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Please:

- Fill in the blanks, or circle best answer (for choices in round brackets)
- Give examples of the concept for blanks after “e.g.”
- Type in the code in Spyder and test it out as needed!
- This exercise is not graded and not handed in.

1 Basic Concepts

- **Program:** Set of _____ written in a _____ (code), executed by the computer **exactly** as written.
- **Statement:** An _____, as part of a program, that performs a specific task (e.g. _____, sets the value of x to 0.0, and _____ prints the value of x)
- **Algorithm:** Is a set of _____
_____ (e.g. _____)
- **Pseudo code:** Generic (non-language specific) code written in designing programs, useful for _____
- **Plot:** In the sense of scientific computing, a plot is _____

2 Data

- **(Data) Type:** _____, e.g. float, int, string
- **Float:** A *data type* that represents _____ (e.g. _____)
- **Integer:** A *data type* that represents _____, (e.g. _____)
- **Boolean:** A *data type* that represents _____ (_____ or _____)
- **String:** A *data type* that represents _____ e.g. _____
- **Data structure:** _____

- **List:** A **data structure**, surrounded by _____, are (mutable)/(immutable) and usually used for (heterogeneous)/(homogeneous) data, (e.g.: _____).
- **List element:** Each member of a **list**. For some list `lst`, its first element is accessed by `lst_____`, and its 3rd element by `lst_____`
- **Tuple:** *data structure* that is defined by a _____ but is often surrounded by _____, are (mutable)/(immutable) and can be used for (heterogeneous)/(homogeneous) data, e.g. _____
- **Array:** A *data structure* from the module _____, that stores (heterogeneous)/(homogeneous) data, can be multi-dimensional. Useful for working with scientific data (Faster)/(Slower) than lists.

3 Errors

- **Syntax error:** Error that arises from _____ in a program.
E.g. `print('Hello'` is missing _____.
- **Type error:** Thrown when a variable used is the incorrect _____
e.g. _____

4 Program Flow

- **Control structure:** Statement or set of statements that _____
e.g. _____
- **Conditional:** A control structure that _____,
then performs different actions based on them e.g. _____
- **Relational operator:** _____ e.g. _____
- **Loop:** A *control structure* that _____
E.g. _____
- **Iteration:** Is a(n) _____
- **Iterator variable:** Variable that _____.
In the loop `for i in range(10):` the iterator variable is _____

5 Re-use of code

- **Function:** Arrangement of code that _____
(e.g. _____)
- **Defining a function:** Please write an example function definition that takes two input arguments, and returns the sum of the first squared and the second times 3.0

- **Calling a function:** Write an example of calling the function you've written, assigning its output to a variable:

As a result of this, _____
- **Variable scope:** The area of code _____. Above, _____ are local to the function _____ (your function's name).
- **Module:** Group of _____ (e.g. _____, _____, _____)
- **Importing a module:** The best practice way is: _____, or _____.

6 Practice debugging

Please find the errors **without** attempting to run the program first!

6.1 Example 1

There are 3 errors in the following code, please correct them, and detail what the corrected code does

```
1 x = 15
2
3 if x < y:
4     print(x)
5 elif y < x
6     print(y)
7 else:
8     print('The two numbers are equal')
```

6.2 Example 2

Identify what type of error will occur with this code and state how this error could be corrected.

```
1 def hello():
2     """
3     A function that prints out 'Hello' x number of times
4     where x is given by the user. Returns none.
5     """
6     # Read in the integer x from the user
7     x = int(input('How many times you would like Hello printed?'))
8     print("x" * x)
9
10 hello()
```

6.3 Example 3

Identify the five errors in the following code, please identify and correct them

```
1  divisible():
2      """
3      A function that takes in two integers from the user,
4      x and y, and calculates whether x is divisible by y.
5      Returns none.
6      """
7
8      # Read in the integer x from the user
9      x = input('Please enter your first number: ')
10
11     # Read in the integer y from the user
12     y = input('Please enter your second number: ')
13
14     if x % y = 0:
15         print('{} is divisible {}'.format(x, y))
16     else:
17         print('{} is not divisible {}'.format(x, y))
18
19 divisible()
```

