code>private</code></li> <li>declare variables outside the class</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                       |
| +2                       | <b>Constructor</b>                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| +1                       | Declares header:<br><code>public StepTracker(int ____)</code>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>omit keyword <code>public</code></li> </ul>                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>declare method <code>private</code></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| +1                       | Uses parameter and appropriate values to initialize instance variables | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>initialize primitive instance variables to default values when declared</li> </ul>                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fail to use the parameter to initialize some instance variable</li> <li>fail to declare instance variables</li> <li>initialize local variables instead of instance variables</li> <li>assign variables to parameters</li> </ul> |
| +3                       | <b>addDailySteps method</b>                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| +1                       | Declares header:<br><code>public void addDailySteps(int ____)</code>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>omit keyword <code>public</code></li> </ul>                                                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>declare method <code>private</code></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| +1                       | Identifies active days and increments count                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>put valid comparison erroneously in some other method</li> </ul>                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fail to use the parameter as part of the comparison</li> <li>fail to increment a count of active days</li> <li>fail to increment an instance variable</li> <li>compare parameter to some numeric constant</li> </ul>            |
| +1                       | Updates other instance variables appropriately                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>update another instance variable only on active days</li> <li>update another instance variable inappropriately</li> <li>fail to update appropriate instance variable</li> <li>update a local variable</li> </ul>                |
| +1                       | <b>activeDays method</b>                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| +1                       | Declares and implements <code>public int activeDays()</code>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>return appropriate count of active days where the instance variables were updated improperly in <code>addDailySteps</code> or <code>activeDays</code></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>declare method <code>private</code></li> <li>return value that is not the number of active days</li> <li>fail to return a value</li> </ul>                                                                                      |

**2019 SCORING GUIDELINES****Question 2: Scoring Notes (continued)**

| Points | Rubric Criteria                                                      | Responses earn the point even if they...                                                                                                                                                      | Responses will not earn the point if they...                                                                                                                 |
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| +2     | <code>averageSteps</code> method                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                              |
| +1     | Declares header:<br><code>public double<br/>averageSteps()</code>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>omit keyword <code>public</code></li> </ul>                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>declare method <code>private</code></li> </ul>                                                                        |
| +1     | Returns calculated<br><code>double average</code><br>number of steps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>maintain instance variables improperly but calculate appropriate average</li> <li>fail to handle the special case where no days are tracked</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use integer division</li> <li>calculate something other than steps divided by days</li> <li>fail to return</li> </ul> |

**2019 SCORING GUIDELINES****Question 2: Step Tracker**

```
public class StepTracker
{
    private int minSteps;
    private int totalSteps;
    private int numDays;
    private int numActiveDays;

    public StepTracker(int threshold)
    {
        minSteps = threshold;
        totalSteps = 0;
        numDays = 0;
        numActiveDays = 0;
    }

    public void addDailySteps(int steps)
    {
        totalSteps += steps;
        numDays++;
        if (steps >= minSteps)
        {
            numActiveDays++;
        }
    }

    public int activeDays()
    {
        return numActiveDays;
    }

    public double averageSteps()
    {
        if (numDays == 0)
        {
            return 0.0;
        }
        else
        {
            return (double) totalSteps / numDays;
        }
    }
}
```

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**2019 SCORING GUIDELINES****Question 3: Delimiters**

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| <b>Part (a)</b> | <code>getDelimitersList</code> | <b>4 points</b> |
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**Intent:** *Store delimiters from an array in an `ArrayList`*

- +1**    Creates `ArrayList<String>`
- +1**    Accesses all elements in array `tokens` (*no bounds errors*)
- +1**    Compares strings in `tokens` with both instance variables (*must be in the context of a loop*)
- +1**    Adds delimiters into `ArrayList` in original order

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| <b>Part (b)</b> | <code>isBalanced</code> | <b>5 points</b> |
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**Intent:** *Determine whether open and close delimiters in an `ArrayList` are balanced*

