

PYTHON TEST - 2.6 (SORTING TECHNIQUES)

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Sorting Techniques in Python

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✓ 1. Which Python function is used to sort lists? *

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- a) sorted()
- b) sort()
- c) Both a and b
- d) None



✓ 2. What is the difference between `sort()` and `sorted()` in Python? * 1/1

- a) `sort()` returns a new list; `sorted()` sorts in place
- b) `sort()` sorts in place; `sorted()` returns a new list
- c) Both return a new list
- d) Both sort in place



✓ 3. By default, sorting in Python is: * 1/1

- a) Descending order
- b) Lexicographical order
- c) Ascending order
- d) Random order



✓ 4. Which argument is used to reverse the sort order? * 1/1

- a) `order=reverse`
- b) `reverse=True`
- c) `desc=True`
- d) `sort="desc"`



✓ 5. Which algorithm is used internally by Python's sort()? *

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- a) Quick Sort
- b) Merge Sort
- c) Timsort
- d) Heap Sort



✓ 6. What will be the output of: *

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```
x = [3, 1, 4, 2]
```

```
x.sort()
```

```
print(x)
```

- a) [3, 1, 4, 2]
- b) [1, 2, 3, 4]
- c) [4, 3, 2, 1]
- d) Error



✓ 7. What is the output? *

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```
print(sorted("python"))
```

- a) ['p','y','t','h','o','n']
- b) ['h','n','o','p','t','y']
- c) ['y','t','p','o','n','h']
- d) Error



✓ 8. Which data types can be sorted using sorted()? *

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- a) List
- b) Tuple
- c) String
- d) All of the above



✓ 9. Which method is valid to sort a tuple? *

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- a) tuple.sort()
- b) sorted(tuple)
- c) tuple.sorted()
- d) Not possible



✓ 10. What does this return? *

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`sorted([1,2,3], reverse=True)`

- a) [1,2,3]
- b) [3,2,1]
- c) [2,3,1]
- d) Error



✓ 11. Which argument allows custom sorting in sorted()? *

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- a) func
- b) key
- c) sorter
- d) custom



✓ 12. Output? *

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```
words = ["banana","apple","cherry"]  
print(sorted(words, key=len))
```

- a) ['banana','apple','cherry']
- b) ['apple','cherry','banana']
- c) ['cherry','banana','apple']
- d) Error



✓ 13. Sorting numbers by absolute value uses: *

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```
sorted([-2,1,-3], key=abs)
```

- a) [1, -2, -3]
- b) [-2, -3, 1]
- c) [1, -2, -3]
- d) [1, -2, -3]



✓ 14. Which lambda function sorts list of tuples by second element? * 1/1

- a) key=lambda x: x[0]
- b) key=lambda x: x[1]
- c) key=lambda x: x
- d) None



✓ 15. Which is stable sorting? * 1/1

- a) Sorting where order of equal elements is preserved
- b) Sorting where order is reversed
- c) Sorting with $O(n^2)$ complexity
- d) None



✓ 16. Output? * 1/1
`sorted("hello")`

- a) ['h','e','l','l','o']
- b) ['e','h','l','l','o']
- c) ['o','l','l','h','e']
- d) Error



✓ 17. Sorting string list in descending order: `sorted(["cat","dog","bat"], reverse=True)` *1/1

- a) ['cat','dog','bat']
- b) ['dog','cat','bat']
- c) ['dog','bat','cat']
- d) ['bat','cat','dog']

✓

✓ 18. Which function converts sorted characters back to string? * 1/1

- a) `join()`
- b) `append()`
- c) `str()`
- d) `concat()`

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✓ 19. Output? `"".join(sorted("python"))` * 1/1

- a) "hnopty"
- b) "python"
- c) "typhon"
- d) Error

✓

✓ 20. Sorting is case-sensitive by default. *

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- a) True
- b) False



✓ 21. Output? `sorted(["Apple","banana","Cherry"], key=str.lower)` *

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- a) ['Apple','banana','Cherry']
- b) ['Apple','Cherry','banana']
- c) ['banana','Apple','Cherry']
- d) Error



✓ 22. Which sorts dictionary by keys? `sorted({3:"c",1:"a",2:"b"})` *

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- a) [1,2,3]
- b) ['a','b','c']
- c) [(1,'a'),(2,'b'),(3,'c')]
- d) Error



✓ 23. How do you sort dictionary by values? *

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- a) sorted(dict.values())
- b) sorted(dict.items(), key=lambda x:x[1])
- c) dict.sort()
- d) dict.sorted()

