Questions: Introduction to GitHub:

What is GitHub, and what are its primary functions and features? Explain how it supports collaborative software development.

GitHub is an web-based tool that allows you to host your repositories for version control and collaboration. It supports collaborative software development by enabling multiple software developers to work on the same project through branching, merging and pull requests.

Repositories on GitHub:What is a GitHub repository? Describe how to create a new repository and the essential elements that should be included in it.

This is a folder where your project is kept. You can create it by clicking the "+" icon in the upper-right corner and select "New repository then enter the repository name. Essential elements include: README file, .gitignore, LICENSE, the actual source code

Version Control with Git:

Explain the concept of version control in the context of Git. How does GitHub enhance version control for developers?

Version control allows developers to track changes and versions of the same project so that they can be recalled if needed later and Git enables that by allowing multiple software developers to work on the same project and have multiple versions of it without interfering with each other.

Branching and Merging in GitHub:

What are branches in GitHub, and why are they important? Describe the process of creating a branch, making changes, and merging it back into the main branch.

Branches allow for isolated working environments in a repository which is good for collaborative working and version control. Create a new branch from the main branch using git checkout -b
branch-name>. Make changes and commit them with git commit -m "<message>". Merge the branch back into the main branch using git checkout main followed by git merge
branch-name>.

Pull Requests and Code Reviews:

What is a pull request in GitHub, and how does it facilitate code reviews and collaboration? Outline the steps to create and review a pull request.

A pull request is a means to notify team members that changes have been pushed to a branch. To create and review pull requests: push your branch to GitHub and go to the repository's "Pull requests" .Click "New pull request," select your branch, fill in the details, and submit the pull request.Reviewers assess the changes, provide feedback, and approve or request modifications before merging.

GitHub Actions:

Explain what GitHub Actions are and how they can be used to automate workflows. Provide an example of a simple CI/CD pipeline using GitHub Actions.

These are tools that allow Github to automate tasks within the software lifecycle such as building and testing code

name: Hello World

on: [push]

jobs:

say-hello:

runs-on: ubuntu-latest

steps:

- name: Print Hello World

run: echo "Hello, World!"

Introduction to Visual Studio:

What is Visual Studio, and what are its key features? How does it differ from Visual Studio Code? Integrating GitHub with Visual Studio:

Visual Studio Code is an integrated development environment (IDE) by Microsoft for developing programs, websites, apps, and services. Its key features include IntelliSense, integrated debugger, version control, extensions, visual designers, testing tools, Azure integration, and team collaboration tools.

Describe the steps to integrate a GitHub repository with Visual Studio. How does this integration enhance the development workflow?

- 1. Install Git.
- 2. Open Visual Studio, go to "Team Explorer."
- 3. Clone a repository or add an existing one.
- 4. Sign in to GitHub in Visual Studio.
- 5. Commit and sync changes.

Debugging in Visual Studio:

Explain the debugging tools available in Visual Studio. How can developers use these tools to identify and fix issues in their code? Collaborative Development using GitHub and Visual Studio:

Debugging Tools;Breakpoints, watch window, immediate window, call stack, locals and autos, exception handling.

Using Tools to Fix Issues: Set breakpoints, step through code, inspect variables, analyze call stack, configure exception handling.

Discuss how GitHub and Visual Studio can be used together to support collaborative development. Provide a real-world example of a project that benefits from this integration

Share code, branch for new features, submit pull requests, review code, merge changes, automate testing and deployment. For example:Open-source web application: Team uses GitHub for hosting, branching for features, pull requests for reviews, CI/CD for automated testing and deployment.