- +1**    Initializes accumulator(s)
- +1**    Accesses all elements in `ArrayList delimiters` (*no bounds errors*)
- +1**    Compares strings in `delimiters` with instance variables and updates accumulator(s) accordingly
- +1**    Identifies and returns appropriate `boolean` value to implement one rule
- +1**    Identifies and returns appropriate `boolean` values for all cases

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## Question 3: Scoring Notes

| Part (a) <code>getDelimitersList</code> |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 4 points                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Points                                  | Rubric Criteria                                                                                                  | Responses earn the point even if they...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Responses will not earn the point if they...                                                                                                                                                                           |
| +1                                      | Creates <code>ArrayList&lt;String&gt;</code>                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>omit <code>&lt;String&gt;</code></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>omit the keyword <code>new</code></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                    |
| +1                                      | Accesses all elements in array <code>tokens</code> ( <i>no bounds errors</i> )                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>return incorrectly inside the loop</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>treat <code>tokens</code> as a single string</li> <li>access elements of <code>tokens</code> as if from an <code>ArrayList</code> (e.g., <code>tokens.get(i)</code>)</li> </ul> |
| +1                                      | Compares strings in <code>tokens</code> with both instance variables ( <i>must be in the context of a loop</i> ) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>access elements of <code>tokens</code> as if from an <code>ArrayList</code> (e.g., <code>tokens.get(i)</code>)</li> </ul>                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use <code>==</code> for string comparison</li> <li>treat <code>tokens</code> as a single string</li> </ul>                                                                      |
| +1                                      | Adds delimiters into <code>ArrayList</code> in original order                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>add a delimiter by accessing <code>tokens</code> incorrectly (e.g., <code>tokens.get(i)</code>)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>add a token that is not a delimiter</li> <li>do not maintain the original delimiter order</li> </ul>                                                                            |
| Part (b) <code>isBalanced</code>        |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 5 points                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Points                                  | Rubric Criteria                                                                                                  | Responses earn the point even if they...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Responses will not earn the point if they...                                                                                                                                                                           |
| +1                                      | Initializes accumulator(s)                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>initialize inside the loop</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>initialize an accumulator variable but don't update it</li> </ul>                                                                                                               |
| +1                                      | Accesses all elements in <code>ArrayList</code> <code>delimiters</code> ( <i>no bounds errors</i> )              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>return incorrectly inside the loop</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>access elements of <code>delimiters</code> as if from an array (e.g., <code>delimiters[i]</code>)</li> </ul>                                                                    |
| +1                                      | Compares strings in <code>delimiters</code> with instance variables and updates accumulator(s) accordingly       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>access elements of <code>delimiters</code> as if from an array (e.g., <code>delimiters[i]</code>)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use <code>==</code> for string comparison</li> <li>adjust an accumulator without a guarding condition</li> </ul>                                                                |
| +1                                      | Identifies and returns appropriate <code>boolean</code> value to implement one rule                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>check for more closing delimiters (inside a loop) and return <code>false</code></li> <li>return <code>true</code> if the number of open and close delimiters is the same, and <code>false</code> otherwise (after a loop)</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| +1                                      | Identifies and returns appropriate <code>boolean</code> values for all cases                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have correct logic with the exception of a loop bounds error, accessing elements as if from an array, or using <code>==</code> for string comparison</li> </ul>                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>initialize accumulator inside a loop</li> <li>fail to check for more closing delimiters inside a loop</li> </ul>                                                                |

**2019 SCORING GUIDELINES****Question 3: Delimiters***Part (a)*

```
public ArrayList<String> getDelimitersList(String[] tokens)
{
    ArrayList<String> d = new ArrayList<String>();
    for (String str : tokens)
    {
        if (str.equals(openDel) || str.equals(closeDel))
        {
            d.add(str);
        }
    }
    return d;
}
```