6.4 Example 4

Please discuss what the following function does:

```
1  def temp(L):
2      r = []
3      lsize = len(L)
4      while lsize > len(r):
5          element = L[-1]
6          L = L[:-1]
7          r.append(element)
8      return r
```

6.5 Example 5

There are 4 errors with the following code, please identify them

```
1 def birthdays(x):
2     """
3     A function that prints out the ages a group of x friends
4     and the average age of the group. The ages are given
5     by the user. Returns None.
6     """
7
8     # Initialise the list that you will populate
9     Ages = []
10
11    # Read in each friend's data
12    count = 1 # count how many friends have entered their data
13
14    while count <= x:
15        # Read in the ages from the user.
16        d = int(input('Please enter your age '))
17
18        # Append the new data to the list Ages
19        Ages.append(d)
20
21
22    print("\n The ages of your friends are:)
23
24    # Iterate through list using indexing printing each element
25
26    l = len(Age)
27    for n in range(l):
28        print(Ages[n])
29
30    Average = sum(Ages)/len(Ages)
31
32    print('The average age is {}'.format(Average))
```

Answers

1 Basic Concepts

- **Program:** Set of **statements** written in a programming language (code), executed by the computer exactly as written.
- **Statement:** An instruction, as part of a program, that performs a specific task (e.g. $x = 0.0$, sets the value of x to 0.0, $(x \leftarrow 0.0)$ and print(x) prints the value of x)
- **Algorithm:** Is a set of step by step instructions that perform a designed task (e.g. root finding, numerical integration, etc.)
- **Pseudo code:** Generic (non-language specific) code written in designing programs, useful for useful for developing and communicating ideas
- **Plot:** In the sense of scientific computing, a plot is a graphical representation of numerical data

2 Data

- **(Data) Type:** Is a classification of data, e.g. float, int, string
- **Float:** A *data type* that represents real numbers (e.g. 3.14)
- **Integer:** A *data type* that represents integer numbers, (e.g. -1)
- **Boolean:** A *data type* that represents logical data (True or False)
- **String:** A *data type* that represents a group of characters e.g. "Hello World!"
- **Data structure:** Special arrangement of data that allows for ease of use, access and/or storage
- **List:** A **data structure**, surrounded by [], are (mutable)/(immutable) and usually used for (heterogeneous)/(homogeneous) data, (e.g.: [-1, 0, 1, 2] or ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D']).
- **List element:** Each member of a **list**. For some list L , its first element is accessed by $L[0]$, and its 3rd element by $L[2]$ (For $L=[2.0, 4.0, 8.0, 16.0]$, $L[0] == 2.0$, and $L[2] == 8.0$)

- **Tuple:** *data structure* that is defined by a `_`, but is often surrounded by `()`, are ~~(mutable)~~/(immutable) and can be used for ~~(heterogeneous)~~/(homogeneous) data, e.g. `(117, 'John')`
- **Array:** A *data structure* from the module `numpy`, that stores ~~(heterogeneous)~~/(homogeneous) data, can be multi-dimensional. Useful for working with scientific data ~~(Faster)~~/(Slower) than lists.

3 Errors

- **Syntax error:** Error that arises from incorrect “language” or formatting in a program.
E.g. `print('Hello' is missing)`.
- **Type error:** Thrown when a variable used is the incorrect type
e.g. `X=1.0/'CAT'`

4 Program Flow

- **Control structure:** Statement or set of statements that tell a program when and how to perform certain actions e.g. if, statements while loops
- **Conditional:** A control structure that checks for boolean values of statements, then performs different actions based on them e.g. if x > 0: elif x == 0: else:
- **Relational operator:** Compares two objects (of the same type)
e.g. >, <, <=, >=, ==, !=
- **Loop:** A *control structure* that repeats a block of code for a certain number of iterations, or *while* a condition is met.
E.g. while k > 0:
- **Iteration:** Is a(n) individual repetition as part of a loop, or the process of looping
- **Iterator variable:** Variable that defines the current step of iteration within the loop.
In the loop `for i in range(10):` the iterator variable is i

5 Re-use of code

- **Function:** Arrangement of code that accepts input, performs a task, and often returns output.
(e.g. print(), numpy.sin(), ...)

