

CS150 L07.2: Relational operators - solution

1. What is the output of the following code?

```
a = 3
b = (a != 3)
print(b)
```

- (A) True
- (B) False
- (C) 3
- (D) Syntax error

Answer: B

Variable b is assigned the result of a relational operator, so it must be a boolean. Here, $a == 3$ and the relational operator tests whether $a != 3$, so b is assigned False.

2. What is the output of the following code? `a = 3 b = (a == 3) print(b)`

- (A) True
- (B) False
- (C) 3
- (D) Syntax error

Answer: A

Variable b is assigned the result of a relational operator, so it must be a boolean. Here, $a == 3$ and the relational operator tests whether $a == 3$, so b is assigned True.

3. I would like an expression that evaluates to True when at least one of the following two conditions is true:

- (1) a and b are equal,
- (2) when a has value 5.

Which of these expressions does that?

- (A) $a == b == 5$
- (B) $(a == b) \text{ or } (a == 5)$
- (C) $(a == b) \text{ and } (a == 5)$
- (D) $a == (b == 5)$

Answer: B

Based on "at least one of" we will need an OR operator, that is, $(a == b) \text{ or } (a == 5)$.

Option A chains together two tests for equality with AND, so Option A is equivalent to $(a == b) \text{ and } (b == 5)$.