

Solution 4

Module 4: Logical Operations

1.

Answer:

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(F,F,F): notB=T notA=T A^notB=F notA^C=F result=False
(F,F,T): notB=T notA=T A^notB=F notA^C=T result=True
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2.

Answer:

- a) Bug: `< 2` has no left-hand variable. Fix: `if temp > -5 and temp < 2:`
(or equivalently: `if -5 < temp < 2:` which Python allows)
- b) Bug: De Morgan error — `'neither is true'` requires `not (A or B)`,
which equals `not A AND not B`. Fix: `if not frost_risk and not heavy_rain:`
- c) Bug: `= True` is an assignment, not a comparison — `SyntaxError`.
Fix: `if sensor_a or sensor_b or sensor_c:`
(Truthy booleans don't need `== True`; just use the variable directly)

3.

Answer:

- a) `co2_ppm=1600, fan_on=False, temp=38.0, humidity=85.0, time_of_day='day', heating_on=False`
- b) `if co2_ppm > 1500 and not fan_on:`
 `fan_on = True`
 `elif temp > 35.0 or humidity > 90.0:`
 `open_roof_vent()`
 `elif time_of_day == 'night' and temp < 12.0:`
 `heating_on = True`
 `else:`
 `print("All conditions normal")`
- c) `co2_ppm=1600 > 1500 → True, fan_on=False → not False = True → True and True → first block runs.`
 `fan_on = True.` Remaining `elif/else` blocks are skipped.

4.

Answer:

- a) Precedence: NOT first → AND next → OR last.
Evaluation: 1. not recently_fertilised 2. soil_n < 50 and (result of step 1) 3. ndvi < 0.4 or (result of step 2)
So the code reads as: ndvi < 0.4 OR (soil_n < 50 AND not recently_fertilised)
- b) No — the code does NOT match the intention. The intended logic is:
(ndvi < 0.4 OR soil_n < 50) AND not recently_fertilised
Corrected code: apply = (ndvi < 0.4 or soil_n < 50) and not recently_fertilised
- c) Parentheses make the programmer's intent explicit and unambiguous.
They protect code from subtle bugs caused by operator precedence assumptions.
Code is read by humans as well as machines — clarity reduces mistakes.
Even experienced programmers add parentheses in complex conditions as a safety habit.