

# AP<sup>®</sup> COMPUTER SCIENCE A

## 2010 GENERAL SCORING GUIDELINES

**Apply the question-specific rubric first.** To maintain scoring intent, a single error is generally accounted for only once per question thereby mitigating multiple penalties for the same error. The error categorization below is for cases not adequately covered by the question-specific rubric. Note that points can only be deducted if the error occurs in a part that has earned credit via the question-specific rubric. Any particular error is **penalized only once** in a question, even if it occurs on different parts of that question.

### Nonpenalized Errors

spelling/case discrepancies if no ambiguity\*

local variable not declared if others are declared in some part

use keyword as identifier

[ ] vs. ( ) vs. <>

= instead of == (and vice versa)

length/size confusion for array, String, and ArrayList, with or without ( )

private qualifier on local variable

extraneous code with no side effect; e.g., *precondition check*

common mathematical symbols for operators ( $x \cdot \div \leq \geq < > \neq$ )

missing { } where indentation clearly conveys intent and { } used elsewhere

default constructor called without parens; e.g., `new Fish;`

missing ( ) on parameterless method call

missing ( ) around if/while conditions

missing ; when majority are present

missing public on class or constructor header

extraneous [ ] when referencing entire array

extraneous size in array declaration, e.g., `int[size] nums = new int[size];`

### Minor Errors (1/2 point)

confused identifier (e.g., `len for length` or `left() for getLeft()`)

local variables used but none declared

missing new in constructor call

modifying a constant (final)

use equals or compareTo method on primitives, e.g., `int x; ...x.equals(val)`

array/collection access confusion (`[] get`)

assignment dyslexia, e.g., `x + 3 = y;` for `y = x + 3;`

`super(method())` instead of `super.method()`

formal parameter syntax (with type) in method call, e.g., `a = method(int x)`

missing public from method header when required

"false"/"true" or 0/1 for boolean values

"null" for null

**Applying Minor Errors (1/2 point):**  
A minor error that occurs **exactly once** when the same concept is **correct two or more times** is regarded as an oversight and **not penalized**. A minor error **must be penalized** if it is the **only instance, one of two**, or occurs **two or more times**.

### Major Errors (1 point)

extraneous code that causes side effect; e.g., *information written to output*

interface or class name instead of variable identifier; e.g., `Bug.move()` instead of `aBug.move()`

`aMethod(obj)` instead of `obj.aMethod()`

attempt to use private data or method when not accessible

destruction of persistent data (e.g., *changing value referenced by parameter*)

use class name in place of super in constructor or method call

void method (or constructor) returns a value

\* Spelling and case discrepancies for identifiers fall under the "nonpenalized" category only if the correction can be **unambiguously** inferred from context; for example, "ArrayList" instead of "Arraylist". As a counter example, note that if a student 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.

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### Question 1: Master Order

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| <b>Part (a)</b> | <code>getTotalBoxes</code> | <b>3 points</b> |
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*Intent:* Compute and return the sum of the number of boxes of all cookie orders in `this.orders`

- +1 Considers all `CookieOrder` objects in `this.orders`
  - +1/2 Accesses any element of `this.orders`
  - +1/2 Accesses all elements of `this.orders` with no out-of-bounds access potential
  
- +1 1/2 Computes total number of boxes
  - +1/2 Creates an accumulator (declare and initialize)
  - +1/2 Invokes `getNumBoxes` on object of type `CookieOrder`
  - +1/2 Correctly accumulates total number of boxes
  
- +1/2 Returns computed total

|                 |                            |                 |
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| <b>Part (b)</b> | <code>removeVariety</code> | <b>6 points</b> |
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*Intent:* Remove all `CookieOrder` objects from `this.orders` whose variety matches `cookieVar`; return total number of boxes removed

- +4 Identifies and removes matching `CookieOrder` objects
  - +1/2 Accesses an element of `this.orders`
  - +1/2 Compares parameter `cookieVar` with `getVariety()` of a `CookieOrder` object (must use `.equals` or `.compareTo`)
  - +1 Compares parameter `cookieVar` with `getVariety()` of all `CookieOrder` objects in `this.orders`, no out-of-bounds access potential
  - +1/2 Removes an element from `this.orders`
  - +1/2 Removes only matching `CookieOrder` objects
  - +1 Removes all matching `CookieOrder` objects, no elements skipped
  
- +1 1/2 Computes total number of boxes in removed `CookieOrder` objects
  - +1/2 Creates an accumulator (declare and initialize)
  - +1/2 Invokes `getNumBoxes` on object of type `CookieOrder`
  - +1/2 Correctly accumulates total number of boxes (must be in context of loop and match with `cookieVar`)
  
