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Programming Language Concepts

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1. Consider the following Java code skeleton.

```
public abstract class Animal{
    public boolean equals(Animal a){ ...}
}

public class Bird extends Animal{
    public boolean equals(Bird b) {...}
}

public class Mammal extends Animal{
    public boolean equals(Mammal m) {...}
}

public class TestAnimals{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        Bird ostrich = new Bird(...);
        Mammal dolphin = new Mammal(...);
        Object od = dolphin;
        Animal ao = ostrich;
    }
}
```

Against each of the following, tick the equals() method that is invoked, among Object.equals(), Animal.equals(), Bird.equals() and Mammal.equals().

(a) od.equals(ostrich);

Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Animal	Bird	Mammal
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Explanation: The type of od is Object. The only equals() available for type Object is Object.equals(), so od.equals(ostrich) invokes Object.equals()

(b) od.equals(dolphin);

Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Animal	Bird	Mammal
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Explanation: The type of od is Object. The only equals() available for type Object is Object.equals(), so od.equals(dolphin) invokes Object.equals()

(c) ao.equals(ostrich);

Object	Animal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bird	Mammal
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Explanation: The type of ao is Animal. ao.equals(ostrich) looks for equals() that is compatible with equals(Bird). The nearest match is Animal.equals()

(d) ao.equals(dolphin);

Object	Animal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bird	Mammal
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Explanation: The type of ao is Animal. ao.equals(dolphin) looks for equals() that is compatible with equals(Mammal). The nearest match is Animal.equals()

(e) ostrich.equals(od);

Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Animal	Bird	Mammal
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Explanation: The type of ostrich is Bird but the type of od is Object. The only equals() available to Bird that is compatible with equals(Object) is Object.equals()

(f) dolphin.equals(ao);

Object	Animal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bird	Mammal
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Explanation: The type of dolphin is Mammal and the type of ao is Animal. Animal.equals() is the nearest match for equals(Animal).

2. Consider the following Java code fragment.

```
public class Ticket {...}
public class ETicket extends Ticket{...
    // Adds a new instance variable QRcode
    // and defines a new method getQRcode();
}
```

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ETicket[] etktarr = new ETicket[10];
Ticket[] ticketarr = etktarr;
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For each of the following statements, select whether the statement is legal, generates a compile-time error, or generates a run-time error.

(a) `ticketarr[4] = new Ticket();`

Error	None	Compile	Runtime ✓
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Explanation: `ticketarr` has type `Ticket[]`, so the compiler does not flag an error. At run time `ticketarr` refers to an array of type `ETicket[]`, so the assignment fails.

(b) `ticketarr[7] = new ETicket();`

Error	None ✓	Compile	Runtime
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Explanation: `ticketarr` has type `Ticket[]` and `ETicket` is a subtype of `Ticket` so the compiler passes the code. At run time, `ticketarr` has type `ETicket[]`, so there is no error.

(c) `QRcode q = etktarr[3].getQRcode();`

Error	None ✓	Compile	Runtime
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Explanation: `etktarr` has type `ETicket[]`, so `getQRcode()` is a valid method and there is no error.

(d) `QRcode q = ticketarr[8].getQRcode();`

Error	None	Compile ✓	Runtime
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Explanation: `ticketarr` has type `Ticket[]` and `getQRcode()` is not defined for `Ticket`, so this is flagged by the compiler.
