

Python Viva Questions - Module 1 & 2

1. What is Python?

Python is a high-level, interpreted, and general-purpose programming language known for its simplicity and readability.

2. Who developed Python and when?

Python was developed by **Guido van Rossum** in **1991**.

3. What are the key features of Python?

- Easy to learn and use
- Interpreted language
- Object-oriented
- Portable and extensible
- Large standard library

4. What are Python identifiers?

Identifiers are the names used to identify variables, functions, classes, or other objects in Python.

5. What are keywords in Python?

Keywords are reserved words that have special meanings in Python (e.g., if, else, while, for, def, class).

6. What are variables in Python?

Variables are used to store data values. They are created automatically when a value is assigned.

7. How do you take input from the user in Python?

Using the **input()** function.

Example:

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

8. How do you display output in Python?

Using the **print()** function.

Example:

```
print("Hello, World!")
```

9. What are data types in Python?

Common data types are:

int (Integer)

float (Floating-point)

str (String)

bool (Boolean)

list, tuple, set, dict

10. Are strings mutable in Python?

No. **Strings are immutable**, meaning their content cannot be changed after creation.

11. How can you access characters in a string?

By using **indexing**. Index starts at **0**.

```
text = "Hello"  
print(text[1]) # Output: e
```

12. What is string slicing?

Slicing is used to extract a part of a string.

```
text = "Python"  
print(text[0:3]) # Output: Pyt
```

13. What does negative indexing mean in strings?

Negative indexing means counting from the **end of the string**.

```
text = "Python"  
print(text[-1]) # Output: n
```

14. How do you find the length of a string?

Using the **len()** function.

15. How do you check if a substring exists in a string?

Using the **in** operator.

```
"Py" in "Python" # Output: True
```

16. What is string formatting in Python?

String formatting allows inserting variables into strings.

Example using f-string:

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

17. What does the count() method do?

It returns the number of times a substring appears in the string.

```
text = "banana"  
print(text.count("a")) # Output: 3
```

18. What is type conversion?

Type conversion is converting one data type to another.

Example:

```
x = int("5") # converts string to integer
```

19. What is the difference between mutable and immutable objects?

Mutable: Can be changed after creation (e.g., list, dict, set)

Immutable: Cannot be changed (e.g., str, tuple, int)

20. What is a list in Python?

A **list** is an ordered, mutable (changeable) collection of elements that can hold **items of different data types**.

Example:

```
my_list = [10, "Hello", 3.5]
```

21. How do you create a list in Python?

Lists are created using **square brackets []**.

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

22. What is the main feature of a list?

Lists are **ordered**, **mutable**, and can contain **duplicate elements**.

23. How can you access elements of a list?

By using **indexing**. Indexing starts from **0**.

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
print(fruits[1]) # Output: banana
```

24. What is negative indexing in lists?

Negative indexing starts counting from the **end** of the list.

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
print(fruits[-1]) # Output: cherry
```

25. How do you add elements to a list?

append(): Adds one element at the end.

insert(): Adds an element at a specific position.

extend(): Adds multiple elements from another list.

Example:

```
fruits.append("mango")
fruits.insert(1, "orange")
```

26. How do you remove elements from a list?

remove(item) – Removes the first matching element.

pop(index) – Removes an element by index.

clear() – Removes all elements.

Example:

```
fruits.remove("banana")
fruits.pop(0)
fruits.clear()
```

27. How do you change a value in a list?

Assign a new value to the specific index.
`fruits[1] = "grape"`

28. How do you find the length of a list?

Using the **len()** function.
`len(fruits)`

29. How can you check if an item exists in a list?

Using the **in** keyword.
`if "apple" in fruits:
 print("Yes, apple is in the list")`

30. What is list slicing?

It is used to access a **subset** of list elements.
`numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
print(numbers[1:4]) # Output: [20, 30, 40]`

31. How do you copy a list?

Use the **copy()** method or slicing.
`new_list = fruits.copy()`

32. What is the difference between append() and extend()?

`append()` adds one element at the end.

`extend()` adds multiple elements from another iterable.

```
a = [1, 2]
b = [3, 4]
a.append(b) # [1, 2, [3, 4]]
a.extend(b) # [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

33. How do you sort a list in Python?

Use the **sort()** method or **sorted()** function.
`numbers.sort()`

34. How do you reverse a list?

Using the `reverse()` method.

Using slicing `[::-1]`.

```
numbers.reverse()  
# or  
numbers[::-1]
```

35. What is the difference between `sort()` and `sorted()`?

`sort()` modifies the original list.

`sorted()` returns a new sorted list without changing the original one.

36. Can a list contain another list?

Yes. Such a list is called a **nested list**.

```
nested = [[1, 2], [3, 4], [5, 6]]
```

37. How can you iterate through a list?

Using a **for loop**.

```
for item in fruits:  
    print(item)
```

38. What is a list comprehension?

It's a short way to create lists using a single line of code.

39. What is a tuple in Python?

A tuple is an ordered, immutable collection of items.

Example:

```
my_tuple = (1, 2, 3)
```

40. What is a set in Python?

A set is an unordered collection of unique items.

Example:

```
my_set = {1, 2, 3}
```

41. What is a dictionary in Python?

A dictionary is an unordered collection of key–value pairs.

Example:

```
my_dict = {"name": "Alice", "age": 20}
```

42. What is indentation in Python?

Indentation is the space used at the beginning of a line to define blocks of code. Python uses indentation instead of braces {}.

43. What are conditional statements in Python?

They are used to perform different actions based on conditions:
if, elif, else.

44. What are loops in Python?

Loops are used to execute a block of code repeatedly.

for loop

while loop

45. What is a function in Python?

A function is a block of code that performs a specific task and can be reused.

Example:

```
def greet():
    print("Hello!")
```

46. What are comments in Python?

Comments are lines ignored by the interpreter, used for documentation.

Single-line: # comment

Multi-line: triple quotes ('' ... '')

Feature	List	Tuple	Set	Dictionary
Definition	Ordered collection of elements	Ordered, immutable collection of elements	Unordered collection of unique elements	Unordered collection of key–value pairs
Syntax	[] (square brackets)	() (parentheses)	{ } (curly braces)	{key: value}
Mutability	Mutable (can be changed)	Immutable (cannot be changed)	Mutable (can add/remove items)	Mutable (can change values)
Order Maintained	Yes	Yes	No (unordered)	Yes (insertion order from Python 3.7+)
Duplicates Allowed	Yes	Yes	No	Keys – No, Values – Yes
Indexing / Slicing	Supported	Supported	Not supported	Keys used instead of index
Elements Access	By index (e.g., list[0])	By index (e.g., tuple[0])	By looping (no index)	By key (e.g., dict['key'])
Example	[10, 20, 30]	(10, 20, 30)	{10, 20, 30}	{'a': 10, 'b': 20}