AI ASSISTANT CODING

Assignment – 3.2

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Question: -

Lab 3: Prompt Engineering – Improving Prompts and Context Management
Lab Objectives:
● To understand how prompt structure and wording influence AI-generated code.
● To explore how context (like comments and function names) helps AI generate
relevant output.
● To evaluate the quality and accuracy of code based on prompt clarity.
● To develop effective prompting strategies for AI-assisted programming.
Lab Outcomes (LOs):
After completing this lab, students will be able to:
● Generate Python code using Google Gemini in Google Colab.
● Analyse the effectiveness of code explanations and suggestions by Gemini.
● Set up and use Cursor AI for AI-powered coding assistance.
● Evaluate and refactor code using Cursor AI features.
● Compare AI tool behaviour and code quality across different platforms.

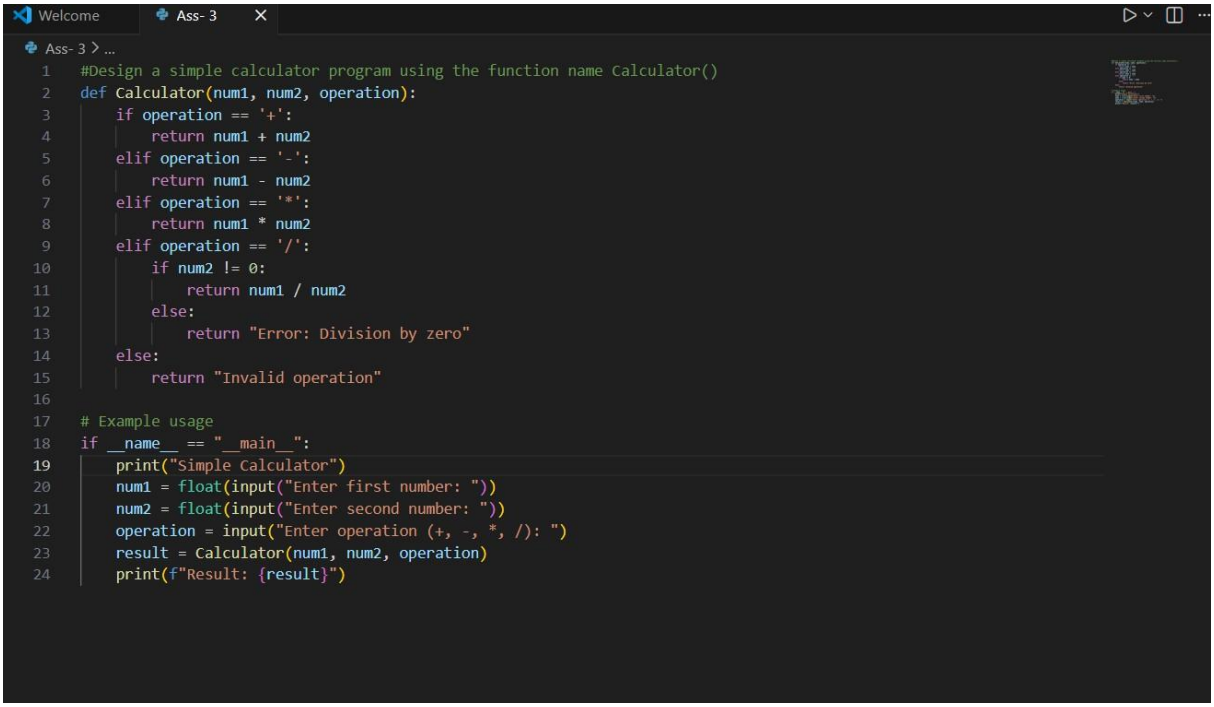
Task Description-1

• Progressive Prompting for Calculator Design: Ask the AI to design a simple calculator program by initially providing only the function name. Gradually enhance the prompt by adding comments and usage examples.
Expected Output-1
• Comparison showing improvement in AI-generated calculator logic and structure.

Prompt:

Design a simple calculator program using the function name Calculator ()

Output:



Justification:

The comparison clearly shows that improving the prompt leads to better calculator code.

In the initial version, the function was poorly structured because it mixed user input with logic and lacked error handling.

In the improved version, the function uses parameters, separates logic from execution, and handles division by zero properly.

This makes the program more modular, reusable, readable, and reliable.

Hence, progressive prompting significantly improves both the logic and structure of the AI-generated calculator program.

Task Description-2

• Refining Prompts for Sorting Logic: Start with a vague prompt for sorting student marks, then refine it to clearly specify sorting order and constraints.

Expected Output-2

• AI-generated sorting function evolves from ambiguous logic to an accurate and efficient implementation.

Prompt:

Sort student marks, then refine it to clearly specify sorting order and constraints.

