Problem 5:

The rationale for why these functions are established as protected is because they are internal tools used only for the functionality of the module. In the function _expect_line() there is a raise exception command which is only useful for the module, calling this function outside could result in raising an unwanted exception. While the other two functions deal with a global variable. You would not want a client or other module to affect a global variable in your module because it could break other functionalities.