

**AP® COMPUTER SCIENCE A  
GENERAL SCORING GUIDELINES**

Apply the question assessment rubric first, which always takes precedence. Penalty points can only be deducted in a part of the question that has earned credit via the question rubric. No part of a question (a, b, c) may have a negative point total. A given penalty can be assessed only once for a question, even if it occurs multiple times, or in multiple parts of that question. A maximum of 3 penalty points may be assessed per question.

**1-Point Penalty**

- (w) Extraneous code that causes side effect (e.g., printing to output, incorrect precondition check)
- (x) Local variables used but none declared
- (y) Destruction of persistent data (e.g., changing value referenced by parameter)

**Mr Lee's 1-Point Penalty:**

- Inefficient, “long winded” or “messy” difficult to understand code which takes longer to write than standard more efficient solutions.
  - In an exam you need to save time by writing quickly hand writable efficient code which is easy for AP readers to understand.

**No Penalty**

- Extraneous code with no side effect (e.g., precondition check, no-op)
- Spelling/case discrepancies where there is no ambiguity\*
- Local variable not declared provided other variables are declared in some part
- Keyword used as an identifier
- Common mathematical symbols used for operators ( $x \bullet \div \leq \geq < > \neq$ )
- = instead of == and vice versa
- Missing { } where indentation clearly conveys intent
- Missing ( ) around *if* conditions

*\* Spelling and case discrepancies for identifiers fall under the "No Penalty" category only if the correction can be unambiguously inferred from context; for example, "total" instead of "totl". As a counterexample, that if the code declares "int G=99, g=0; ", then uses "while (G < 10) " instead of "while ( g < 10 ) ", the context does not allow for the reader to assume the use of the lower-case variable.*

## if – Menu FRQ

Assume that the following variables have been properly declared and initialized.

- a *boolean* variable named *rsvp*
- an *int* variable named *selection*, where *1* represents "*beef*", *2* represents "*chicken*", *3* represents "*pasta*", and all other values represent "*fish*"

- a) Write a code segment that prints "*attending*" if *rsvp* is *true* and prints "*not attending*" otherwise.
- b) Write a code segment that prints the food item associated with *selection*. For example, if *selection* is *3*, the code segment should print "*pasta*".