Output:

```python
def Calculator(num1, num2, operation):
    if operation == '+':
        return num1 + num2
    elif operation == '-':
        return num1 - num2
    elif operation == '*':
        return num1 * num2
    elif operation == '/':
        if num2 != 0:
            return num1 / num2
        else:
            return "Error: Division by zero"
    else:
        return "Invalid operation"

# Function to sort student marks
def sort_student_marks(marks, order='ascending'):
    """
    Sorts a list of student marks.

    Parameters:
    marks (list): List of numerical marks.
    order (str): 'ascending' or 'descending'. Default is 'ascending'.

    Returns:
    list: Sorted list of marks.

    Constraints:
    - Marks must be numerical (int or float).
    - List must not be empty.
    - Invalid order raises ValueError.
    """
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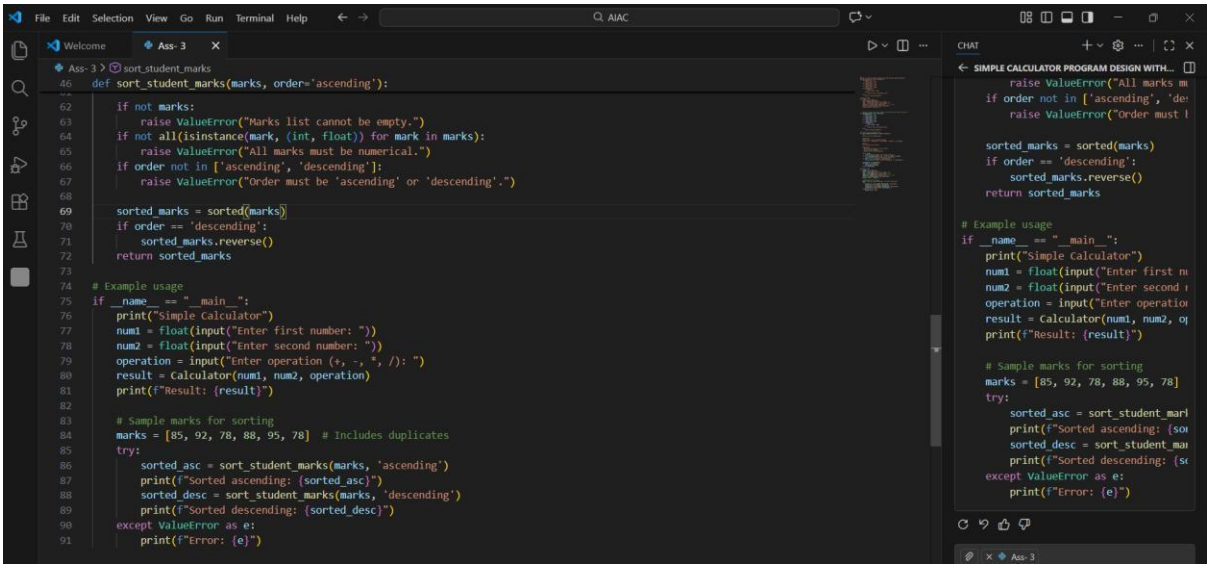


Justification:

The refined prompt clearly specifies sorting order, constraints, and expected behavior.

