**ANSWER**

**Exercise 1: Inventory Management System**

**Scenario:**

You are developing an inventory management system for a warehouse. Efficient data storage and retrieval are crucial.

**Steps:**

1. **Understand the Problem:**
   * **Explain why data structures and algorithms are essential in handling large inventories.**

🡪Data structures and algorithms are important for processing large amounts of data because they provide an efficient way to store, organize, and store data. Here’s why they’re important:  
  
Efficiency: Appropriate materials will shorten intensive work time, allowing the body to work more efficiently and effectively.  
Scalability: Effective algorithms and data models enable the system to manage growing data without slowing down.  
Data Integrity: They help maintain data accuracy and consistency by preventing problems such as data duplication and corruption.  
Service Management: Optimizes the use of resources such as memory and processing power to provide optimum performance even under heavy workloads.

* + **Discuss the types of data structures suitable for this problem.**

🡪The choice of data structure depends on the specific requirements of the control equipment. Here are some useful ones:  
  
ArrayList: Provides fast random access and is easy to use. Suitable for small-sized and stable machines.  
HashMap: Provides average O(1) time complexity for insertion, deletion, and update operations. Ideal for systems that require fast access to elements based on keys .  
 Given the need for efficient data retrieval and updates, a **HashMap** is a suitable choice for storing products in the inventory

1. **Analysis:**
   * **Analyze the time complexity of each operation (add, update, delete) in your chosen data structure.**

🡪Time complexity for for each operation (add, update, delete) is O(1).

* + **Discuss how you can optimize these operations.**

🡪Using a HashMap already optimizes add, update, and delete operations due to its O(1) time complexity.