1. Objective: To identify and fix errors in a Python program that manipulates strings.

```
def reverse_string(s):

    reversed = ""

    for i in range(len(s) - 1, -1, -1):

    reversed += s[i]

    return reversed


def main():

    input_string = "Hello, world!"

    reversed_string = reverse_string(input_string)

    print(f"Reversed string: {reversed_string}")


if __name__ == "__main__":

    main()
```

Solution:

This program has no errors and runs perfectly. No changes were done except commenting. Program runs perfectly with no modifications and the logic is correct.

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# This program reverses a string.

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modifications and the logic is correct."""

 def reverse_string(s):

     reversed = ""

     for i in range(len(s) - 1, -1, -1):

     # Iterate over the input string in reverse order and
add each character to the reversed string.

     reversed += s[i]

     return reversed


def main():

     #Prints the reversed string to the console.

     input_string = "Hello, world!"

     reversed_string = reverse_string(input_string)

     print(f"Reversed string: {reversed_string}")


if __name__ == "__main__":

     main()
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Output:

```
Reversed string: !dlrow ,olleH
```

2. Objective: To identify and fix errors in a Python program that validates user input.

```
def get_age():

    age = input("Please enter your age: ")

    if age.isnumeric() and age >= 18:

        return int(age)

    else:

        return None


def main():

    age = get_age()

    if age:

        print(f"You are {age} years old and eligible.")

    else:

        print("Invalid input. You must be at least 18 
years old.")


if __name__ == "__main__":

    main()
```

Solution:

Since the default datatype of input is string it should be type casted to integer before using comparison operator with integer. So, age >= 18 is changed to int(age) >= 18.

```
# Python program that validates user input.

def get_age():

    age = input("Please enter your age: ")

    ""Since the default datatype of input is string it
should be typecasted to integer before using comparison
operator with integer. So age >= 18 is changed to  int(age)
>= 18"""

    if age.isnumeric() and int(age) >= 18:

    return int(age)

    else:

    return None


def main():

    age = get_age()

    if age:

    print(f"You are {age} years old and eligible.")

    else:

    print("Invalid input. You must be at least 18 years
old.")


if __name__ == "__main__":

    main()
```

Output

```
Please enter your age: 18

You are 18 years old and eligible.
```

3. To identify and fix errors in a Python program that reads and writes to a file.

```
def read_and_write_file(filename):

    try:

        with open(filename, 'r') as file:

            content = file.read()

        with open(filename, 'w') as file:

            file.write(content.upper())

        print(f"File '{filename}' processed 
successfully.")

    except Exception as e:

        print(f"An error occurred: {str(e)}")


def main():

    filename = "sample.txt"

    read_and_write_file(filename)


if __name__ == "__main__":

    main()
```

Submit the corrected code with comments explaining the issues they found and the solutions they implemented.

Solution:

If the file sample.txt does not exist, the program will crash because the open() function will raise a FileNotFoundError exception. So an individual exception block for FileNotFoundError exception should be defined to handle it.

```
def read_and_write_file(filename):

     try:

     with open(filename, 'r') as file:

          content = file.read()

     with open(filename, 'w') as file:

          file.write(content.upper())

     print(f"File '{filename}' processed successfully.")

     """If the file sample.txt does not exist, the program
will crash because the open() function will raise a
FileNotFoundError exception."""

     except FileNotFoundError:

     print(f"File '{filename}' does not exist.")


     except Exception as e:

     print(f"An error occurred: {str(e)}")


def main():

     filename = "sample.txt"

     read_and_write_file(filename)


if __name__ == "__main__":

     main()
```

Output

```
File 'sample.txt' does not exist.
```

```
4. def merge_sort(arr):
       if len(arr) <= 1:
       return arr

       mid = len(arr) // 2
       left = arr[:mid]
       right = arr[mid:]

       merge_sort(left)
       merge_sort(right)

       i = j = k = 0

       while i < len(left) and j < len(right):
       if left[i] < right[j]:
            arr[k] = left[i]
            i += 1
       else:
            arr[k] = right[j]
            j += 1
       k += 1

       while i < len(left):
       arr[k] = left[i]
       i += 1
       k += 1
```

```
    while j < len(right):

    arr[k] = right[j]

    j += 1

    k += 1


arr = [38, 27, 43, 3, 9, 82, 10]

merge_sort(arr)

print(f"The sorted array is: {arr}")
```

The code aims to implement the merge sort algorithm. However, there is a bug in the code. When the student runs this code, it will raise an error or produce incorrect output. The student's task is to identify and correct the bug.

Hint: Pay close attention to the recursive calls and the merging step.

Solution:

The bug in the merge sort code is in the merging step. The code fails to handle the case where the two subarrays have different lengths. If one subarray has more elements than the other, the code will continue to copy elements from the longer subarray to the main array even after the shorter subarray has been exhausted. This will result in the main array containing duplicate elements.

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# Merging Arrays

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have different lengths. If one subarray has more elements
than the other,the code will continue to copy elements from
the longer subarray to the main array even after the shorter
subarray has been exhausted. This will result in the main
array containing duplicate elements."""

def merge_sort(arr):

     if len(arr) <= 1:

     return arr


     mid = len(arr) // 2

     left = arr[:mid]

     right = arr[mid:]

     merge_sort(left)

     merge_sort(right)


     i = j = k = 0


    while i < len(left) and j < len(right):

     if left[i] < right[j]:

          arr[k] = left[i]

          i += 1

     else:

          arr[k] = right[j]

          j += 1

          k += 1
    # Check if the longer subarray has any more elements.

    if i < len(left) or j < len(right):

    # Copy the remaining elements from the longer subarray
to the main array.

    while i < len(left):

        arr[k] = left[i]

        i += 1

        k += 1


    while j < len(right):

        arr[k] = right[j]

        j += 1

        k += 1


    return arr


arr = [38, 27, 43, 3, 9, 82, 10]

merged_arr = merge_sort(arr)

print(f"The sorted array is: {merged_arr}")
```

Output:

```
The sorted array is: [3, 9, 10, 27, 38, 43, 82]
```