As a result, the AI-generated sorting function evolved from an ambiguous implementation to an accurate, efficient, and robust solution.

The improved function handles edge cases, validates inputs, and provides reliable output.

Task Description-3

• Few-Shot Prompting for Prime Number Validation: Provide multiple input-output examples for a function that checks whether a number is prime.

Observe how few-shot prompting improves correctness.

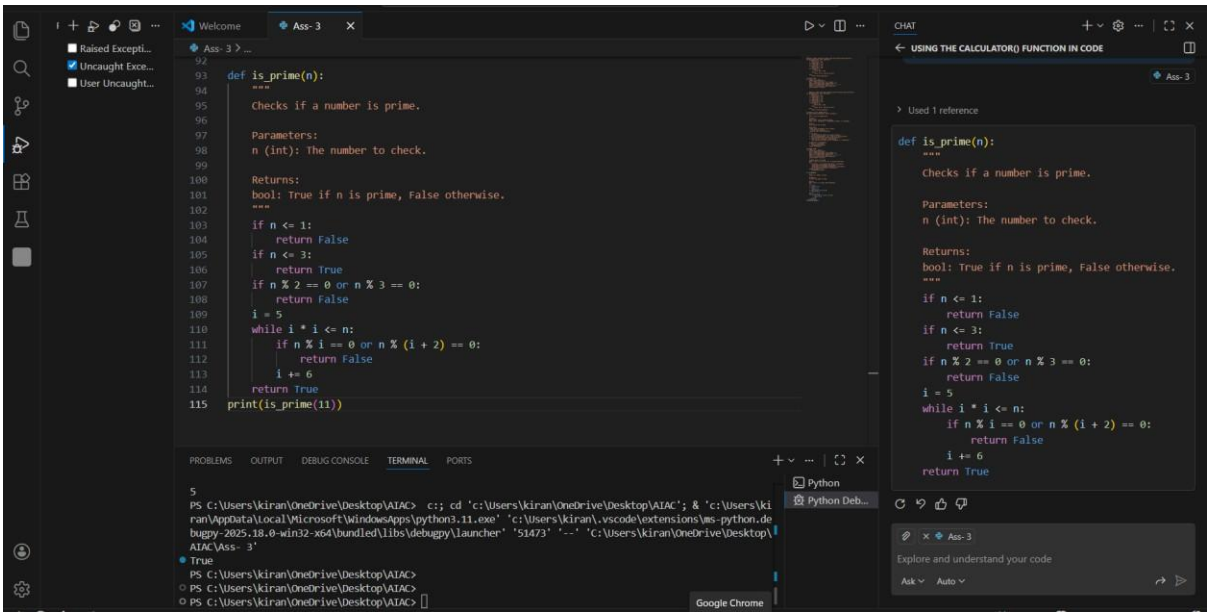
Expected Output-3

• Improved prime-checking function with better edge-case handling.

Prompt 1:

Write a Python function to check whether a number is prime.

Output:



Prompt 2:

Write a Python function named is_prime(n).

Use the following input-output examples to understand the expected behavior:

is_prime (2) → True

is_prime (3) → True

is_prime (4) → False

is_prime (1) → False

is_prime (0) → False

is_prime (-5) → False

is_prime (17) → True

Requirements:

- Return True if the number is prime

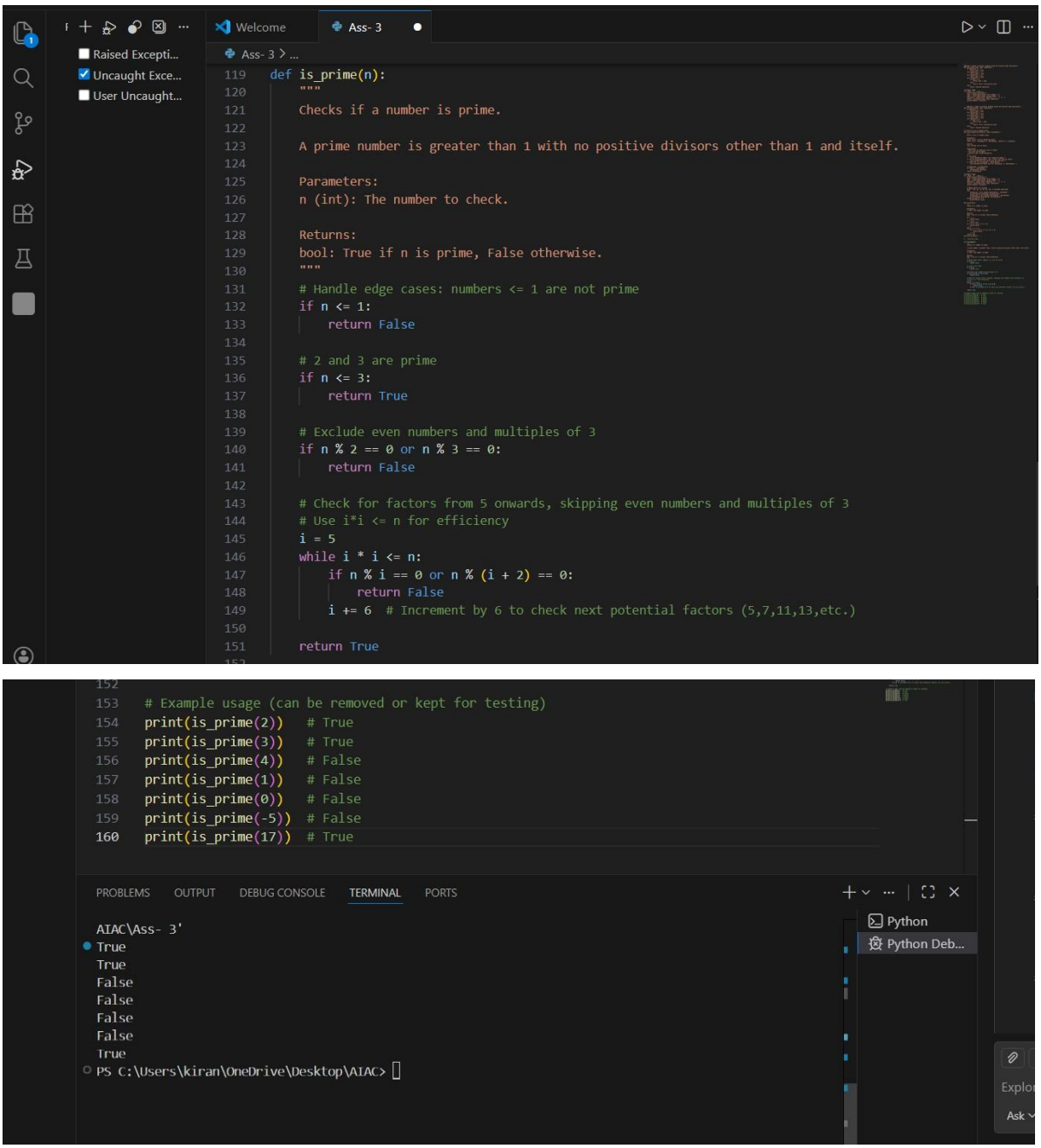
- Return False otherwise

- Handle edge cases properly

- Use efficient logic

- Add comments to explain the code

Output:



