

# Python Midterm Study Guide

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## 1. Basic Output

### Concept Overview

The `print()` function is used to display output to the computer screen. It's one of the most fundamental functions in Python.

### Key Points

1. Basic syntax: `print("Hello")`
2. Multiple items: `print("Hello", "World")`
3. Special arguments: `sep` and `end`
4. String repetition with `*`

### Examples

```
# Basic print
print("Hello") # Output: Hello

# Multiple items
print("Hello", "World") # Output: Hello World

# Using sep
```

```
print("Hello", "World", sep="-") # Output: Hello-World
```

**# Using end**

```
print("Hello", end="!") # Output: Hello!
```

**# String repetition**

```
print("-" * 10) # Output: -----
```

### Common Mistakes

1. ❌ Forgetting parentheses

```
print "Hello" # SyntaxError
```

2. ❌ Using commas instead of + for string concatenation in a single argument

```
print("Hello", "World") # Prints with space
```

```
print("Hello" + "World") # Prints without space
```

### Practice Problems

1. Write a program to print your name and age on separate lines.
2. Print the following pattern:

\*

\*\*

\*\*\*

3. Print "Hello" and "World" with three dashes in between.

### Solutions

# 1. Name and age

```
print("John Doe")
```

```
print(25)
```

# 2. Pattern

```
print("*")
```

```
print("*" * 2)
```

```
print("*" * 3)
```

# 3. Hello-World

```
print("Hello", "World", sep="---")
```

## 2. Variables

### Concept Overview

Variables are containers for storing data values. Python has no command for declaring variables - they are created when first assigned a value.

### Key Points

1. Variables are dynamically typed
2. Naming conventions and rules
3. Multiple assignment
4. Different data types (int, float, string)

### Examples

```
# Basic assignment
name = "John"
age = 25
height = 1.75

# Multiple assignment
x, y, z = 1, 2, 3

# Same value to multiple variables
a = b = c = 0

# Dynamic typing
x = 5    # x is an integer
x = "John" # x is now a string
```

### Common Mistakes

1. ❌ Using invalid variable names

```
2name = "John" # Can't start with number
my-name = "John" # Can't use hyphen
```

2. ❌ Using Python keywords as variable names

```
if = 5 # 'if' is a keyword
```

## Practice Problems

1. Create variables for your first name, last name, and age. Then print them.
2. Swap the values of two variables without using a third variable.
3. Assign the same value to three different variables in one line.

## Solutions

### # 1. Personal info

```
first_name = "John"
```

```
last_name = "Doe"
```

```
age = 25
```

```
print(first_name, last_name, age)
```

### # 2. Swap variables

```
x = 5
```

```
y = 10
```

```
x, y = y, x # x is now 10, y is now 5
```

### # 3. Same value to multiple variables

```
a = b = c = 100
```

## 3. Programming Errors

### Concept Overview

Understanding different types of errors is crucial for debugging and writing correct code.

### Types of Errors

#### 1. Syntax Errors

- Errors in the structure of the code
- Detected before the program runs

#### 2. Runtime Errors

- Occur while the program is running
- Often due to invalid input or operations

### 3. Logic Errors

- Program runs but produces incorrect results
- Most difficult to find and fix

#### Examples

##### # 1. Syntax Error

```
print("Hello" # Missing closing parenthesis
```

##### # 2. Runtime Error

```
x = 5
```

```
y = 0
```

```
print(x / y) # Division by zero
```

##### # 3. Logic Error

```
def calculate_average(a, b):
```

```
    return a + b # Should be (a + b) / 2
```

#### Common Mistakes and How to Fix Them

##### 1. Indentation Errors

###### # Wrong

```
if x > 0:
```

```
print("Positive") # IndentationError
```

###### # Correct

```
if x > 0:
```

```
    print("Positive")
```

##### 2. Type Errors

###### # Wrong

```
x = "5"
```

```
y = 2
```

```
print(x + y) # TypeError
```

###### # Correct

```
x = int("5")
```

```
y = 2
print(x + y)
```

### Practice Problems

1. Find and fix the errors in the following code:

```
def calculate_sum(a b):
    return a + b

print(calculate_sum(3, 4))
```

