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Question 1: Daily Schedule

<b>Part A:</b>	<code>conflictsWith</code>	<b>1 1/2 points</b>
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- +1/2 `call OBJ1.overlapsWith(OBJ2)`
- +1/2 `access getTime of other and this`
- +1/2 `return correct value`

<b>Part B:</b>	<code>clearConflicts</code>	<b>3 points</b>
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- +2 `loop over apptList`
  - +1/2 `reference apptList in loop body`
  - +1/2 `access appointment in context of loop` (`apptList.get(i)`)
  - +1 `access all appointments (cannot skip entries after a removal)`
- +1 `remove conflicts in context of loop`
  - +1/2 `determine when conflict exists (must call conflictsWith)`
  - +1/2 `remove all conflicting appointments (and no others)`

<b>Part C:</b>	<code>addAppt</code>	<b>4 1/2 points</b>
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- +1/2 `test if emergency (may limit to when emergency AND conflict exists)`
- +1/2 `clear conflicts if and only if emergency`
  - (must not reimplement `clearConflicts` code)
- +1/2 `add appt if emergency`
- +2 `non-emergency case`
  - +1/2 `loop over apptList (must reference apptList in body)`
  - +1/2 `access apptList element and check for appt conflicts in context of loop`
  - +1/2 `exit loop with state (conflict / no conflict) correctly determined`
    - (includes loop bound)
  - +1/2 `add appt if and only if no conflict`
- +1 `return true if any appointment added, false otherwise (must return both)`

**Usage:** -1 if loop structure results in failure to handle empty `apptList`

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**Question 2: Taxable Items (Design)**

<b>Part A:</b>	purchasePrice	<b>2 1/2 points</b>
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- +1 call getListPrice()
- +1 calculate correct purchase price (*no penalty if truncate/round to 2 decimal places*)
- +1/2 return calculated price

<b>Part B:</b>	Vehicle	<b>6 1/2 points</b>
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- +1/2 class Vehicle extends TaxableItem
- +1/2 private double dealerCost
- +1/2 private double dealerMarkup (*no penalty if also store tax in field*)
  
- +2 1/2 constructor
  - +1/2 Vehicle(double ?, double ?, double ?)  
int/float (*OK if match fields*)
  - +1 call parent constructor
    - +1/2 attempt using super
    - +1/2 correct call: super(rate) (*note: must be first line in method*)
  - +1 initialize dealer cost and markup fields
    - +1/2 attempt (must use parameters on RHS or in mutator call)
    - +1/2 correct
  
- +1 changeMarkup
  - +1/2 public void changeMarkup(double ?)  
int/float (*OK if matches field; no penalty if returns reasonable value*)
  - +1/2 assign parameter to markup field
  
- +1 1/2 getListPrice
  - +1 public double getListPrice()
  - +1/2 return sum of dealer cost and markup fields

**Note:** -1 usage if reimplement purchasePrice to do anything other than  
return super.purchasePrice();

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**Question 3: Customer List**

<b>Part A:</b>	<code>compareCustomer</code>	<b>3 points</b>
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- +1 1/2 perform comparison
  - +1/2 attempt (must call `OBJ1.compareTo(OBJ2)`)
  - +1/2 correctly access and compare names
  - +1/2 correctly access and compare IDs
  
- +1/2 return 0 if and only if `this == other`
- +1/2 return positive if and only if `this > other`
- +1/2 return negative if and only if `this < other`

<b>Part B:</b>	<code>prefixMerge</code>	<b>6 points</b>
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- +1/2 initialize unique variables to index fronts of arrays
  
- +1 1/2 loop over arrays to fill result
  - +1/2 attempt (must reference `list1` and `list2` inside loop)
  - +1 correct (lose this if add too few or too many `Customer` elements)
  
- +1 1/2 compare array fronts (in context of loop)
  - +1/2 attempt (must call `compareCustomer` on array elements)
  - +1 correctly compare front `Customer` elements
  
- +1 1/2 duplicate entries
  - +1/2 check if duplicate entries found
  - +1/2 if duplicates, copy only one to `result` (without use of additional structure)
  - +1/2 update indices into both arrays (`list1` and `list2`)
  
- +1 nonduplicate entries
  - +1/2 copy only smallest entry to `result` (without use of additional structure)
  - +1/2 update index into that array only (`list1` or `list2`)

Note: Solution may use constants as returned from part A.