```python
def is_prime(n):
    """
    Checks if a number is prime.

    A prime number is greater than 1 with no positive divisors other than 1 and itself.

    Parameters:
    n (int): The number to check.

    Returns:
    bool: True if n is prime, False otherwise.
    """
    # Handle edge cases: numbers <= 1 are not prime
    if n <= 1:
        return False

    # 2 and 3 are prime
    if n <= 3:
        return True

    # Exclude even numbers and multiples of 3
    if n % 2 == 0 or n % 3 == 0:
        return False

    # Check for factors from 5 onwards, skipping even numbers and multiples of 3
    # Use i*i <= n for efficiency
    i = 5
    while i * i <= n:
        if n % i == 0 or n % (i + 2) == 0:
            return False
        i += 6  # Increment by 6 to check next potential factors (5,7,11,13,etc.)

    return True
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```python
# Example usage (can be removed or kept for testing)
print(is_prime(2))   # True
print(is_prime(3))   # True
print(is_prime(4))   # False
print(is_prime(1))   # False
print(is_prime(0))   # False
print(is_prime(-5))  # False
print(is_prime(17))  # True
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True
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False
False
False
False
True
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Justification:

Few-shot prompting and clear instructions helped the AI generate a more accurate and efficient prime-checking function.

The improved implementation explicitly handles edge cases such as 0, 1, and negative numbers, while using an optimized approach to reduce unnecessary checks.

As a result, the function is more reliable, readable, and efficient.

Task Description-4

• Prompt-Guided UI Design for Student Grading System: Create a user interface for a student grading system that calculates total marks, percentage, and grade based on user input.