*Part (b)*

```
public boolean isBalanced(ArrayList<String> delimiters)
{
    int openCount = 0;
    int closeCount = 0;

    for (String str : delimiters)
    {
        if (str.equals(openDel))
        {
            openCount++;
        }
        else
        {
            closeCount++;
        }

        if (closeCount > openCount)
        {
            return false;
        }
    }

    if (openCount == closeCount)
    {
        return true;
    }
    else
    {
        return false;
    }
}
```

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**2019 SCORING GUIDELINES****Question 4: Light Board**

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| <b>Part (a)</b> | <code>LightBoard</code> | <b>4 points</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|

**Intent:** *Define implementation of a constructor that initializes a 2D array of lights*

- +1** Creates a new `boolean[numRows][numCols]` and assigns to instance variable `lights`
- +1** Accesses all elements in the created 2D array (*no bounds errors*)
- +1** Computes the 40% probability
- +1** Sets all values of 2D array based on computed probability

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| <b>Part (b)</b> | <code>evaluateLight</code> | <b>5 points</b> |
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**Intent:** *Evaluate the status of a light in a 2D array of lights*

- +1** Accesses an element of `lights` as a `boolean` value in an expression
- +1** Traverses specified `col` of a 2D array (*no bounds errors*)
- +1** Counts the number of `true` values in the traversal
- +1** Performs an even calculation and a multiple of three calculation
- +1** Returns `true` or `false` according to all three rules

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| <b>Question-Specific Penalties</b> |
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- 1** (z) Constructor returns a value
- 1** (y) Destruction of persistent data

## 2019 SCORING GUIDELINES

## Question 4: Scoring Notes

| Part (a) <code>LightBoard</code>    |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                               | 4 points                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Points                              | Rubric Criteria                                                                                           | Responses earn the point even if they...                                                                                                                      | Responses will not earn the point if they...                                                                                                                                                                               |
| +1                                  | Creates a new <code>boolean[numRows][numCols]</code> and assigns to instance variable <code>lights</code> |                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>initialize a local variable that is never assigned to <code>lights</code></li> <li>omit the keyword <code>new</code></li> <li>use a type other than <code>boolean</code></li> </ul> |
| +1                                  | Accesses all elements in the created 2D array ( <i>no bounds errors</i> )                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fail to create <code>lights</code> but assume <code>lights[numRows][numCols]</code></li> </ul>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| +1                                  | Computes the 40% probability                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use <code>Math.random() &lt;= .4</code></li> </ul>                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>incorrectly cast to <code>int</code></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                     |
| +1                                  | Sets all values of 2D array based on computed probability                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>only assign <code>true</code> values</li> </ul>                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>compute a single probability but use it multiple times</li> <li>reverse the sense of the comparison when assigning</li> </ul>                                                       |
| Part (b) <code>evaluateLight</code> |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                               | 5 points                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Points                              | Rubric Criteria                                                                                           | Responses earn the point even if they...                                                                                                                      | Responses will not earn the point if they...                                                                                                                                                                               |
| +1                                  | Accesses an element of <code>lights</code> as a <code>boolean</code> value in an expression               |                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>access <code>lights</code> as a type other than <code>boolean</code></li> </ul>                                                                                                     |
| +1                                  | Traverses specified <code>col</code> of a 2D array ( <i>no bounds errors</i> )                            |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| +1                                  | Counts the number of <code>true</code> values in the traversal                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>access too many or too few items in a single column</li> <li>access a single row instead of a single column</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>count an item more than once</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                             |
| +1                                  | Performs an even calculation and a multiple of three calculation                                          |                                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use <code>/</code> instead of <code>%</code></li> </ul>                                                                                                                             |
| +1                                  | Returns <code>true</code> or <code>false</code> according to all three rules                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have an incorrect column count but use the correct logic</li> </ul>                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fail to return a value in some case</li> <li>implement counting loop more than once with one loop that is incorrect</li> </ul>                                                      |

