**Step 1: Setup Prerequisites**

**Description:**

* Git environment is already set up
* Notepad++ is integrated as default editor
* Local Git repository and remote GitLab repository are ready

**Step 2: Create Files and Folders to Ignore**

**Commands Used:**

echo "This is a log file" > debug.log

mkdir logs

echo "Error log" > logs/error.txt

**Step 3: Create and Edit .gitignore**

**Commands Used:**

notepad++ .gitignore

**Content of .gitignore file:**

\*.log

logs/

Explanation:

* \*.log → Ignores all files with .log extension
* logs/ → Ignores the entire logs folder

**Step 4: Verify Ignored Files**

**Commands Used:**

git status

Expected Output:  
The .log file and logs folder will not appear in the list of files to be committed.

**Step 5: Commit and Push Changes**

**Commands Used:**

git add .gitignore

git commit -m "Added .gitignore to ignore log files and logs folder"

git push origin master