2. What's wrong with this code? How would you fix it?

```
age = input("Enter your age: ")
if age > 18:
    print("You are an adult")
```

### Solutions

# 1. Missing comma in function parameters

```
def calculate_sum(a, b):
    return a + b

print(calculate_sum(3, 4))

# 2. input() returns string, need to convert to int
age = int(input("Enter your age: "))
if age > 18:
    print("You are an adult")
```

## 4. Arithmetic Operations

### Concept Overview

Python supports various arithmetic operators for mathematical operations.

### Key Operators

1. Addition: ``+``
2. Subtraction: ``-``
3. Multiplication: ``*``
4. Division: ``/``
5. Floor Division: ``//``
6. Modulus: ``%``
7. Exponentiation: ``**``

### Examples

```
# Basic arithmetic

print(5 + 3) # 8
print(5 - 3) # 2
print(5 * 3) # 15
print(5 / 3) # 1.6666666666666667
print(5 // 3) # 1
print(5 % 3) # 2
print(5 ** 3) # 125

# Order of operations
print(5 + 3 * 2) # 11
print((5 + 3) * 2) # 16
```

### Assignment Operators

```
x = 5

x += 3 # Same as x = x + 3
x -= 2 # Same as x = x - 2
x *= 4 # Same as x = x * 4
x /= 2 # Same as x = x / 2
```

## Common Mistakes

1. ❌ Integer division in Python 3

```
x = 5 / 2 # Returns 2.5, not 2
```

```
x = 5 // 2 # Returns 2 (floor division)
```

## Practice Problems

1. Write a program to convert temperature from Fahrenheit to Celsius.

Formula:  $C = (F - 32) * 5/9$

2. Calculate the area and perimeter of a rectangle given its length and width.
3. Determine if a number is odd or even using the modulus operator.

### # 1. Temperature conversion

```
fahrenheit = 98.6
```

```
celsius = (fahrenheit - 32) * 5/9
```

```
print(f"{fahrenheit}°F is {celsius:.2f}°C")
```

### # 2. Rectangle calculations

```
length = 5
```

```
width = 3
```

```
area = length * width
```

```
perimeter = 2 * (length + width)
```

```
print(f"Area: {area}, Perimeter: {perimeter}")
```

### # 3. Odd or even

```
number = 7
```

```
if number % 2 == 0:
```

```
    print("Even")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("Odd")
```



## 5. Comments and Documentation

### Concept Overview

Comments are used to explain code and make it more readable. They are ignored by the Python interpreter.

### Types of Comments

1. Single-line comments: Start with `#`
2. Multi-line comments: Enclosed in triple quotes `"""`

### Examples

```
# This is a single-line comment
```

```
"""
```

```
This is a multi-line comment
```

```
It can span multiple lines
```

```
Useful for longer explanations
```

```
"""
```

```
def calculate_area(radius):
```

```
    """
```

```
        This function calculates the area of a circle
```

```
        Parameters:
```

```
            radius (float): The radius of the circle
```

```
        Returns:
```

```
            float: The area of the circle
```

```
    """
```

```
    return 3.14 * radius ** 2
```

### Best Practices

1. Write meaningful comments
2. Update comments when code changes
3. Don't state the obvious

## Common Mistakes

1. ❌ Over-commenting obvious code

```
# Assigning 5 to x
```

```
x = 5 # Unnecessary comment
```

2. ❌ Not updating comments when code changes

```
# Calculates area of rectangle
```

```
def calculate_area(radius): # Comment is now incorrect
```

```
    return 3.14 * radius ** 2
```

## 6. Input and Type Casting

### Concept Overview

Python uses the `input()` function to accept user input and provides various functions for type casting (converting between data types).