**2019 SCORING GUIDELINES****Question 4: Light Board***Part (a)*

```
public LightBoard(int numRows, int numCols)
{
    lights = new boolean[numRows][numCols];

    for (int r = 0; r < numRows; r++)
    {
        for (int c = 0; c < numCols; c++)
        {
            double rnd = Math.random();
            lights[r][c] = rnd < 0.4;
        }
    }
}
```

*Part (b)*

```
public boolean evaluateLight(int row, int col)
{
    int numOn = 0;

    for (int r = 0; r < lights.length; r++)
    {
        if (lights[r][col])
        {
            numOn++;
        }
    }

    if (lights[row][col] && numOn % 2 == 0)
    {
        return false;
    }
    if (!lights[row][col] && numOn % 3 == 0)
    {
        return true;
    }
    return lights[row][col];
}
```

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## 2016 GENERAL SCORING GUIDELINES

Apply the question assessment rubric first, which always takes precedence. Penalty points can only be deducted in a part of the question that has earned credit via the question rubric. No part of a question (a, b, c) may have a negative point total. A given penalty can be assessed only once for a question, even if it occurs multiple times or in multiple parts of that question. A maximum of 3 penalty points may be assessed per question.

### 1-Point Penalty

- v) Array/collection access confusion (`[]` `get`)
- w) Extraneous code that causes side-effect (e.g., writing to output, failure to compile)
- x) Local variables used but none declared
- y) Destruction of persistent data (e.g., changing value referenced by parameter)
- z) Void method or constructor that returns a value

### No Penalty

- o Extraneous code with no side-effect (e.g., precondition check, no-op)
- o Spelling/case discrepancies where there is no ambiguity\*
- o Local variable not declared provided other variables are declared in some part
- o `private` or `public` qualifier on a local variable
- o Missing `public` qualifier on class or constructor header
- o Keyword used as an identifier
- o Common mathematical symbols used for operators (`*` `*` `÷` `≤` `≥` `<>` `≠`)
- o `[]` vs. `()` vs. `<>`
- o `=` instead of `==` and vice versa
- o `length/size` confusion for array, String, List, or ArrayList; with or without `()`
- o Extraneous `[]` when referencing entire array
- o `[i,j]` instead of `[i][j]`
- o Extraneous size in array declaration, e.g., `int[size] nums = new int[size];`
- o Missing `;` where structure clearly conveys intent
- o Missing `{ }` where indentation clearly conveys intent
- o Missing `()` on parameter-less method or constructor invocations
- o Missing `()` around `if` or `while` conditions

*\*Spelling and case discrepancies for identifiers fall under the “No Penalty” category only if the correction can be **unambiguously** inferred from context. For example, “ArayList” instead of “ArrayList”. As a counter example, note that if the code declares “Bug bug;”, then uses “Bug.move()” instead of “bug.move()”, the context does **not** allow for the reader to assume the object instead of the class.*

## 2016 SCORING GUIDELINES

### Question 1: Random String Chooser

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| <b>Part (a)</b> | RandomStringChooser | <b>7 points</b> |
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**Intent:** *Define implementation of class to choose a random string*

- +1** Uses correct class, constructor, and method headers
- +1** Declares appropriate `private` instance variable(s)
- +1** Initializes all instance variable(s) (*point lost if parameter not used in any initialization*)
- +4** Implements `getNext`
  - +1** Generates a random number in the proper range (*point lost for improper or missing cast*)
  - +1** Chooses a string from instance variable using generated random number
  - +1** Updates state appropriately (*point lost if constructor parameter is altered*)
  - +1** Returns chosen string or `"NONE"` as appropriate

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| <b>Part (b)</b> | RandomLetterChooser | <b>2 points</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|

**Intent:** *Define implementation of a constructor of a class that extends `RandomStringChooser`*

- +1** `getSingleLetters(str)`
- +1** `super(getSingleLetters(str));` (*point lost if not first statement in constructor*)