- +1/2 Returns computed total

*Usage:*

- 1 consistently references incorrect name instead of `orders`, of potentially correct type
- 1 1/2 consistently references incorrect name instead of `orders`, incorrect type (e.g., `this`, `MasterOrder`)

# AP<sup>®</sup> COMPUTER SCIENCE A 2010 CANONICAL SOLUTIONS

## Question 1: Master Order

### Part (a):

```
public int getTotalBoxes() {
    int sum = 0;
    for (CookieOrder co : this.orders) {
        sum += co.getNumBoxes();
    }
    return sum;
}
```

### Part (b):

```
public int removeVariety(String cookieVar) {
    int numBoxesRemoved = 0;
    for (int i = this.orders.size() - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
        if (cookieVar.equals(this.orders.get(i).getVariety())) {
            numBoxesRemoved += this.orders.get(i).getNumBoxes();
            this.orders.remove(i);
        }
    }
    return numBoxesRemoved;
}
```

// Alternative solution (forward traversal direction):

```
public int removeVariety(String cookieVar) {
    int numBoxesRemoved = 0;
    int i = 0;
    while (i < this.orders.size()) {
        if (cookieVar.equals(this.orders.get(i).getVariety())) {
            numBoxesRemoved += this.orders.get(i).getNumBoxes();
            this.orders.remove(i);
        } else {
            i++;
        }
    }
    return numBoxesRemoved;
}
```

These canonical solutions serve an expository role, depicting general approaches to a 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.

- (a) The `getTotalBoxes` method computes and returns the sum of the number of boxes of all cookie orders. If there are no cookie orders in the master order, the method returns 0.

Complete method `getTotalBoxes` below.

```
/** @return the sum of the number of boxes of all of the cookie orders
 */
public int getTotalBoxes()
{
    if(orders.size() == 0)
    {
        return 0;
    }
    int sum = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < orders.size(); i++)
    {
        CookieOrder x = order.get(i);
        sum += x.getNumBoxes();
    }
    return sum;
}
```

Part (b) begins on page 6.

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Complete method `removeVariety` below.

```
/** Removes all cookie orders from the master order that have the same variety of
 * cookie as cookieVar and returns the total number of boxes that were removed.
 * @param cookieVar the variety of cookies to remove from the master order
 * @return the total number of boxes of cookieVar in the cookie orders removed
 */
public int removeVariety(String cookieVar)
{
    int num = 0;
    for(int i = orders.size() - 1; i >= 0; i--)
    {
        CookieOrder x = orders.get(i);
        if(x.getVariety().equals(cookieVar))
        {
            num += x.getNumBoxes();
            orders.remove(i)
        }
    }
    return num
}
```

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- (a) The `getTotalBoxes` method computes and returns the sum of the number of boxes of all cookie orders. If there are no cookie orders in the master order, the method returns 0.

Complete method `getTotalBoxes` below.

```
/** @return the sum of the number of boxes of all of the cookie orders
 */
public int getTotalBoxes() {
    if (orders.length == 0)
        return 0;
    int sum = 0;
    for (int k = 0; k < orders.length; k++)
    {
        sum += orders[k];
    }
    return sum;
}
```

Part (b) begins on page 6.

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Complete method `removeVariety` below.

```
/** Removes all cookie orders from the master order that have the same variety of
 * cookie as cookieVar and returns the total number of boxes that were removed.
 * @param cookieVar the variety of cookies to remove from the master order
 * @return the total number of boxes of cookieVar in the cookie orders removed
 */
public int removeVariety(String cookieVar)
{
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < orders.length; i++)
    {
        if (orders[i].getVariety().equals(cookieVar))
            sum += orders[i].getNumBoxes();
        orders.removeOrder(i);
    }
    return sum;
}
```

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1C1

- (a) The `getTotalBoxes` method computes and returns the sum of the number of boxes of all cookie orders. If there are no cookie orders in the master order, the method returns 0.

Complete method `getTotalBoxes` below.

```
/** @return the sum of the number of boxes of all of the cookie orders
 */
public int getTotalBoxes()
{
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < orders.length(); i++)
    {
        sum += orders[i];
    }
    return sum;
}
```

Part (b) begins on page 6.

