100 Python Interview Questions & Answers for Data Analyst and Data Science

1. Question: Reverse a string

Answer:

s = 'hello'

print(s[::-1])

2. Question: Check if a number is prime

Answer:

n = 7

print(all(n % i != 0 for i in range(2, int(n**0.5) + 1)))

3. Question: Find factorial using recursion

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Answer:

def fact(n):

return 1 if n == 0 else n * fact(n-1)

print(fact(5))
```

4. Question: Check palindrome string

Answer:

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s = 'madam'
print(s == s[::-1])
```

5. Question: Find largest number in a list

Answer:

6. Question: Swap two variables

Answer:

$$a, b = 5, 10$$

$$a, b = b, a$$

print(a, b)

7. Question: Count vowels in a string

Answer:

print(sum(1 for ch in s if ch in 'aeiou'))

8. Question: Check Armstrong number

Answer:

$$n = 153$$

print(sum(int(d) ** 3 for d in str(n)) == n)

9. Question: Generate Fibonacci series

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Answer:

a, b = 0, 1

for _ in range(5):

    print(a)

a, b = b, a + b
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10. Question: Find GCD of two numbers

Answer:

import math print(math.gcd(12, 15))

11. Question: Check anagram

Answer:

s1, s2 = 'listen', 'silent'
print(sorted(s1) == sorted(s2))

12. Question: Reverse words in a sentence Answer:

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s = 'hello world'
print(' '.join(s.split()[::-1]))
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13. Question: Find duplicates in a list

Answer:

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nums = [1, 2, 2, 3]
print([x for x in set(nums) if nums.count(x)
> 1])
```

14. Question: Find second largest number in a list

Answer:

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nums = [1, 2, 3, 4]
print(sorted(set(nums))[-2])
```

15. Question: Check if string contains only digits

Answer:

print('123'.isdigit())

16. Question: Flatten nested list

Answer:

nested = [[1, 2], [3, 4]] flat = [x for sub in nested for x in sub]

17. Question: Sort dictionary by values

Answer:

print(flat)

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d = {'a': 2, 'b': 1}
print(dict(sorted(d.items(), key=lambda x:
x[1])))
```

18. Question: Count words in a string

Answer:

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s = 'this is test'
print(len(s.split()))
```

19. Question: Check leap year

Answer:

20. Question: Merge two dictionaries

Answer:

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21. Question: Group words by first letter
Answer:
  from collections import defaultdict
  words =
["apple","ant","banana","ball","cat","car"]
  grouped = defaultdict(list)
  for word in words:
    grouped[word[0]].append(word)
  print(dict(grouped))
```

22. Question: Find all pairs in list whose sum equals target

Answer:

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nums = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7]
target = 8
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pairs = [(a,b) for i,a in enumerate(nums) for
b in nums[i+1:] if a+b==target]
print(pairs)
```

23. Question: Convert list of tuples into dictionary

Answer:

```
pairs = [("a",1),("b",2),("c",3)]
print(dict(pairs))
```

24. Question: Find top 3 most frequent elements in a list

Answer:

from collections import Counter

nums = [1,2,2,3,3,3,4,4,4,5]

print(Counter(nums).most_common(3))

25. Question: Transpose a matrix

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Answer:
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matrix = [[1,2,3],[4,5,6],[7,8,9]]
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transpose = [[row[i] for row in matrix] for i
in range(len(matrix[O]))]

print(transpose)

26. Question: Implement stack using Python list

Answer:

stack = []

stack.append(10)

stack.append(20)

print(stack.pop())

27. Question: Implement queue using collections.deque

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Answer:

from collections import deque
queue = deque()
queue.append(10)
queue.append(20)
print(queue.popleft())
```

28. Question: Generate random numbers without random module

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Answer:
import time
def pseudo_random(seed=1):
  seed = (seed*9301+49297) % 233280
  return seed/233280.0
print(pseudo_random(int(time.time())))
```

29. Question: Convert string to title case

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Answer:
text = "data science with python"
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30. Question: Remove punctuation from string

