Basic Inheritance — Study Questions

- What is the difference between overloading and overriding a function?
- Can you override a function that is not a member function of a class?
- Write an example of a function with default arguments.
- When might it be ok to use friend functions?
- Write the interface of a simple class <code>Polygon</code> with two integer private members <code>height_</code> and <code>width_</code> a parameterized constructor that takes two parameters height and width, and three public members: <code>int getHeight()</code>; <code>int getWidth;</code> and <code>double area();</code>
- Write the interface and implementation of two classes Triangle and Rectangle that inherit from Polygon. Thus Polygon is the base class and Triangle and Rectangle are two derived classes. Write the implementation for both the derived classes. Remember, the constructor is not inherited. You must override <code>area()</code> which is computed differently in each class. What about <code>getWidth()</code> and <code>getHeight()</code>?
- When would you declare class members as protected?
- What is the call order for Constructors with inheritance? For Destructors?
- When should a base class Constructor be called explicitly. Give a C++ example of how you would do that.