**2016 CANONICAL SOLUTIONS****Question 1: Random String Chooser**

Part (a):

```
public class RandomStringChooser
{
    private List<String> words;

    public RandomStringChooser(String[] wordArray)
    {
        words = new ArrayList<String>();

        for (String singleWord : wordArray)
        {
            words.add(singleWord);
        }
    }

    public String getNext()
    {
        if (words.size() > 0)
        {
            return words.remove((int) (Math.random() * words.size()));
        }
        return "NONE";
    }
}
```

Part (b):

```
public RandomLetterChooser(String str)
{
    super(getSingleLetters(str));
}
```

## 2016 SCORING GUIDELINES

### Question 2: Log Messages

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Part (a)</b> <code>LogMessage</code> constructor | <b>2 points</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|

**Intent:** *Initialize instance variables using passed parameter*

- +1    Locates colon
- +1    Initializes instance variables with correct parts of the parameter

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|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Part (b)</b> <code>containsWord</code> | <b>2 points</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|

**Intent:** *Determine whether description properly contains a keyword*

- +1    Identifies at least one properly-contained occurrence of `keyword` in `description`
- +1    Returns `true` if and only if `description` properly contains `keyword`  
Returns `false` otherwise (*no bounds errors*)

|                                             |                 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Part (c)</b> <code>removeMessages</code> | <b>5 points</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|

**Intent:** *Remove log messages containing keyword from system log list and return these messages in a new list*

- +1    Accesses all items in `messageList` (*no bounds errors; point lost if no removal attempted*)
- +1    Identifies keyword-containing entry using `containsWord`
- +1    Adds all and only identified entries to new list (*point lost if original order not maintained*)
- +1    Removes all identified entries from `messageList` (*point lost if `messageList` reordered*)
- +1    Constructs and returns new `ArrayList<LogMessage>`

# 2016 CANONICAL SOLUTIONS

## Question 2: Log Messages

Part (a):

```
public LogMessage(String message)
{
    int colon = message.indexOf(":");
    machineId = message.substring(0, colon);
    description = message.substring(colon + 1);
}
```

Part (b):

```
public boolean containsWord(String keyword)
{
    if (description.equals(keyword))
    {
        return true;
    }
    if (description.indexOf(keyword + " ") == 0)
    {
        return true;
    }
    if (description.indexOf(" " + keyword + " ") != -1)
    {
        return true;
    }
    if (description.length() > keyword.length())
    {
        if ((description.substring(description.length() -
                                   keyword.length() - 1).equals(
                                   " " + keyword)))
        {
            return true;
        }
    }
    return false;
}
```

Part (c):

```
public List<LogMessage> removeMessages(String keyword)
{
    List<LogMessage> removals = new ArrayList<LogMessage>();

    for (int i = 0; i < messageList.size(); i++)
    {
        if (messageList.get(i).containsWord(keyword))
        {
            removals.add(messageList.remove(i));
            i--;
        }
    }
    return removals;
}
```

# 2016 SCORING GUIDELINES

## Question 3: Crossword

|                 |                          |                 |
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| <b>Part (a)</b> | <code>toBeLabeled</code> | <b>3 points</b> |
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**Intent:** Return a *boolean* value indicating whether a crossword grid square should be labeled with a positive number

- +1** Checks `blackSquares[r][c]`
- +1** Checks for black square/border above and black square/border to the left (*no bounds errors*)
- +1** Returns `true` if square should be labeled with positive number; returns `false` otherwise

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| <b>Part (b)</b> | Crossword constructor | <b>6 points</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|