### Key Points

1. `input()` always returns a string
2. Common type casting functions:
  - `int()`: Convert to integer
  - `float()`: Convert to float
  - `str()`: Convert to string

### Examples

```
# Basic input
```

```
name = input("Enter your name: ")
```

```
print(f"Hello, {name}!")
```

```
# Type casting input
```

```
age_str = input("Enter your age: ")
```

```
age = int(age_str)
```

```
# Direct type casting
```

```
height = float(input("Enter your height in meters: "))
```

```
# Multiple inputs
```

```
x, y = input("Enter two numbers separated by space: ").split()
x, y = int(x), int(y)
```

### Common Mistakes

1. ❌ Forgetting to type cast numeric input

```
age = input("Enter age: ")
drinking_age = 21
if age >= drinking_age: # TypeError: string comparison
```

2. ❌ Invalid type casting

```
number = int("12.5") # ValueError: invalid literal
```

### Practice Problems

1. Write a program that asks for a person's birth year and calculates their age.
2. Create a simple calculator that takes two numbers and an operator (+, -, \*, /) as input.
3. Write a program that converts temperature from Celsius to Fahrenheit using user input.

### Solutions

```
# 1. Age calculator
import datetime

birth_year = int(input("Enter your birth year: "))
current_year = datetime.datetime.now().year
age = current_year - birth_year
print(f"You are approximately {age} years old")

# 2. Simple calculator
num1 = float(input("Enter first number: "))
operator = input("Enter operator (+, -, *, /): ")
num2 = float(input("Enter second number: "))

if operator == '+':
    result = num1 + num2
elif operator == '-':
    result = num1 - num2
```

```
elif operator == '*':  
    result = num1 * num2  
elif operator == '/':  
    result = num1 / num2 if num2 != 0 else "Error: Division by zero"  
else:  
    result = "Invalid operator"  
  
print(f"Result: {result}")  
  
# 3. Temperature converter  
celsius = float(input("Enter temperature in Celsius: "))  
fahrenheit = (celsius * 9/5) + 32  
print(f"{celsius}°C is {fahrenheit}°F")
```

## 7. Math Module

### Concept Overview

Python's math module provides access to mathematical functions and constants.

### Key Functions and Constants

1. Constants: `math.pi`, `math.e`

2. Functions:

- `math.sqrt()`: Square root
- `math.ceil()`: Round up
- `math.floor()`: Round down
- `math.pow()`: Power function
- `math.sin()`, `math.cos()`, `math.tan()`: Trigonometric functions

### Examples

```
import math

# Constants
print(math.pi) # 3.141592653589793
print(math.e) # 2.718281828459045

# Functions
print(math.sqrt(16)) # 4.0
print(math.ceil(4.2)) # 5
print(math.floor(4.8)) # 4
print(math.pow(2, 3)) # 8.0

# Trigonometry
print(math.sin(math.pi/2)) # 1.0
print(math.cos(0)) # 1.0
```

### Common Mistakes

- ✗ Forgetting to import the math module

```
print(sqrt(16)) # NameError: name 'sqrt' is not defined
```

2. ❌ Using math functions with inappropriate types

```
import math
math.sqrt(-1) # ValueError: math domain error
```

### Practice Problems

1. Write a program to calculate the area of a circle using math.pi.
3. Write a program that rounds a number both up and down and shows the difference.

### Solutions

```
import math

# 1. Circle area
def circle_area(radius):
    return math.pi * math.pow(radius, 2)
print(f"Area of circle with radius 5: {circle_area(5):.2f}")

# 3. Rounding comparison
number = 3.7
print(f"Original number: {number}")
print(f"Rounded up: {math.ceil(number)}")
print(f"Rounded down: {math.floor(number)}")
print(f"Difference: {math.ceil(number) - math.floor(number)}")
```

## 8. Floating Point Numbers

### Concept Overview

Floating-point numbers represent real numbers in Python, but they can sometimes behave in unexpected ways due to how computers represent decimals.