**Usage:** -1/2 `compareTo` instead of `compareCustomer` for `Customer` objects

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**Question 4: Drop Game (MBS)**

<b>Part A:</b>	<code>dropLocationForColumn</code>	<b>3 1/2 points</b>
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- +1 1/2 loop over `Locations` in column
  - +1/2 correct loop (traverse entire column or until empty location found)
  - +1 construct `Location` object *in context of loop*
    - +1/2 attempt using column
    - +1/2 correct
  
- +1 1/2 find drop `Location`
  - +1/2 check if constructed `Location` is empty
  - +1 if exists, return empty `Location` with largest row # (*no loop, no point*)
  
- +1/2 return `null` if column is full

<b>Part B:</b>	<code>dropMatchesNeighbors</code>	<b>5 1/2 points</b>
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- +1 get drop `Location`
  - +1/2 attempt (must call `dropLocationForColumn`)
  - +1/2 correct (must use result)
  
- +1/2 return `false` if drop location is `null`
  
- +1 1/2 get neighboring pieces
  - +1/2 attempt to access adj. neighbors  
(`getNeighbor` or `neighborsOf` or row/column access)
  - +1/2 correctly access 3 E/W/S neighbor `Location` objects
  - +1/2 correctly access 3 neighbor `Piece` objects
  
- +2 1/2 determine matches
  - +1/2 correct `null` neighbor test
  - +1 compare colors of pieces
    - +1/2 attempt (must reference `pieceColor`)
    - +1/2 correct
  - +1 return correct Boolean value

**Usage:** -1 environment or missing `theEnv`

# AP<sup>®</sup> COMPUTER SCIENCE A/AB 2006 GENERAL USAGE

Most common usage errors are addressed specifically in rubrics with points deducted in a manner other than indicated on this sheet. The rubric takes precedence.

Usage points can only be deducted if the part where it occurs has earned credit.

A usage error that occurs once when the same usage is correct two or more times can be regarded as an oversight and not penalized. If the usage error is the only instance, one of two, or occurs two or more times, then it should be penalized.

A particular usage error should be penalized only once in a problem, even if it occurs on different parts of a problem.

<b>Nonpenalized Errors</b>	<b>Minor Errors (1/2 point)</b>	<b>Major Errors (1 point)</b>
spelling/case discrepancies*	confused identifier (e.g., <code>len</code> for <code>length</code> or <code>left()</code> for <code>getLeft()</code> )	extraneous code which causes side-effect, for example, information written to output
local variable not declared when any other variables are declared in some part	no local variables declared	use interface or class name instead of variable identifier, for example <code>Simulation.step()</code> instead of <code>sim.step()</code>
default constructor called without parens; for example, <code>new Fish;</code>	<code>new</code> never used for constructor calls	<code>aMethod(obj)</code> instead of <code>obj.aMethod()</code>
use keyword as identifier	<code>void</code> method or constructor returns a value	use of object reference that is incorrect, for example, use of <code>f.move()</code> inside method of <code>Fish</code> class
<code>[r,c]</code> , <code>(r)(c)</code> or <code>(r,c)</code> instead of <code>[r][c]</code>	modifying a constant ( <code>final</code> )	use private data or method when not accessible
<code>=</code> instead of <code>==</code> (and vice versa)	use <code>equals</code> or <code>compareTo</code> method on primitives, for example <code>int x; ...x.equals(val)</code>	destruction of data structure (e.g., by using root reference to a <code>TreeNode</code> for traversal of the tree)
length/size confusion for array, <code>String</code> , and <code>ArrayList</code> , with or without <code>()</code>	<code>[]</code> – <code>get</code> confusion if access not tested in rubric	use class name in place of <code>super</code> either in constructor or in method call
<code>private</code> qualifier on local variable	assignment dyslexia, for example, <code>x + 3 = y; for y = x + 3;</code>	
extraneous code with no side-effect, for example a check for precondition	<code>super.method()</code> instead of <code>super.method()</code>	
common mathematical symbols for operators ( <code>x • ÷ ≤ ≥ &lt;&gt; ≠</code> )	formal parameter syntax (with type) in method call, e.g., <code>a = method(int x)</code>	
missing <code>{ }</code> where indentation clearly conveys intent	missing <code>public</code> from method header when required	
missing <code>( )</code> on method call or around <code>if/while</code> conditions	"false"/"true" or 0/1 for boolean values	
missing <code>;</code> or <code>s</code>	"null" for <code>null</code>	
missing "new" for constructor call once, when others are present in some part		
missing downcast from collection		
missing <code>int</code> cast when needed		
missing <code>public</code> on class or constructor header		

*\*Note: Spelling and case discrepancies for identifiers fall under the "nonpenalized" category as long as the correction can be unambiguously inferred from context. For example, "Queu" instead of "Queue". Likewise, if a student declares "Fish fish;", then uses `Fish.move()` instead of `fish.move()`, the context allows for the reader to assume the object instead of the class.*

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**Question 1: Daily Schedule**

**PART A:**

```
public boolean conflictsWith(Appointment other)
{
    return getTime().overlapsWith(other.getTime());
}
```