**Intent:** Initialize each square in a crossword puzzle grid to have a *color* (*boolean*) and an *integer label*

- +1** `puzzle = new Square[blackSquares.length][blackSquares[0].length];`  
(*or equivalent*)
- +1** Accesses all locations in `puzzle` (*no bounds errors*)
- +1** Calls `toBeLabeled` with appropriate parameters
- +1** Creates and assigns new `Square` to location in `puzzle`
- +1** Numbers identified squares consecutively, in row-major order, starting at 1
- +1** On exit: All squares in `puzzle` have correct color and number (*minor errors covered in previous points ok*)

### Question-Specific Penalties

- 2** (p) Consistently uses incorrect name instead of `puzzle`
- 1** (q) Uses `array[].length` instead of `array[num].length`

# 2016 CANONICAL SOLUTIONS

## Question 3: Crossword

Part (a):

```
private boolean toBeLabeled(int r, int c, boolean[][] blackSquares)
{
    return (!(blackSquares[r][c]) &&
            (r == 0 || c == 0 || blackSquares[r - 1][c] ||
             blackSquares[r][c - 1]));
}
```

Part (b):

```
public Crossword(boolean[][] blackSquares)
{
    puzzle = new Square[blackSquares.length][blackSquares[0].length];
    int num = 1;

    for (int r = 0; r < blackSquares.length; r++)
    {
        for (int c = 0; c < blackSquares[0].length; c++)
        {
            if (blackSquares[r][c])
            {
                puzzle[r][c] = new Square(true, 0);
            }
            else
            {
                if (toBeLabeled(r, c, blackSquares))
                {
                    puzzle[r][c] = new Square(false, num);
                    num++;
                }
                else
                {
                    puzzle[r][c] = new Square(false, 0);
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

## 2016 SCORING GUIDELINES

### Question 4: String Formatter

|                 |                           |                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Part (a)</b> | <code>totalLetters</code> | <b>2 points</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|

**Intent:** Calculate the total number of letters in a list of words

- +1**    Accesses all strings in `wordList` and adds length of each to accumulated count (*no bounds errors*)
- +1**    Initializes and returns accumulated count

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| <b>Part (b)</b> | <code>basicGapWidth</code> | <b>2 points</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|

**Intent:** Calculate the minimum number of spaces (*basic gap width*) to be placed between each word in the formatted string

- +1**    Calls `totalLetters` correctly and uses result
- +1**    Returns correct calculated value

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|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Part (c)</b> | <code>format</code> | <b>5 points</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|

**Intent:** Return a formatted string consisting of words from `wordList` separated by one or more spaces

- +1**    Calls `basicGapWidth` and `leftoverSpaces` correctly and uses results
- +1**    Adds all strings in `wordList` to formatted string in original order (*no bounds errors*)
- +1**    Inserts *basicGapWidth* spaces between each pair of words in formatted string
- +1**    Inserts one space between first *leftoverSpaces* pairs of words in formatted string
- +1**    Initializes and returns formatted string (*no extra or deleted characters*)

**2016 CANONICAL SOLUTIONS****Question 4: String Formatter**

Part (a):

```
public static int totalLetters(List<String> wordList)
{
    int total = 0;

    for (String word : wordList)
    {
        total += word.length();
    }
    return total;
}
```

Part (b):

```
public static int basicGapWidth(List<String> wordList, int formattedLen)
{
    return (formattedLen - totalLetters(wordList)) / (wordList.size()-1);
}
```

Part (c):

```
public static String format(List<String> wordList, int formattedLen)
{
    String formatted = "";
    int gapWidth = basicGapWidth(wordList, formattedLen);
    int leftovers = leftoverSpaces(wordList, formattedLen);

    for (int w = 0; w < wordList.size() - 1; w++)
    {
        formatted = formatted + wordList.get(w);
        for (int i = 0; i < gapWidth; i++)
        {
            formatted = formatted + " ";
        }
        if (leftovers > 0)
        {
            formatted = formatted + " ";
            leftovers--;
        }
    }
    formatted = formatted + wordList.get(wordList.size() - 1);

    return formatted;
}
```