### Key Points

1. Precision limitations
2. Scientific notation
3. Rounding functions
4. Avoiding floating-point equality comparison

### Examples

```
# Basic floating-point
x = 0.1 + 0.2
print(x) # 0.30000000000000004

# Scientific notation
large_num = 1e6 # 1 million
small_num = 1e-6 # 0.000001

# Rounding
print(round(3.14159, 2)) # 3.14
print(f"{3.14159:.2f}") # 3.14

# Avoiding equality comparison
x = 0.1 + 0.2
y = 0.3
print(abs(x - y) < 1e-9) # True
```

### Common Mistakes

1. ❌ Direct equality comparison

```
x = 0.1 + 0.2
print(x == 0.3) # False! Use abs(x - 0.3) < 1e-9 instead
```

## 9. Conditional Statements

### Concept Overview

Conditional statements allow the program to make decisions and execute different code based on different conditions.

### Types of Conditional Statements

1. if statement
2. if-else statement
3. if-elif-else statement
4. Nested if statements

#### # Simple if

```
age = 18
```

```
if age >= 18:
```

```
    print("You are an adult")
```

#### # if-else

```
temperature = 25
```

```
if temperature > 30:
```

```
    print("It's hot!")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("It's not hot")
```

#### # if-elif-else

```
score = 85
```

```
if score >= 90:
```

```
    grade = 'A'
```

```
elif score >= 80:
```

```
    grade = 'B'
```

```
elif score >= 70:
```

```
    grade = 'C'
```

```
else:
```

```
    grade = 'F'
```



```
# Nested if
num = 5
if num > 0:
    if num < 10:
        print("Single digit positive number")
```


### Comparison Operators

- Equal to: `==`
- Not equal to: `!=`
- Greater than: `>`
- Less than: `<`
- Greater than or equal to: `>=`
- Less than or equal to: `<=`

### Logical Operators

- `and` : Both conditions must be True
- `or` : At least one condition must be True
- `not` : Inverts the condition

### Common Mistakes

1.  Using `=` instead of `==`

```
if x = 5: # SyntaxError
    print("x is 5")
```

2.  Forgetting colons

```
if x > 5 # SyntaxError
    print("x is greater than 5")
```

### Practice Problems

1. Write a program that determines if a year is a leap year.
2. Create a simple grading system that gives letter grades based on numerical scores.
3. Write a program that finds the largest of three numbers.

## Solutions

### # 1. Leap year checker

```
def is_leap_year(year):
```

```
    if year % 4 == 0:
```

```
        if year % 100 == 0:
```

```
            if year % 400 == 0:
```

```
                return True
```

```
            return False
```

```
        return True
```

```
    return False
```

Explanation:

A year is a leap year if it is divisible by 4.

However, years divisible by 100 are not leap years, unless they are also divisible by 400.

### # 2. Grading system

```
def assign_grade(score):
```

```
    if score >= 90:
```

```
        return 'A'
```

```
    elif score >= 80:
```

```
        return 'B'
```

```
    elif score >= 70:
```

```
        return 'C'
```

```
    elif score >= 60:
```

```
        return 'D'
```

```
    else:
```

```
        return 'F'
```

### # 3. Largest of three numbers

```
def find_largest(a, b, c):
```

```
    if a >= b and a >= c:
```

```
        return a
```

```
elif b >= a and b >= c:

    return b

else:

    return c
```

## 10. Strings

### Concept Overview

Strings are sequences of characters and are immutable in Python. They can be created using single quotes, double quotes, or triple quotes.