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1C2

Complete method `removeVariety` below.

```
/** Removes all cookie orders from the master order that have the same variety of
 * cookie as cookieVar and returns the total number of boxes that were removed.
 * @param cookieVar the variety of cookies to remove from the master order
 * @return the total number of boxes of cookieVar in the cookie orders removed
 */
```

```
public int removeVariety(String cookieVar)
{
    int removed = 0;
    int j = 1;
    for (int i = 0; i < orders.length(); i++)
    {
        if (orders[i] == orders[j])
        {
            removed++;
        }
        j++;
    }
    return removed;
}
```

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## 2010 SCORING COMMENTARY

### Question 1

#### Overview

This question focused on the `ArrayList` data structure, element access and removal, algorithms that required processing all elements, and using instance data. Students were provided with the frameworks for two classes, `CookieOrder` and `MasterOrder`, and were asked to implement two methods in the `MasterOrder` class. In part (a) students were required to implement the method `getTotalBoxes` that returns the sum of the number of boxes of all of the cookie orders in the `ArrayList` instance variable. This could be accomplished by invoking `getNumBoxes` on each element of the list, accumulating and returning the sum. In part (b) students were required to implement the `removeVariety` method, which removes from the `ArrayList` instance variable all `CookieOrder` objects that have the same variety as the parameter, maintains an accumulator of the number of boxes removed, and returns the accumulator's final value. This could be accomplished by first invoking `getVariety` on each element of the list and performing a string comparison with the parameter. If the two strings match, the result of invoking `getNumBoxes` would be added to an accumulator and the `remove` method invoked to delete that order from the list. The accumulated total needed to be returned at the end of the method.

#### Sample: 1A Score: 9

In part (a) the initial check for a zero-length list is unnecessary, but it does not cause a problem with the solution. The student correctly declares and initializes an accumulator. The student then correctly uses an indexed for-loop to access every element of the `ArrayList`, calls `getNumBoxes` on each element and accumulates the sum. When the loop ends, the sum is returned. Part (a) earned all 3 points.

In part (b) the student correctly declares and initializes an accumulator and uses a descending indexed for-loop to access every element of the `ArrayList`. The student correctly invokes `getVariety` on each `CookieOrder` and compares the result with the `cookieVar` parameter. If they match, the student invokes `getNumBoxes` and adds the result to the accumulator. The student then uses `remove` to delete that cookie order from the list. After the loop, the student returns the accumulated total number of boxes removed. Part (b) earned all 6 points.

#### Sample: 1B Score: 6

In part (a) the initial check for a zero-length list is unnecessary, but it does not cause a problem with the solution. The student correctly declares and initializes an accumulator. The student then correctly uses an indexed for-loop to access every element of the `ArrayList`. However, the student does not call `getNumBoxes` on each element, and the accumulator is not counting boxes, so those two  $\frac{1}{2}$  points were not earned. A computed total is returned, earning  $\frac{1}{2}$  point. Part (a) earned 2 points.

In part (b) the reference `orders[i]` earned  $\frac{1}{2}$  point for "Accesses an element of `this.orders`." The call to `getVariety` and the comparison to the `cookieVar` parameter are done correctly. The student uses `orders.removeOrder(i)` instead of `orders.remove(k)` and so did not earn the  $\frac{1}{2}$  point for "Removes an element." The attempted removal is appropriately guarded and earned the  $\frac{1}{2}$  point for "Removes only matching `CookieOrder` objects." The student uses an ascending index for-loop without

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the necessary index correction after removals and so did not earn the “Removes all matching” point. The call to `getNumBoxes` is good, as are the accumulation and the final return of the total number of boxes. Part (b) earned 4½ points.

The student uses `orders[k]` and `orders[i]` instead of `orders.get(k)` and `orders.get(i)` throughout the solution. This array/collection access confusion (`[ ] get`) lost ½ point under the General Scoring Guidelines.

#### **Sample: 1C**

#### **Score: 3**

In part (a) the missing call to `getNumBoxes` did not earn the ½ point for “Invokes `getNumBoxes`” or the ½ point for “Correctly accumulates.” Because `sum` gets a calculated value beyond its initialization, the statement “`return sum;`” earned ½ point for “Returns computed total.” Part (a) earned 2 points.

In part (b) the reference `orders[i]` earned ½ point for “Accesses an element of `this.orders`.” There is no use of parameter `cookieVar` and there is no call to `getVariety`, so the student did not earn any of the score points for the comparison. There is no attempt to remove items from `orders`, so none of the points under “Removes” was earned. The statement “`int removed = 0;`” earned ½ point for “Creates an accumulator.” The missing call to `getNumBoxes` did not earn the ½ point for “Invokes `getNumBoxes`” or the ½ point for “Correctly accumulates.” Because `removed` gets a calculated value beyond its initialization, the statement “`return removed;`” earned ½ point for “Returns computed total.” Part (b) earned 1½ points.

The student uses `orders[i]` instead of `orders.get(i)` throughout the solution. This array/collection access confusion (`[ ] get`) lost ½ point under the General Scoring Guidelines.