

Some Issues Regarding Prelab or Exam Questions

A. If you are asked "What does this program print?"

```
def foo(x):  
    print(x+1)  
def main():  
    for a in range(1, 3):  
        foo(a)  
main()
```

Your answer should be 2

3

not "Function main calls function foo with"

B. If a question says "Write a function foo(x) that returns" and your function has a print statement but no return statement, your function is wrong.

C. Variables that are defined outside of any function are called *global variables*. The rules for how global variables work are fairly complicated. Some people in the class are writing code like this:

```
x = 6
def foo(y):
    y = y + x
    print(y)
```

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foo(23)
```

This will cause problems as our programs get longer. If you are going to use functions, put everything in a function and don't use global variables.