### Key Points

1. String creation and manipulation
2. String methods
3. String indexing and slicing
4. String formatting

### Examples

```
# String creation

single_quoted = 'Hello'

double_quoted = "World"

multi_line = """This is a
multi-line string"""


# String methods

text = "Hello, World!"

print(text.lower())    # hello, world!
print(text.upper())    # HELLO, WORLD!
print(text.split(',')) # ['Hello', ' World!']
print(text.strip())    # Removes leading/trailing whitespace


# Indexing and slicing
```

```
word = "Python"

print(word[0]) # P
print(word[-1]) # n
print(word[0:2]) # Py
print(word[::-1]) # nohtyP (reverses the string)


# String formatting
name = "Alice"
age = 25

# f-string (Python 3.6+)
print(f"{name} is {age} years old")

# format() method
print("{} is {} years old".format(name, age))

# % operator
print("%s is %d years old" % (name, age))
```

### Common String Methods

1. ``upper()`, `lower()`, `title()``
2. ``strip()`, `lstrip()`, `rstrip()``
3. ``replace(old, new)``
4. ``split(delimiter)``
5. ``join(iterable)``
6. ``startswith(prefix)`, `endswith(suffix)``

### Common Mistakes

1. ❌ Trying to modify strings directly

```
word = "Hello"
word[0] = 'h' # TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
```

2. ❌ Incorrect string concatenation

```
age = 25
print("Age: " + age) # TypeError: can't concatenate str and int
```

# 11. Loops

## Concept Overview

Loops are used to repeat a block of code multiple times. Python has two main types of loops: `for` loops and `while` loops.

## Types of Loops

1. for loops - iterate over a sequence
2. while loops - repeat while a condition is true

## Examples

### # For loop with range

```
for i in range(5):
```

```
    print(i) # Prints 0, 1, 2, 3, 4
```

### # For loop with string

```
for char in "Python":
```

```
    print(char) # Prints each character
```

### # While loop

```
count = 0
```

```
while count < 5:
```

```
    print(count)
```

```
    count += 1
```

### # Break and continue

```
for i in range(10):
```

```
    if i == 3:
```

```
        continue # Skip 3
```

```
    if i == 8:
```

```
        break # Stop at 8
```

```
    print(i)
```

## Loop Control Statements

1. ``break`` - exits the loop
2. ``continue`` - skips to the next iteration
3. ``else`` - executed when loop completes normally

## Common Mistakes

1. ❌ Infinite loops

```
while True:
```

```
    print("This will never end")
```

2. ❌ Off-by-one errors

```
# Wanting 1 to 10, but getting 0 to 9
```

```
for i in range(10):
```

```
    print(i)
```

## Practice Problems

2. Create a multiplication table using nested loops.
3. Write a program that finds all factors of a given number.

## Solutions

```
# 2. Multiplication table
```

```
def multiplication_table(n):
```

```
    for i in range(1, n+1):
```

```
        for j in range(1, n+1):
```

```
            print(f"{i*j:4}", end="")
```

```
        print() # New line after each row
```

```
# 3. Factors finder
```

```
def find_factors(n):
```

```
    factors = []
```

```
    for i in range(1, n + 1):
```

```
        if n % i == 0:
```

```
            factors.append(i)
```

```
    return factors
```

```
# Test the functions
```

```
print("Fibonacci numbers:")
```

```
print_fibonacci()
```

```
print("\n\nMultiplication table (5x5):")
```

```
multiplication_table(5)
```

```
print("\nFactors of 24:")
```

```
print(find_factors(24))
```

## 12. Lists

A list is a fundamental data structure in Python that:

- Can hold multiple values at once
- Can contain any and mixed data types
- Uses indexes to access elements

Key Components:

### 1. Index:

- Indicates position in the list (zero-based)
- Uses square brackets []
- Can be positive or negative (negative starts from end)

```
names = ["Fred", "Barney", "Wilma"]  
  
print(names[0]) # Prints: Fred  
  
print(names[-1]) # Prints: Wilma
```

### 2. Elements:

- The actual values stored in the list
- Can be of any data type

```
numbers = [23, 56, 44, 8] # All integers  
  
mixed = ["Barney", 88, 5.5] # Mixed types
```

**Common List Operations:**

### 1. Length:

```
names = ["Fred", "Barney", "Wilma"]  
  
print(len(names)) # Prints: 3
```

### 2. Looping:

```
for name in names:  
    print(name)
```

### 3. Unpacking:

```
students = [101, "Fred", "Hamilton", 85.5]
```



```
ID, name, city, grade = students # Assigns each value to a variable
```