Answer:

import string

print(text.title())

text = "Hello, World! Data@Science."

clean = "".join(c for c in text if c not in string.punctuation)

print(clean)

31. Question: Load CSV in pandas and display first 10 rows

Answer:

import pandas as pd

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df = pd.read_csv("data.csv")
print(df.head(10))
```

32. Question: Select rows where column value > 100

Answer:

print(df[df["Sales"] > 100])

33. Question: Drop rows with missing values Answer:

print(df.dropna())

34. Question: Fill missing values with column mean

Answer:

df["Sales"].fillna(df["Sales"].mean(),
inplace=True)

35. Question: Merge two DataFrames on a column

Answer:

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df1 = pd.DataFrame({"ID":[1,2],"Name":
["A","B"]})
  df2 = pd.DataFrame({"ID":[1,2],"Age":
[25,30]})
  merged = pd.merge(df1,df2,on="ID")
  print(merged)
```

36. Question: Group data by column and calculate mean

Answer:

```
print(df.groupby("Category")
["Sales"].mean())
```

37. Question: Sort DataFrame by multiple columns

Answer:

```
print(df.sort_values(by=
["Category","Sales"], ascending=[True,False]))
```

38. Question: Apply custom function to column

Answer:

```
df["Discounted"] =
df["Sales"].apply(lambda x: x*0.9)
```

39. Question: Find number of unique values in a column

Answer:

print(df["CustomerID"].nunique())

40. Question: Rename multiple columns in DataFrame

Answer:

```
df.rename(columns=
{"Sales":"Total_Sales","Date":"Order_Date"},
inplace=True)
```

41. Question: Create a NumPy array of zeros

Answer:

import numpy as np

arr = np.zeros((3,3))

print(arr)

42. Question: Create a NumPy array from 1 to 10

Answer:

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arr = np.arange(1,11)
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print(arr)

43. Question: Reshape 1D NumPy array to 2D Answer:
arr = np.arange(1,7).reshape(2,3)
print(arr)

44. Question: Find max and min in NumPy array

Answer:

arr = np.array([3,7,1,9,2])
print(arr.max(), arr.min())

45. Question: Compute mean, median, std of array

Answer:

arr = np.array([1,2,3,4,5,6])
print(arr.mean(), np.median(arr), arr.std())

46. Question: Slice first 3 elements of array
Answer:
 arr = np.array([10,20,30,40,50])
 print(arr[:3])

47. Question: Find index of max in NumPy array

Answer:

arr = np.array([4,8,2,9,6])
print(arr.argmax())

48. Question: Create diagonal matrix in NumPy

Answer:

arr = np.diag([1,2,3])
print(arr)

49. Question: Multiply two NumPy arrays element-wise

Answer:

a = np.array([1,2,3])

b = np.array([4,5,6])

print(a*b)

50. Question: Perform matrix multiplication

Answer:

a = np.array([[1,2],[3,4]])

b = np.array([[5,6],[7,8]])

print(np.dot(a,b))

51. Question: Create random NumPy array of shape 2x3

Answer:

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arr = np.random.rand(2,3)
print(arr)
```

52. Question: Normalize a NumPy array

Answer:

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arr = np.array([10,20,30])
norm = (arr-arr.min())/(arr.max()-arr.min())
print(norm)
```

53. Question: Get unique values from NumPy array

Answer:

```
arr = np.array([1,2,2,3,3,3,4])
print(np.unique(arr))
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54. Question: Replace negative values with zero

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Answer:
  arr = np.array([-2,5,-7,8])
  arr[arr < 0] = 0
  print(arr)
55. Question: Check for NaN in NumPy array
  Answer:
  arr = np.array([1,np.nan,3])
  print(np.isnan(arr))
56. Question: Convert NumPy array to
Python list
  Answer:
  arr = np.array([1,2,3])
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print(arr.tolist())

57. Question: Filter rows in pandas with multiple conditions

Answer:

```
df = pd.DataFrame({"A":[1,2,3,4],"B":
[10,20,30,40]})
print(df[(df["A"] > 2) & (df["B"] < 40)])</pre>
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58. Question: Create pivot table in pandas Answer:

