CSCI 1511 Short Answer, Chapter 7

Answer one of the following questions for full credit for this assignment. Your solution should be between fifty and one hundred words. Place your questions in the “Answer” section below. Be certain to number your answers with the same number that is associated with the question.

1. What kind of information is best stored using the cPickle module?
2. When you write an object to a shelf file, is it written to the disk immediately?
3. When should you trap for exceptions?
4. Why should you trap for specific exception types?
5. What kind of information are text files good for storing?

ANSWERS:

4.

You should trap for specific exceptions preferably all the time when you are handling exceptions. More specifically, when there could be multiple types of exceptions in your try block, specifying exception type will allow you to respond to each possible exception differently. Not specifying an exception type can be dangerous because maybe you prevent an error you didn’t previously think of, and handle it like it is a different error. That could break the program even more, and will be harder to debug.