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You have 10 minutes to complete this quiz. You may not use a computer to answer the questions.

1. What is a vector?

**[Ans]** A vector, or a one-dimensional array, is a collection of data organized in a single row or column that can be accessed using a single variable name.

2. What do the following expressions evaluate to? If you think the expression would generate an error, please state so.

(a) `[1 3 8] .* [2 4 2]`

**[Ans]** This carries out an element-by-element multiplication of the two vectors, resulting in the value `[2 12 16]`.

(b) `('Ratm' == 'RATM')`

**[Ans]** Comparing two vectors carries out an element-by-element comparison of their elements; thus the result here is `[1 0 0 0]` (recall that lower-case and upper-case characters are treated differently).

(c) `0:5:16`

**[Ans]** `[0 5 10 15]`

(d) `('Bob Dylan' == 'Robert Zimmerman')`

**[Ans]** This results in an error. To perform an element-by-element comparison of two vectors, they must have the same length.

3. You are given a vector **x**. Give an expression that uses the colon notation to pick out every element of **x** whose vector index is divisible by 7.

[Ans] `x(7:7:end)`. A common mistake here was to give the answer `x(0:7:end)`. While 0 is certainly divisible by 7, note that array indexing in Matlab begins at 1 and therefore `x(0)` is illegal.

4. What are the values of the variables **v1**, **v2** and **v3** after we run the following fragment of code?

```
x = [1 4 6; 2 9 7; 1 1 2];  
v1 = x(1, 3);  
v2 = x(:, 2);  
v3 = x([1 3], 2);
```

[Ans] **v1** = 6 (pick out element in first row, third column)

**v2** = [4 9 1] (pick out all elements from second column)

**v3** = [4 1] (elements from first and third rows in second column)

A few people got their rows and columns mixed up here. Remember that the indexing always goes (row, column).

5. What is the value of the variable **x** after we run the following fragment of code?

```
x = [2 5 3];  
i = 1;  
while (i <= length(x))  
    x(i) = x(i) + 5;  
    i = i + 1;  
end
```

[Ans] The loop adds 5 to each element in the vector **x**. Thus, the final value of **x** is [7 10 8].