## 13. Tuples

Tuples are similar to lists but with key differences:

- Immutable (cannot be changed after creation)
- Use parentheses () instead of square brackets
- More secure and efficient than lists

### Comparison with Lists:

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3] # List  
digits = (1, 2, 3) # Tuple  
  
# Lists can be modified  
numbers[0] = 4 # Valid  
  
# Tuples cannot be modified  
digits[0] = 4 # Raises an error
```

### Single Item Tuples:

```
names = ["Fred"] # List with single item  
people = ("Fred",) # Tuple with single item (note the comma)  
words = ("Fred") # This is a string, not a tuple!
```

## 14. List Subsets

Subsets are parts of a larger list, created through slicing.

### Slicing Syntax:

```
numbers = [0, 1, 2, 3]  
  
# Basic slicing  
first_two = numbers[:2] # [0, 1]
```

```
last_two = numbers[2:] # [2, 3]
```

**# Step slicing**

```
every_other = numbers[0:3:2] # [0, 2]
```

**# Negative indexing**

```
middle = numbers[-3:-1] # [1, 2]
```

**# Reversing**

```
reversed_list = numbers[::-1] # [3, 2, 1, 0]
```

### Concatenating Lists:

```
num1 = [0, 1, 2]
```

```
num2 = [3, 4, 5]
```

```
combined = num1 + num2 # [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

### Common Pitfalls and Tips:

1. **IndexError:** Occurs when trying to access an index that doesn't exist

```
names = ["Fred", "Barney"]
```

```
print(names[2]) # IndexError
```

2. **Tuple vs List Choice:**
  - Use tuples for data that shouldn't change
  - Use lists when you need to modify the contents
3. **Slicing Tips:**
  - Start index is inclusive
  - End index is exclusive
  - Can use negative indices for reverse counting

When you slice a list in Python using `list[start:end]`:

- **Inclusive Start:** The element at the start index IS included in the result
- **Exclusive End:** The element at the end index is NOT included in the result

### Visual Example

Let's look at this visually:

List: ["A", "B", "C", "D", "E"]

Index: 0    1    2    3    4

### Example Slices:

1. list[1:3] gives you ["B", "C"]
  - Starts at index 1 (includes "B")
  - Stops before index 3 (excludes "D")
2. list[0:2] gives you ["A", "B"]
  - Starts at index 0 (includes "A")
  - Stops before index 2 (excludes "C")

## Exercise Set 1: Basic List Operations

### 1. List Creation and Indexing

#### **# Exercise 1.1**

**# Create a list called 'fruits' with the items: "apple", "banana", "cherry"**

**# Then answer these questions:**

**# Q1: How would you access "banana" using a positive index?**

**# Q2: How would you access "cherry" using a negative index?**

**# Q3: What happens if you try to access index 3? Why?**

**# Write your code here:**

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
```

**# Test your understanding:**

```
print(fruits[1]) # Should print "banana"  
print(fruits[-1]) # Should print "cherry"  
# print(fruits[3]) # This will raise an IndexError
```

## 2. List Modification

### *# Exercise 1.2*

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

#### *# TODO:*

*# 1. Change the second number to 10*

*# 2. Add the number 6 to the end of the list*

*# 3. Remove the first number from the list*

*# Write your solutions here:*

```
numbers[1] = 10
```

```
numbers.append(6)
```

```
numbers.pop(0)
```

```
print(numbers) # What will this print?
```

## Exercise Set 2: Tuple Basics

### 1. Tuple vs List

#### *# Exercise 2.1*

*# Create a tuple 'coordinates' with values (3, 4)*

*# Create a list 'points' with values [3, 4]*

*# Try to modify both. What happens?*

```
coordinates = (3, 4)
```

```
points = [3, 4]
```

*# Uncomment these lines and try to run them:*

```
# coordinates[0] = 5 # What happens?  
# points[0] = 5    # What happens?  
  