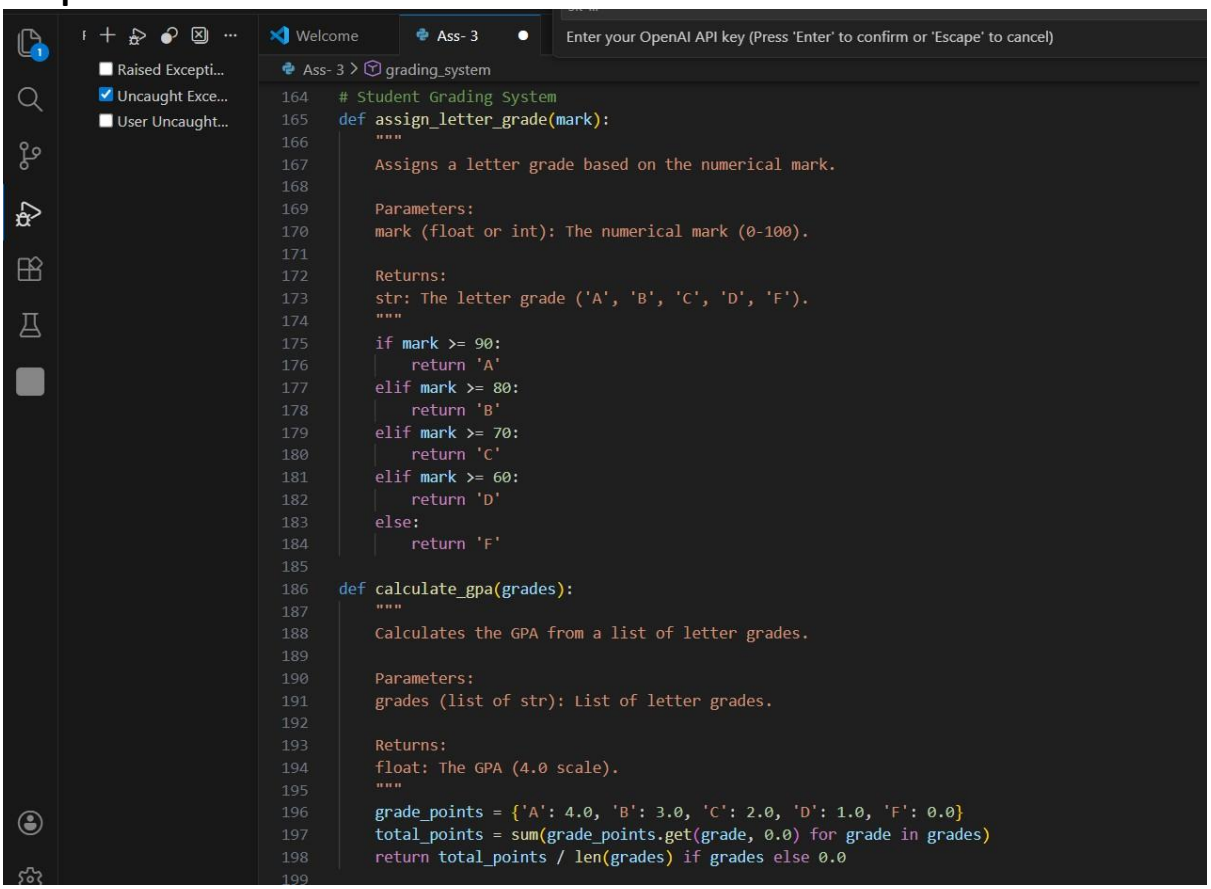
Expected Output-4

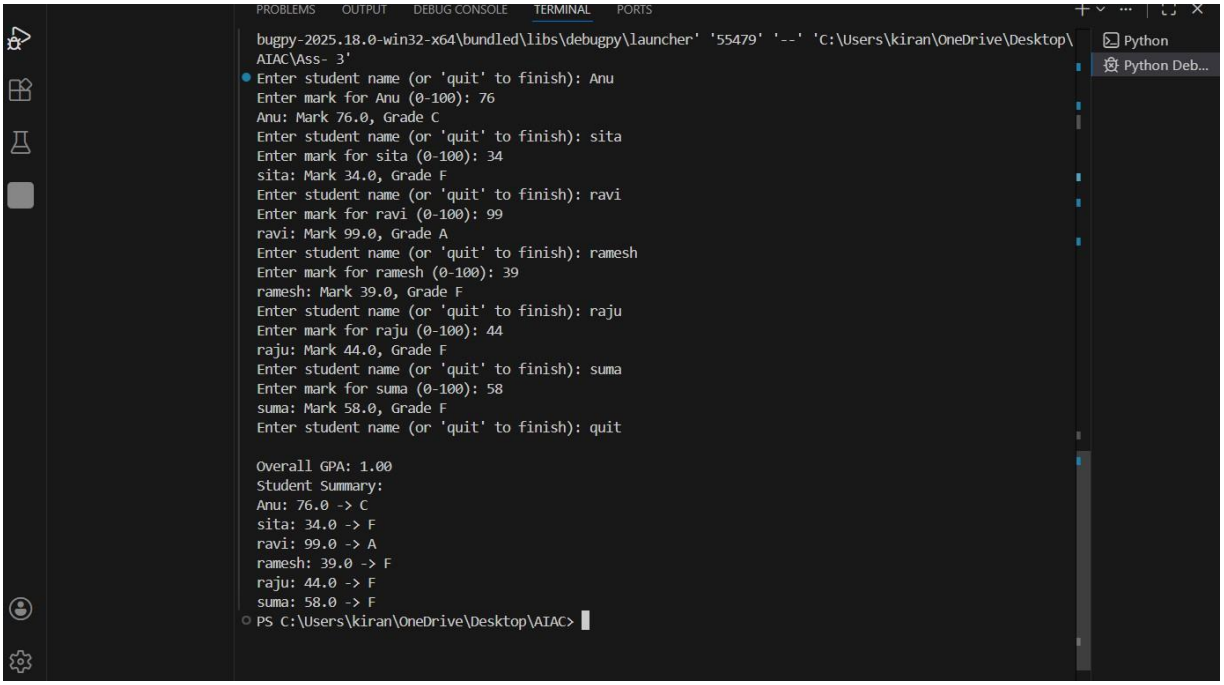
• Well-structured UI code with accurate calculations and clear output display.

Prompt 1:

Create a student grading system.

Output:





Prompt 2:

Create a simple UI-based student grading system using Python.

Requirements:

- Take student name as input

- Take marks for 5 subjects

- Calculate total and percentage

- Assign grades:

  A: >= 90

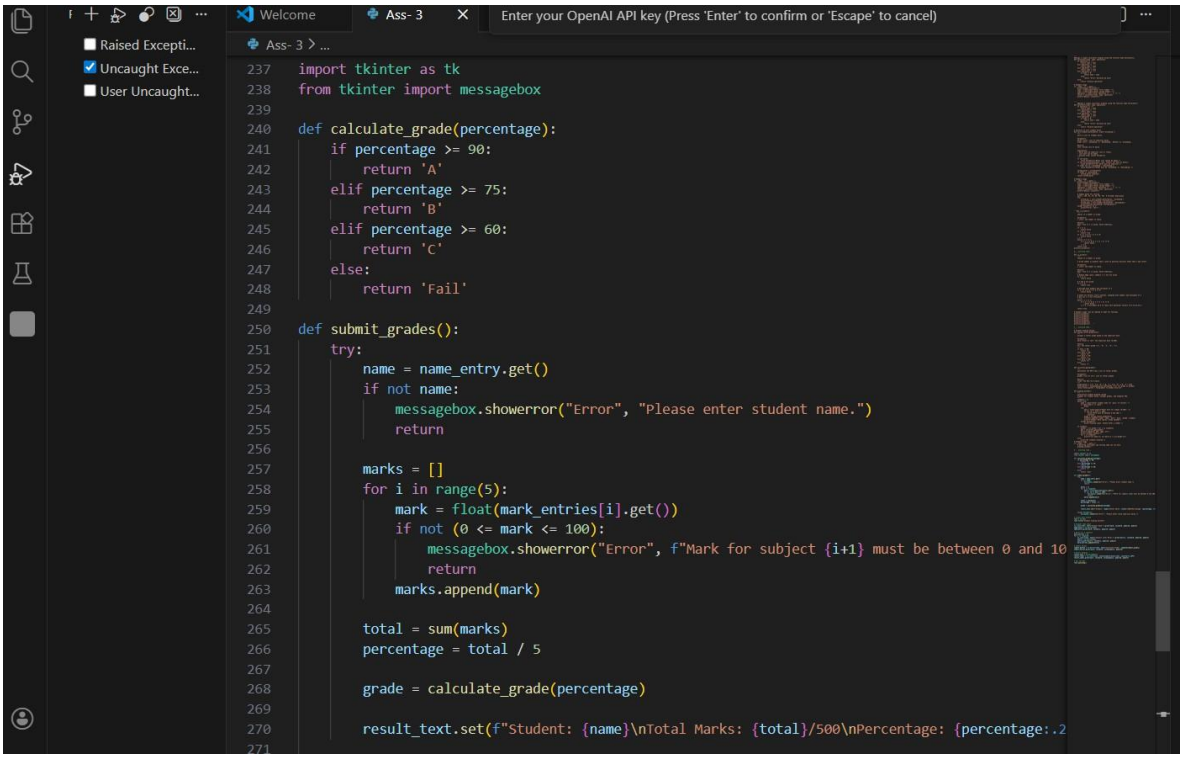
  B: >= 75

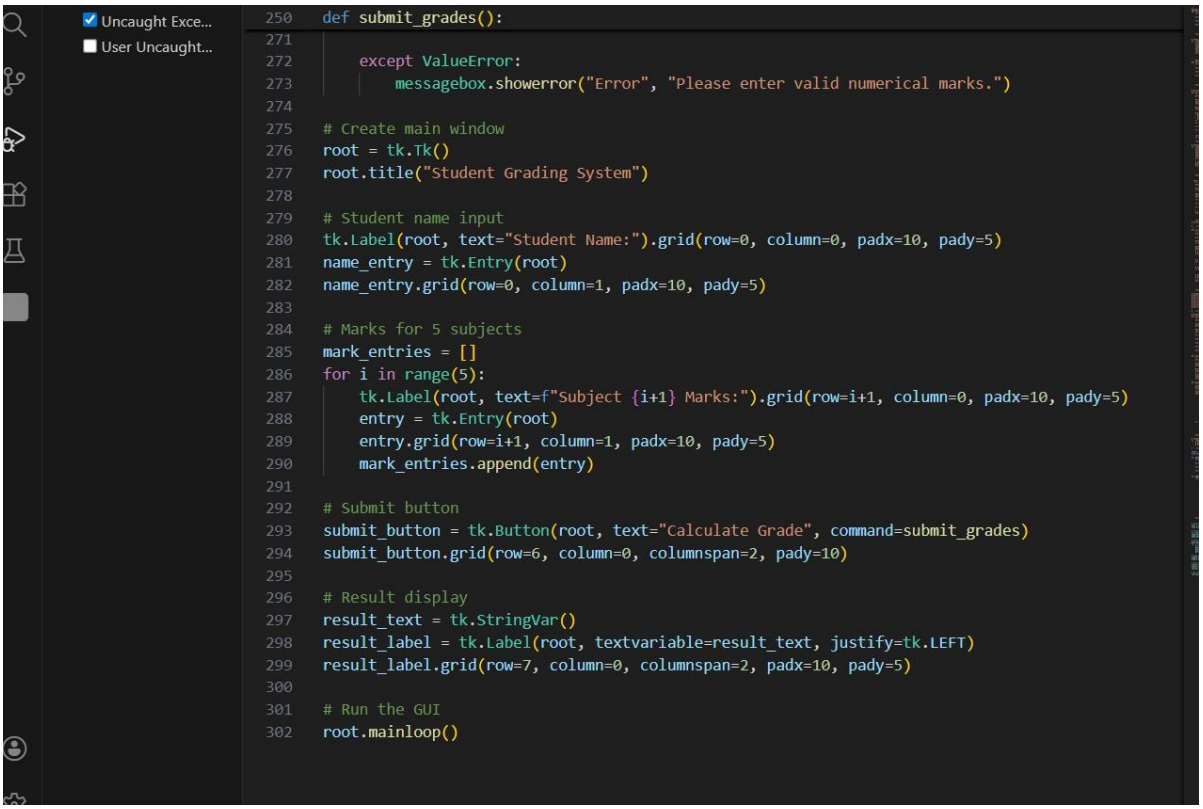
  C: >= 60

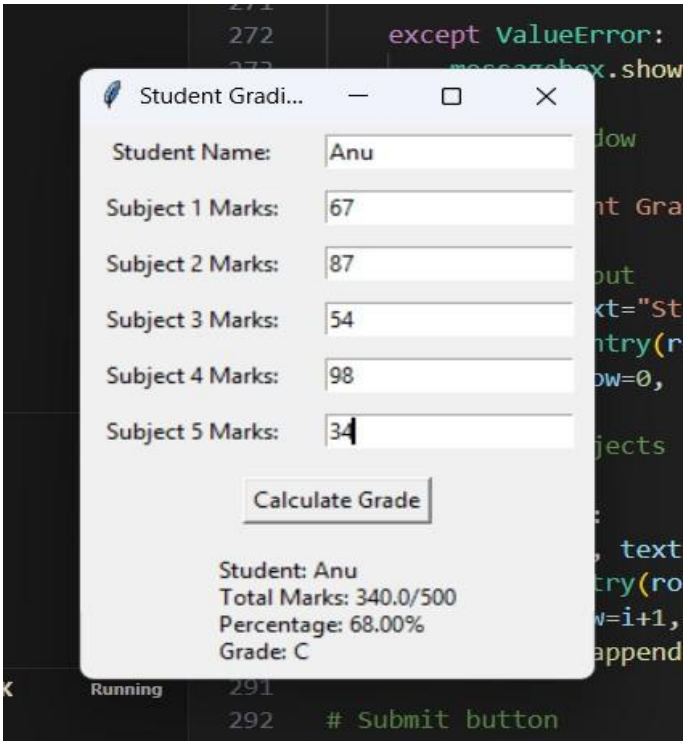
  Fail: < 60

- Display results clearly

Output:







Justification:

The improved prompt guided the AI to generate a complete UI-based student grading system.