- **Defining a function:** Please write an example function definition that takes two input arguments, and returns the sum of the first squared and the second times 3.0

```
def new_fcn(x, y):  
    z = x**2+3.0*y  
    return z
```

- **Calling a function:** Write an example of calling the function you've written, assigning its output to a variable:

```
x1 = 3.0  
y1 = 2.0  
t = new_fcn(x1, y1)  
As a result of this, t == 15.0
```

- **Variable scope:** The area of code for which a variable is defined. Above, x, y, z are local to the function new_fcn (your function's name).
- **Module:** Group of functions, classes, and variables in Python (e.g. numpy, scipy, matplotlib)
- **Importing a module:** The best practice way is: import numpy as np,
or import numpy.

6 Practice debugging

Please find the errors **without** attempting to run the program first!

6.1 Example 1

There are 3 errors in the following code, please correct them, and detail what the corrected code does

```
1 x = 15
2 y = 10
3 if x < y:
4     print(x)
5 elif y < x:
6     print(y)
7 else:
8     print('The two numbers are equal')
```

Missing deceleration of y , (line 2) missing “:” (line 5), missing end quotation, line 8.

6.2 Example 2

Identify what type of error will occur with this code and state how this error could be corrected.

```
1 import sys
2 def hello():
3     """
4     A function that prints out 'Hello' x number of times
5     where x is given by the user. Returns none.
6     """
7     # Read in the integer x from the user
8     x = int(input('How many times you would like Hello printed?'))
9     print("Hello"*x)
10
11 hello()
```

The error is a *semantic* error, the letter “x” is printed x number of times, rather than “Hello”.

6.3 Example 3

Identify the five errors in the following code, please identify and correct them

```
1 def divisible():
2     """
3     A function that takes in two integers from the user,
4     x and y, and calculates whether x is divisible by y.
5     Returns none.
6     """
7
8     # Read in the integer x from the user
9     x = int(input('Please enter your first number: '))
10
11    # Read in the integer y from the user
12    y = int(input('Please enter your second number: '))
13
14    if x % y == 0:
15        print('{} is divisible {}'.format(x, y))
16    else:
17        print('{} is not divisible {}'.format(x, y))
18
19 divisible()
```

- The function definition is incomplete (missing “**def**” on line 1)
- The input variables (x and y) are not converted to integers as indicated (lines 9 and 12)
- Assignment (=) has been used rather than check for equality (==) on line 14
- Missing close bracket on line 15.

6.4 Example 4

Please discuss what the following function does:

```
1 def temp(lst_in):
2     """
3     Takes a list as input, returns it in reverse order.
4     """
5     # Initialize a list
6     r = []
7
8     # Get original size
9     lsize = len(lst_in)
10
11    # Loop while output list is smaller than the input list
12    while lsize > len(r):
13        # lst_in[-1] refers to the last element in lst_in
14        element = lst_in[-1]
15
16        # Remove last element in the input list
17        lst_in = lst_in[:-1]
18
19        # Appends element from lst_in to the output list r
20        r.append(element)
21
22    # Finally return r
23    return r
```

As described in the docstring, this function reads in a list, and returns it in reverse order

6.5 Example 5

There are 4 errors with the following code, please identify them

```
1  def birthdays(x):
2      """
3      A function that prints out the ages a group of x friends
4      and the average age of the group. The ages are given
5      by the user. Returns None.
6      """
7
8      # Initialise the list that you will populate
9      Ages = []
10
11     # Read in each friend's data
12     count = 1 # count how many friends have entered their data
13
14     while count <= x:
15         # Read in the ages from the user.
16         d = int(input('Please enter your age '))
17
18         # Append the new data to the list Ages
19         Ages.append(d)
20         count += 1
21
22     print("\n The ages of your friends are:")
23
24     # Iterate through list using indexing printing each element
25
26     l = len(Ages)
27     for n in range(l):
28         print(Ages[n])
29
30     Average = sum(Ages)/len(Ages)
31
32     print('The average age is {}'.format(Average))
```

- Variable “cout” is not defined (should be *count*) on line 14
- `count` is not incremented within the loop
- Missing end quotation on line 22
- Variable “Age” is not defined on line 26, missing an “s”.