1. Input Validation:

- InputValidator class acts as a barricade since it validates input before it enters the system.
- It checks for correct line formats, numerical IDs, and non-empty names.

2. Error Handling:

- Custom exceptions are thrown for different error conditions.
- 3. Robustness Improvements:
 - The Person class uses a Set for connections to prevent duplicates.
 - Immutable fields are marked as final.
 - The getConnections method returns an unmodifiable set to prevent external modifications.
 - Equals and hashCode methods are implemented for Person class.

4. Defensive Coding Practices:

- Null checks are added where necessary.
- Input parameters are validated in constructors and methods.
- SocialNetwork class uses a map for efficient person lookup.

5. Exception Handling:

Specific exceptions are caught and handled.