# Q1: Why can you change 'points' but not 'coordinates'?  
# Q2: How would you create a tuple with a single value 5?
```

## Exercise Set 3: List Subsets and Slicing

### 1. Slicing Practice

```
# Exercise 3.1  
numbers = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]  
  
# TODO: Use slicing to achieve these results:  
# 1. Get the first three numbers  
# 2. Get the last three numbers  
# 3. Get every second number  
# 4. Reverse the list  
# 5. Get numbers from index 2 to 5  
  
# Write your solutions here:  
first_three = numbers[:3]  
last_three = numbers[-3:]  
every_second = numbers[::2]  
reversed_list = numbers[::-1]  
two_to_five = numbers[2:6]  
  
print(f"First three: {first_three}")  
print(f"Last three: {last_three}")  
print(f"Every second: {every_second}")  
print(f"Reversed: {reversed_list}")  
print(f"Two to five: {two_to_five}")
```

## Exercise Set 4: List Unpacking

### 1. Basic Unpacking

#### *# Exercise 4.1*

```
student = ["John Doe", 20, "Computer Science", 3.8]
```

*# TODO: Unpack the list into variables: name, age, major, gpa*

*# Write your solution here:*

```
name, age, major, gpa = student
```

```
print(f"Student: {name}, Age: {age}, Major: {major}, GPA: {gpa}")
```

### Challenge Exercises

#### 1. List Manipulation Challenge

#### *# Exercise 5.1*

```
def process_list(input_list):
```

```
    """
```

```
    1. Add the number 10 to the end of the list
```

```
    2. Change the first number to 0
```

```
    3. Reverse the list
```

```
    4. Return the second and third items as a new list
```

```
    """
```

*# Write your solution here*

```
    pass
```

*# Test your function*

```
test_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

```
result = process_list(test_list)
```

```
print(f"Original list: {test_list}")
```

```
print(f"Processed result: {result}")
```

## 2. Tuple and List Conversion

### # Exercise 5.2

```
def compare_structures():
```

```
    """
```

```
    1. Create a list of numbers 1-5
```

```
    2. Convert it to a tuple
```

```
    3. Try to sort the tuple (hint: convert back to list)
```

```
    4. Return both the original tuple and sorted tuple
```

```
    """
```

```
    # Write your solution here
```

```
    pass
```

### # Test your function

```
original, sorted_tuple = compare_structures()
```

```
print(f"Original tuple: {original}")
```

```
print(f"Sorted tuple: {sorted_tuple}")
```

## Answers and Explanations

(Try to solve exercises before looking!)

### Exercise 1.1

```
# Q1: fruits[1]
```

```
# Q2: fruits[-1]
```

```
# Q3: IndexError because the list only has indices 0, 1, and 2
```

### Exercise 1.2

```
Final list will be: [2, 10, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

### Exercise 2.1

- Q1: Tuples are immutable, lists are mutable
- Q2: single\_tuple = (5,) # Note the comma!

### Exercise 3.1

```
first_three = [0, 1, 2]
last_three = [7, 8, 9]
every_second = [0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
reversed_list = [9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0]
two_to_five = [2, 3, 4, 5]
```

### Challenge Exercise 5.1

```
def process_list(input_list):
    input_list.append(10)
    input_list[0] = 0
    input_list.reverse()
    return input_list[1:3]
```



## **Final Exam Preparation Tips**

1. Practice Active Recall: Don't just read the notes. Try to solve problems without looking at solutions.
2. Create Mind Maps: Connect different concepts to see how they relate to each other.
3. Teach Others: Explaining concepts to classmates helps reinforce your understanding.
4. Time Management: During the exam, read all questions first and manage your time accordingly.
5. Common Patterns: Look for common patterns in problem-solving. Many questions can be solved using similar approaches.
6. Debug Practice: Practice finding and fixing errors in code. This is often tested in exams.

## **Good Luck on Your Midterm!**

Remember: The key to mastering Python is practice. Try to code regularly and experiment with different concepts.