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df = pd.DataFrame({"Category":
["A","A","B","B"],"Sales":[100,200,300,400]})
  pivot = df.pivot_table(values="Sales",
index="Category", aggfunc="sum")
  print(pivot)
```

59. Question: Get correlation matrix Answer:

print(df.corr())

60. Question: Save DataFrame to CSV Answer:
df.to_csv("output.csv", index=False)

61. Question: Select specific columns

Answer:

df = pd.DataFrame({"A":[1,2,3],"B": [4,5,6],"C":[7,8,9]})
print(df[["A","C"]])

62. Question: Sort DataFrame by column descending

Answer:

print(df.sort_values("B", ascending=False))

63. Question: Rename columns

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Answer:

df = df.rename(columns=
{"A":"Col1","B":"Col2"})

print(df)
```

64. Question: Drop rows with missing values Answer:

```
df = pd.DataFrame({"A":[1,None,3],"B":
[4,5,None]})
print(df.dropna())
```

65. Question: Fill missing values with mean Answer:

df["A"].fillna(df["A"].mean(), inplace=True)
print(df)

66. Question: Convert column to datetime

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Answer:

df = pd.DataFrame({"Date":["2023-01-01","2023-02-01"]})

df["Date"] = pd.to_datetime(df["Date"])

print(df.dtypes)
```

67. Question: Extract year and month from datetime

Answer:

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df["Year"] = df["Date"].dt.year
df["Month"] = df["Date"].dt.month
print(df)
```

68. Question: Remove duplicate rows Answer:

```
df = pd.DataFrame({"A":[1,2,2,3],"B": [4,5,5,6]})
```

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print(df.drop_duplicates())
```

69. Question: Group by column and sum Answer:

df = pd.DataFrame({"Category":
["A","A","B"],"Sales":[100,200,300]})

print(df.groupby("Category")
["Sales"].sum())

70. Question: Apply custom function to column

Answer:

df = pd.DataFrame({"A":[1,2,3]})
df["Square"] = df["A"].apply(lambda x:x**2)
print(df)

71. Question: Merge two DataFrames on key

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Answer:
  df1 = pd.DataFrame({"ID":[1,2],"Name":
["A","B"]})
  df2 = pd.DataFrame({"ID":[1,2],"Age":
[25,30]
  print(pd.merge(df1,df2,on="ID"))
72. Question: Concatenate two DataFrames
vertically
  Answer:
  df1 = pd.DataFrame({"A":[1,2]})
  df2 = pd.DataFrame({"A":[3,4]})
  print(pd.concat([df1,df2]))
73. Question: Find top 2 rows by column
  Answer:
  df = pd.DataFrame({"A":[10,40,30,20]})
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print(df.nlargest(2,"A"))
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74. Question: Find bottom 2 rows by column Answer:
print(df.nsmallest(2,"A"))

75. Question: Count missing values
 Answer:
 df = pd.DataFrame({"A":[1,None,3],"B":
[None,5,6]})
 print(df.isnull().sum())

76. Question: Replace specific value
Answer:

df = pd.DataFrame({"A":[1,2,2,3]})

df["A"].replace(2, 99, inplace=True)
print(df)

77. Question: Convert categorical to dummy variables

Answer:

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df = pd.DataFrame({"Fruit":
["Apple","Banana","Apple"]})
  print(pd.get_dummies(df, columns=
["Fruit"]))
```

78. Question: Calculate cumulative sum

Answer:

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df = pd.DataFrame({"Sales": [100,200,300]})
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df["Cumulative"] = df["Sales"].cumsum()
print(df)