Compared to the console version, the GUI version provides better structure, user interaction, and clear result display.

Accurate calculations, proper validation, and visual output make the system more reliable, user-friendly, and well-designed.

Task Description-5

• Analyzing Prompt Specificity in Unit Conversion Functions: Improving a Unit Conversion Function (Kilometers to Miles and Miles to Kilometers) Using Clear Instructions.

Expected Output-5

• Analysis of code quality and accuracy differences across multiple prompt variations.

Prompt:

Write a unit conversion program.

Output:

```python
# Unit Conversion Program
def celsius_to_fahrenheit(celsius):
    return (celsius * 9/5) + 32

def fahrenheit_to_celsius(fahrenheit):
    return (fahrenheit - 32) * 5/9

def meters_to_feet(meters):
    return meters * 3.28084

def feet_to_meters(feet):
    return feet / 3.28084

def kilograms_to_pounds(kg):
    return kg * 2.20462

def pounds_to_kilograms(lbs):
    return lbs / 2.20462

def unit_conversion():
    """
    Interactive unit conversion program.
    Supports temperature, length, and weight conversions.
    """
    print("Unit Conversion Program")
    print("1. Temperature: Celsius to Fahrenheit")
    print("2. Temperature: Fahrenheit to Celsius")
    print("3. Length: Meters to Feet")
    print("4. Length: Feet to Meters")
    print("5. Weight: Kilograms to Pounds")
    print("6. Weight: Pounds to Kilograms")

    choice = input("Choose conversion (1-6): ")
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```python
    try:
        if choice == '1':
            celsius = float(input("Enter Celsius: "))
            result = celsius_to_fahrenheit(celsius)
            print(f"{celsius}°C = {result:.2f}°F")
        elif choice == '2':
            fahrenheit = float(input("Enter Fahrenheit: "))
            result = fahrenheit_to_celsius(fahrenheit)
            print(f"{fahrenheit}°F = {result:.2f}°C")
        elif choice == '3':
            meters = float(input("Enter Meters: "))
            result = meters_to_feet(meters)
            print(f"{meters} m = {result:.2f} ft")
        elif choice == '4':
            feet = float(input("Enter Feet: "))
            result = feet_to_meters(feet)
            print(f"{feet} ft = {result:.2f} m")
        elif choice == '5':
            kg = float(input("Enter Kilograms: "))
            result = kilograms_to_pounds(kg)
            print(f"{kg} kg = {result:.2f} lbs")
        elif choice == '6':
            lbs = float(input("Enter Pounds: "))
            result = pounds_to_kilograms(lbs)
            print(f"{lbs} lbs = {result:.2f} kg")
        else:
            print("Invalid choice.")
    except ValueError:
        print("Invalid input. Please enter a number.")

#Example usage (add to if __name__ == "__main__" if desired)
unit_conversion()
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6. Weight: Pounds to Kilograms
Choose conversion (1-6): 6
Enter Pounds: 5
5.0 lbs = 2.27 kg
PS C:\Users\kiran\OneDrive\Desktop\AIAC>
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Prompt 2:

Convert kilometers to miles.

Output:

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def kilometers_to_miles(km):
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def miles_to_kilometers(miles):
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    print("5. Length: Kilometers to Miles")
    print("6. Length: Miles to Kilometers")
    print("7. Weight: Kilograms to Pounds")
    print("8. Weight: Pounds to Kilograms")

    choice = input("Choose conversion (1-8): ")

    try:
        if choice == '1':
            celsius = float(input("Enter Celsius: "))
            result = celsius_to_fahrenheit(celsius)
            print(f"{celsius}°C = {result:.2f}°F")
        elif choice == '2':
            fahrenheit = float(input("Enter Fahrenheit: "))
            result = fahrenheit_to_celsius(fahrenheit)
            print(f"{fahrenheit}°F = {result:.2f}°C")
        elif choice == '3':
            meters = float(input("Enter Meters: "))
            result = meters_to_feet(meters)
            print(f"{meters} m = {result:.2f} ft")
        elif choice == '4':
            feet = float(input("Enter Feet: "))
            result = feet_to_meters(feet)
            print(f"{feet} ft = {result:.2f} m")
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Prompt 3:

Write two Python functions:

1. km_to_miles(km)

2. miles_to_km(miles)

Use formulas:

miles = km * 0.621371

km = miles / 0.621371

Add comments and example usage.

Output:

```
def km_to_miles(km):
    """
    Converts kilometers to miles.