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✓ 24. What is the output? *

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```
nums = [5,2,9]
```

```
nums.sort()
```

```
print(nums)
```

- a) [2,5,9]
- b) [9,5,2]
- c) [5,2,9]
- d) Error

✓

✓ 25. Which sorts list of numbers as strings? *

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```
sorted([1,100,12], key=str)
```

- a) [1,12,100]
- b) [100,12,1]
- c) [1,100,12]
- d) Error

✓

✓ 26. Which is fastest built-in sorting in Python? *

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- a) Quick Sort
- b) Merge Sort
- c) Timsort
- d) Heap Sort



✓ 27. Time complexity of Timsort (average case)? *

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- a) $O(n^2)$
- b) $O(n \log n)$
- c) $O(\log n)$
- d) $O(n)$



✓ 28. Space complexity of Timsort? *

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- a) $O(1)$
- b) $O(n)$
- c) $O(n \log n)$
- d) $O(n^2)$



✓ 29. Which sorting algorithm is stable? *

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- a) Selection Sort
- b) Insertion Sort
- c) Merge Sort
- d) All of the above



✓ 30. Is Quick Sort stable in Python? *

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- a) Yes
- b) No



✓ 31. Output? *

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```
nums = [10,2,33] print(sorted(nums, key=lambda x: str(x)))
```

- a) [2,10,33]
- b) [10,2,33]
- c) [10,33,2]
- d) Error



✓ 32. Sort list in place in descending order: *

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- a) list.sort(reverse=True)
- b) sorted(list, reverse=True)
- c) Both a and b
- d) None

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✓ 33. Sorting list of sets: *
sorted([{1,2},{3},{0}], key=len)

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- a) [{3},{1,2},{0}]
- b) [{0},{3},{1,2}]
- c) [{3},{0},{1,2}]
- d) Error

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✓ 34. Output? *
names = ["Tom","anna","BOB"] print(sorted(names, key=str.lower))

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- a) ['Tom','anna','BOB']
- b) ['anna','BOB','Tom']
- c) ['BOB','Tom','anna']
- d) Error

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✓ 35. Sorting custom objects requires: *

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- a) `__cmp__` method
- b) key function or `__lt__` method
- c) `compare()` function
- d) None



✓ 36. Which function reverses a list without sorting? *

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- a) `list.sort(reverse=True)`
- b) `list[::-1]`
- c) `reversed(list)`
- d) Both b and c



✓ 37. Sorting a generator is possible using: *

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- a) `sort()`
- b) `sorted()`
- c) Both
- d) None



✓ 38. Output? 1/1
`sorted("Sorting123", key=str.isdigit)` *

- a) Letters first, then digits
- b) Digits first, then letters
- c) Random
- d) Error

✓

✓ 39. Which returns an iterator instead of list? * 1/1

- a) `sorted()`
- b) `sort()`
- c) `reversed()`
- d) None

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✓ 40. Which method sorts only lists? * 1/1

- a) `sort()`
- b) `sorted()`
- c) Both
- d) None

✓

✓ 41. Sorting with key = str.lower makes it case-insensitive. *

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- a) True
- b) False



✓ 42. Which function gives indices of sorted order? *

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- a) argsort() in NumPy
- b) sorted()
- c) sort()
- d) None



✓ 43. Output? *
`sorted([True, False, True])`

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- a) [True, False, True]
- b) [False, True, True]
- c) [True, True, False]
- d) Error



✓ 44. Sorting dictionary by key length: * 1/1
sorted({"one":1,"three":3,"two":2}, key=len)

- a) ['one','two','three'] ✓
- b) ['three','two','one']
- c) ['one','three','two']
- d) Error

✓ 45. Sorting complex numbers works by: * 1/1

- a) Default
- b) Giving key (abs) ✓
- c) Not possible
- d) Both a and b

✓ 46. Sorting None values in list raises error. * 1/1

- a) True ✓
- b) False

✓ 47. Output? * 1/1
`sorted(["a10","a2","a1"], key=lambda x:int(x[1:]))`

- a) ['a1','a2','a10'] ✓
- b) ['a10','a2','a1']
- c) ['a2','a1','a10']
- d) Error

✓ 48. Sorting integers vs strings comparison is allowed. * 1/1

- a) True
- b) False ✓

✓ 49. Sorting function with key must return: * 1/1

- a) Boolean
- b) Integer
- c) Comparable value ✓
- d) Any type



✓ 50. Which Python module provides advanced sorting for large arrays? * 1/1

a) math

b) numpy

c) random

d) statistics



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