

1. Consider the following classes, where we use `print` to abbreviate `System.out.println`:

```
interface I {  
    void mi();  
}
```

```
class A implements I {  
    void mi() {  
        println("A.mi"); }  
}
```

```
class B implements I {  
    void mi() {  
        println("B.mi"); }  
}
```

```
1 class Collector {  
2     A[] as; int numberOfAs;  
3     B[] bs; int numberOfBs;  
4     Collector() {  
5         as = new A[10]; bs = new B[10]; }  
6     void addA(A a) {  
7         as[numberOfAs] = a; numberOfAs++; }  
8     void addB(B b) {  
9         bs[numberOfBs] = b; numberOfBs++; }  
10    void callAll() {  
11        for(int i = 0; i < numberOfAs; i ++)  
12            { as[i].mi(); }  
13        for(int i = 0; i < numberOfBs; i ++)  
14            { bs[i].mi(); }  
15    }  
16 }
```

```
1 class Tester {  
2     static void main(String[] args) {  
3         I i = new I();  
4         B b = new B(); A a = new A();  
5         Collector c = new Collector();  
6         c.addB(b); c.addA(a);  
7         c.callAll();  
8     }  
9 }
```

(a) Explain if the assignment `as[numberOfAs] = a` in **Line 7** of the above `Collector` class compiles.

Solution:
Yes, because `a`'s static type `A` is a descendant class of `as[i]`'s static type `A`.

[of 5 marks]

(b) Explain if the method call `as[i].mi()` in **Line 12** of the above `Collector` class compiles.

Solution:
Yes, because `as[i]`'s static type `A` has the method `mi` defined.

[of 5 marks]

(c) Explain if **Line 3** of the above `Tester` class compiles.

Solution:
No, because `I` being an interface cannot be used as a dynamic type.

[of 5 marks]

(d) Write and Explain the console output from **Line 7** of the above `Tester` class.

Solution:
Output is:

```
A.mi  
B.mi
```

- The first **for** loop in method **callAll** will call the version of method **mi** implemented in class **A**. So the output is: "A.mi".
- The second **for** loop in method **callAll** will call the version of method **mi** implemented in class **B**. So the output is: "B.mi".

[of 10 marks]

- (e) The above **Collector** class does not make use of *polymorphism*, which results from the fact that classes **A** and **B** implement a common interface **I**. Rewrite the above **Collector** class, such that there is only one array attribute and one **add** method, and that the **callAll** method contains just a single loop.

Solution:

```
1 class Collector {  
2     I[] is; int numberOfIs;  
3     Collector() {  
4         is = (I[]) new Object[10]; }  
5     void addI(I i) {  
6         is[numberOfIs] = i; numberOfIs++; }  
7     void callAll() {  
8         for(int i = 0; i < numberOfIs; i ++)  
9             { is[i].mi(); }  
10    }  
11 }
```

[of 15 marks]