    Formula: miles = km * 0.621371

    Parameters:
    km (float): Distance in kilometers.

    Returns:
    float: Distance in miles.
    """
    return km * 0.621371

def miles_to_km(miles):
    """
    Converts miles to kilometers.

    Formula: km = miles / 0.621371

    Parameters:
    miles (float): Distance in miles.

    Returns:
    float: Distance in kilometers.
    """
    return miles / 0.621371
```

```python
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # Test km_to_miles
    km = 10
    miles = km_to_miles(km)
    print(f"{km} km = {miles:.2f} miles")

    # Test miles_to_km
    miles = 6.21371
    km = miles_to_km(miles)
    print(f"{miles} miles = {km:.2f} km")
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10 km = 6.21 miles
10 km = 6.21 miles
6.21371 miles = 10.00 km
PS C:\Users\kiran\OneDrive\Desktop\AIAC>
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```python
        elif choice == '5':
            km = float(input("Enter Kilometers: "))
            result = kilometers_to_miles(km)
            print(f"{km} km = {result:.2f} miles")
        elif choice == '6':
            miles = float(input("Enter Miles: "))
            result = miles_to_kilometers(miles)
            print(f"{miles} miles = {result:.2f} km")
        elif choice == '7':
            kg = float(input("Enter Kilograms: "))
            result = kilograms_to_pounds(kg)
            print(f"{kg} kg = {result:.2f} lbs")
        elif choice == '8':
            lbs = float(input("Enter Pounds: "))
            result = pounds_to_kilograms(lbs)
            print(f"{lbs} lbs = {result:.2f} kg")
        else:
            print("Invalid choice.")
    except ValueError:
        print("Invalid input. Please enter a number.")

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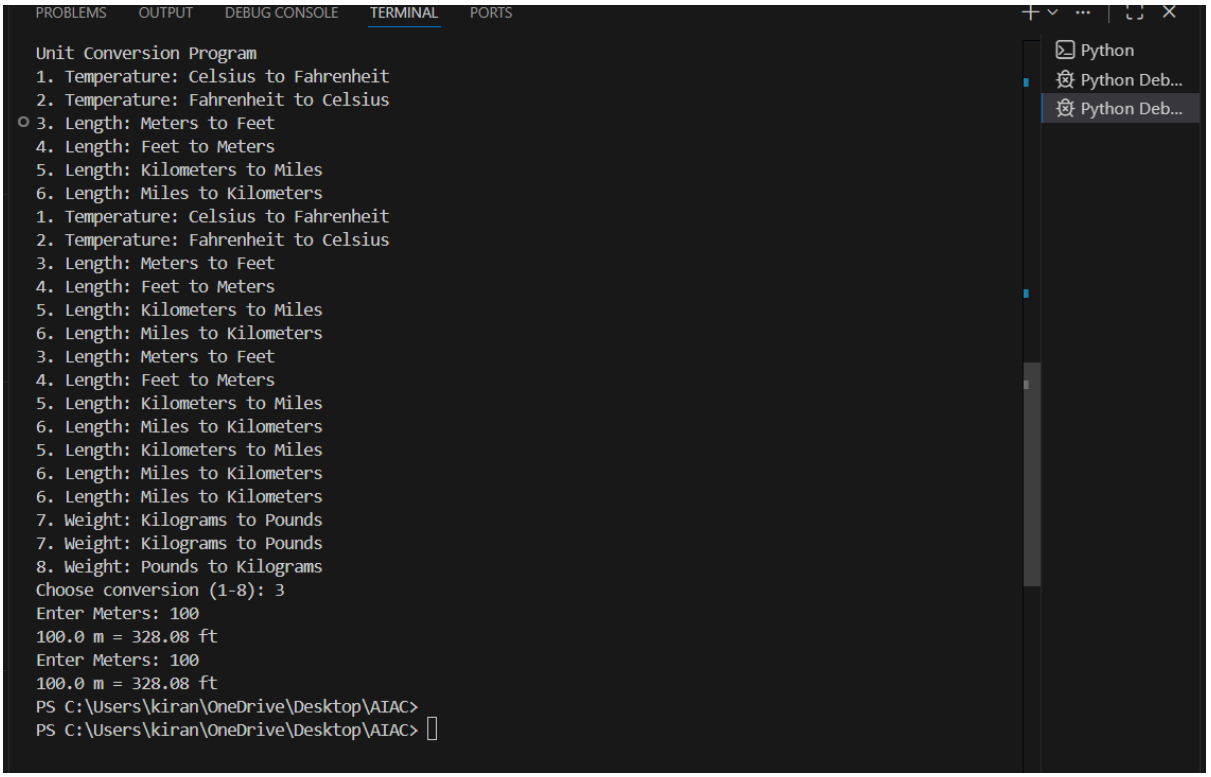

Justification:

As prompt specificity increases, the quality and accuracy of the AI – generated unit conversion code also improves.

Vague prompts produce basic and less reusable programs, while detailed prompts result in modular, accurate, and well – documented functions.

This demonstrates that clear instructions significantly enhance AI – assisted code generation.