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Question 1

Part (a)

```
public DownloadInfo getDownloadInfo(String title)
{
    for (DownloadInfo di : downloadList)
        if (di.getTitle().equals(title))
            return di;
    return null;
}
```

Part (b)

```
public void updateDownloads(List<String> titles)
{
    for (String title : titles)
    {
        DownloadInfo di = getDownloadInfo(title);
        if (di == null)
            downloadList.add(new DownloadInfo(title));1
        else
            di.incrementTimesDownloaded();
    }
}
```

Notes:

1. Notice that the comment in `DownloadInfo`'s constructor states that it "sets the number of times downloaded to 1" — no need to increment it.

Question 2

Part (a)

```
public TokenPass(int playerCount)
{
    board = new int[playerCount];
    for (int i = 0; i < playerCount; i++)
        board[i] = (int)(10 * Math.random()) + 1;
    currentPlayer = (int)(playerCount * Math.random());
}
```

Part (b)

```
public void distributeCurrentPlayerTokens()
{
    int numTokens = board[currentPlayer];
    board[currentPlayer] = 0;
    int i = currentPlayer;
    while (numTokens > 0)
    {
        i = (i+1) % board.length; 1
        board[i]++;
        numTokens--;
    }
}
```

Notes:

1. Or:

```
i++;
if (i == board.length)
    i = 0;
```

Question 3

Part (a)

```
public static ArrayList<Location> getEmptyLocations(Grid grid)
{
    ArrayList<Location> emptyLocs = new ArrayList<Location>();

    for (int r = 0; r < grid.getNumRows(); r++)
    {
        for (int c = 0; c < grid.getNumCols(); c++)
        {
            Location loc = new Location(r, c);
            if (grid.get(loc) == null)
                emptyLocs.add(loc);
        }
    }
    return emptyLocs;
}
```

Part (b)

```
public class JumpingCritter extends Critter
{
    public ArrayList<Location> getMoveLocations()
    {
        return GridWorldUtilities.getEmptyLocations(getGrid());
    }

    public Location selectMoveLocation(ArrayList<Location> locs)
    {
        if (locs.size() == 0)
            return null; 1
        return super.selectMoveLocation(locs);
    } 2
}
```

Notes:

1. You cannot remove this `JumpingCritter` from the grid right here, because this would violate `selectMoveLocation`'s precondition #2. Leave this job to the `makeMove` method.

2. Or:

```
public Location selectMoveLocation(ArrayList<Location> locs)
{
    int n = locs.size();
    if (n == 0)
        return null;
    int r = (int)(Math.random() * n);
    return locs.get(r);
}
```

Question 4

Part (a)

```
public SkyView(int numRows, int numCols, double[] scanned) 1
{
    view = new double[numRows][numCols];
    int row = 0, col = 0, step = 1;
    for (double amtLight : scanned)
    {
        view[row][col] = amtLight;
        int nextCol = col + step;
        if (nextCol >= 0 && nextCol < numCols)
            col = nextCol;
        else
        {
            row++;
            step = -step;
        }
    } 2
}
```

Notes:

1. There is a typo in the statement of this question (Page 17): `SkyView(4, 3, values)` and `SkyView(3, 2, values)` probably was meant to be `SkyView(4, 3, scanned)` and `SkyView(3, 2, scanned)`. Thanks to Doug Vermes for mentioning this to us.
2. There are many different acceptable solutions to this part of the question — too many to list here. For example, you can get rid of the `step` variable and use `1 - 2*(row % 2)` instead:

```
view = new double[numRows][numCols];
int row = 0, col = 0;
for (double amtLight : scanned)
{
    view[row][col] = amtLight;
    int nextCol = col + 1 - 2*(row % 2);
    if (nextCol >= 0 && nextCol < numCols)
        col = nextCol;
    else
        row++;
}
```

Or use an `if` statement:

```
view = new double[numRows][numCols];
int row = 0, col = 0;
for (double amtLight : scanned)
{
    view[row][col] = amtLight;
    int nextCol = col;
    if (row % 2 == 0)
```

```

        nextCol++;
    else
        nextCol--;
    if (nextCol >= 0 && nextCol < numCols)
        col = nextCol;
    else
        row++;
}

```

Or fill the even rows and the odd rows in separate loops. Or for each element `view[row][col]` calculate the location of the corresponding element `scanned[i]`:

```

view = new double[numRows][numCols];
for (int row = 0; row < numRows; row++)
{
    for (int col = 0; col < numCols; col++)
    {
        int i = row * numCols;
        if (row % 2 == 0)
            i += col;
        else
            i += numCols - col - 1;
        view[row][col] = scanned[i];
    }
}

```

Part (b)

```

public double getAverage(int startRow, int endRow,
                        int startCol, int endCol)
{
    double sum = 0.0;
    for (int r = startRow; r <= endRow; r++)
        for (int c = startCol; c <= endCol; c++)
            sum += view[r][c];
    return sum / ((endRow - startRow + 1) * (endCol - startCol + 1));
}

```

Notes:

1. Or count the number of elements in the region:

```

double sum = 0.0;
int count = 0;
for (int r = startRow; r <= endRow; r++)
{
    for (int c = startCol; c <= endCol; c++)
    {
        sum += view[r][c];
        count++;
    }
}
return sum / count;

```