**PART B:**

```
public void clearConflicts(Appointment appt)
{
    int i = 0;
    while (i < apptList.size())
    {
        if (appt.conflictsWith((Appointment) apptList.get(i)))
        {
            apptList.remove(i);
        }
        else
        {
            i++;
        }
    }
}
```

**ALTERNATE SOLUTION**

```
public void clearConflicts(Appointment appt)
{
    for (int i = apptList.size()-1; i >= 0; i--)
    {
        if (appt.conflictsWith((Appointment) apptList.get(i)))
        {
            apptList.remove(i);
        }
    }
}
```

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**Question 1: Daily Schedule (continued)**

**PART C:**

```
public boolean addAppt(Appointment appt, boolean emergency)
{
    if (emergency)
    {
        clearConflicts(appt);
    }
    else
    {
        for (int i = 0; i < apptList.size(); i++)
        {
            if (appt.conflictsWith((Appointment) apptList.get(i)))
            {
                return false;
            }
        }
    }
    return apptList.add(appt);
}
```

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**Question 2: Taxable Items (Design)**

**PART A:**

```
public double purchasePrice()
{
    return (1 + taxRate) * getListPrice();
}
```

**PART B:**

```
public class Vehicle extends TaxableItem
{
    private double dealerCost;
    private double dealerMarkup;

    public Vehicle(double cost, double markup, double rate)
    {
        super(rate);
        dealerCost = cost;
        dealerMarkup = markup;
    }

    public void changeMarkup(double newMarkup)
    {
        dealerMarkup = newMarkup;
    }

    public double getListPrice()
    {
        return dealerCost + dealerMarkup;
    }
}
```

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**Question 3: Customer List**

**PART A:**

```
public int compareCustomer(Customer other)
{
    int nameCompare = getName().compareTo(other.getName());
    if (nameCompare != 0)
    {
        return nameCompare;
    }
    else
    {
        return getID() - other.getID();
    }
}
```

**PART B:**

```
public static void prefixMerge(Customer[] list1, Customer[] list2, Customer[] result)
{
    int front1 = 0;
    int front2 = 0;

    for (int i = 0; i < result.length; i++)
    {
        int comparison = list1[front1].compareCustomer(list2[front2]);
        if (comparison < 0)
        {
            result[i] = list1[front1];
            front1++;
        }
        else if (comparison > 0)
        {
            result[i] = list2[front2];
            front2++;
        }
        else
        {
            result[i] = list1[front1];
            front1++;
            front2++;
        }
    }
}
```

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**Question 4: Drop Game (MBS)**

**PART A:**

```
public Location dropLocationForColumn(int column)
{
    for (int r = theEnv.numRows()-1; r >= 0; r--)
    {
        Location nextLoc = new Location(r, column);
        if (theEnv.isEmpty(nextLoc))
        {
            return nextLoc;
        }
    }
    return null;
}
```

**ALTERNATE SOLUTION**

```
public Location dropLocationForColumn(int column)
{
    int maxRow = -1;
    for (int r = 0; r < theEnv.numRows(); r++)
    {
        if (theEnv.isEmpty(new Location(r, column)))
        {
            maxRow = r;
        }
    }

    if (maxRow < 0)
    {
        return null;
    }
    return new Location(maxRow, column);
}
```

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**Question 4: Drop Game (MBS) (continued)**

**PART B:**

```
public boolean dropMatchesNeighbors(int column, Color pieceColor)
{
    Location loc = dropLocationForColumn(column);
    if (loc == null)
    {
        return false;
    }
    Piece n1 = (Piece) (theEnv.objectAt(theEnv.getNeighbor(loc, Direction.WEST)));
    Piece n2 = (Piece) (theEnv.objectAt(theEnv.getNeighbor(loc, Direction.EAST)));
    Piece n3 = (Piece) (theEnv.objectAt(theEnv.getNeighbor(loc, Direction.SOUTH)));
    return (n1 != null && n1.color().equals(pieceColor) &&
            n2 != null && n2.color().equals(pieceColor) &&
            n3 != null && n3.color().equals(pieceColor));
}
```

**ALTERNATE SOLUTION**

```
public boolean dropMatchesNeighbors(int column, Color pieceColor)
{
    Location loc = dropLocationForColumn(column);
    if (loc == null)
    {
        return false;
    }
    ArrayList neighbors = theEnv.neighborsOf(loc);
    int colorCount = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < neighbors.size(); i++)
    {
        Piece nextNbr = (Piece) (theEnv.objectAt((Location) neighbors.get(i)));
        if (nextNbr != null && nextNbr.color().equals(pieceColor))
        {
            colorCount++;
        }
    }
    return (colorCount == 3);
}
```