79. Question: Calculate percentage of total Answer:

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df["Percentage"] =
df["Sales"]/df["Sales"].sum()*100
print(df)
```

80. Question: Detect outliers using IQR

Answer:

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Q1 = df["Sales"].quantile(0.25)
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Q3 = df["Sales"].quantile(0.75)

outliers = df[(df["Sales"] < Q1 - 1.5*IQR) | (df["Sales"] > Q3 + 1.5*IQR)]

print(outliers)

81. Question: Standardize a numeric column using z-score

Answer:

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df["Zscore"] = (df["Sales"] -
df["Sales"].mean()) / df["Sales"].std()
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print(df)
82. Question: Normalize values between 0
and 1
  Answer:
  df["Normalized"] = (df["Sales"]-
df["Sales"].min())/(df["Sales"].max()-
df["Sales"].min())
  print(df)
83. Question: Split dataset into train and test
  Answer:
  from sklearn.model_selection import
train_test_split
  X = df[["Sales"]]
  y = [0,1,0,1]
  X_train,X_test,y_train,y_test =
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train_test_split(X,y,test_size=0.2,random_stat

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e = 42
  print(X_train,y_train)
84. Question: Train simple linear regression
  Answer:
  from sklearn.linear_model import
LinearRegression
  X = np.array([[1],[2],[3],[4]])
  y = np.array([2,4,6,8])
  model = LinearRegression()
  model.fit(X,y)
  print(model.coef_, model.intercept_)
85. Question: Make predictions
  Answer:
  pred = model.predict([[5]])
  print(pred)
```

86. Question: Evaluate regression using R2 score

Answer:

```
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score
y_true = [2,4,6,8]
y_pred = model.predict(X)
print(r2_score(y_true,y_pred))
```

87. Question: Train logistic regression Answer:

from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression

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X = np.array([[1],[2],[3],[4]])
y = np.array([0,0,1,1])
clf = LogisticRegression()
clf.fit(X,y)
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print(clf.predict([[2.5]]))
```

88. Question: Create confusion matrix

Answer:

from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix

y_true = [0,0,1,1]

 $y_pred = [0,1,1,1]$

print(confusion_matrix(y_true,y_pred))

89. Question: Calculate accuracy, precision, recall, f1-score

Answer:

from sklearn.metrics import classification_report

print(classification_report(y_true,y_pred))

```
90. Question: Perform k-fold cross-validation
Answer:
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
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```
scores = cross_val_score(clf,X,y,cv=3)
print(scores.mean())
```

91. Question: Train decision tree classifier Answer:

```
from sklearn.tree import
DecisionTreeClassifier
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```
clf = DecisionTreeClassifier()
clf.fit(X,y)
print(clf.predict([[2]]))
```

92. Question: Train random forest classifier

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Answer:
from sklearn.ensemble import
RandomForestClassifier
clf = RandomForestClassifier()
clf.fit(X,y)
print(clf.predict([[3]]))
```

93. Question: Train support vector machine classifier

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Answer:
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from sklearn.svm import SVC clf = SVC() clf.fit(X,y) print(clf.predict([[2.5]]))

94. Question: Scale features using StandardScaler

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Answer:
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from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

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scaler = StandardScaler()
X_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X)
print(X_scaled)
```

95. Question: Encode categorical using LabelEncoder

Answer:

from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder

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fruits = ["Apple","Banana","Apple","Orange"]
encoder = LabelEncoder()
encoded = encoder.fit_transform(fruits)
print(encoded)
```

96. Question: One-hot

encode categorical feature

Answer:

from sklearn.preprocessing import
OneHotEncoder
encoder = OneHotEncoder(sparse=False)
data = np.array(fruits).reshape(-1,1)

encoded = encoder.fit_transform(data)

print(encoded)

97. Question: Reduce dimensions using PCA Answer:

from sklearn.decomposition import PCA pca = PCA(n_components=2)

X_reduced = pca.fit_transform(X_scaled)

```
print(X_reduced)
```

98. Question: Save trained model with joblib Answer:

import joblib
joblib.dump(clf,"model.pkl")

99. Question: Load trained model with joblib Answer:

model = joblib.load("model.pkl")
print(model.predict([[2]]))

100. Question: Create pipeline with scaler and classifier

Answer:

from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline

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pipeline = Pipeline([("scaler",
StandardScaler()),("clf",
LogisticRegression())])
  pipeline.fit(X,y)
  print(pipeline.predict([[2.5]]))
```
