

## Chapter 1: Computers and Digital Basics

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### TRUE/FALSE

1. The digital revolution became a significant factor in the 1980s but ended in the 1990s when the “dot com” bubble burst.

ANS: F                      PTS: 1                      REF: 4

2. The first digital computer was developed for conducting the census.

ANS: F                      PTS: 1                      REF: 6

3. Facebook and Twitter are examples of social networking options.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1                      REF: 10

4. Privacy advocates fear that digital technologies are fundamentally changing our expectation of what is private and what is not.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1                      REF: 11

5. Prior to 1940, the word computer was defined as a person who performs calculations.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1                      REF: 14

6. An operating system is an example of application software.

ANS: F                      PTS: 1                      REF: 16

7. Because of increased versatility, a videogame console is now considered a personal computer.

ANS: F                      PTS: 1                      REF: 17

8. The purpose of a server is to serve computers on a network.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1                      REF: 18

9. In the binary number system, 2 is used to represent the value 2.

ANS: F                      PTS: 1                      REF: 23

10. The number 9 can be considered a character.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1                      REF: 24

11. Because most digital devices are electronic, bits take the form of electrical pulses.

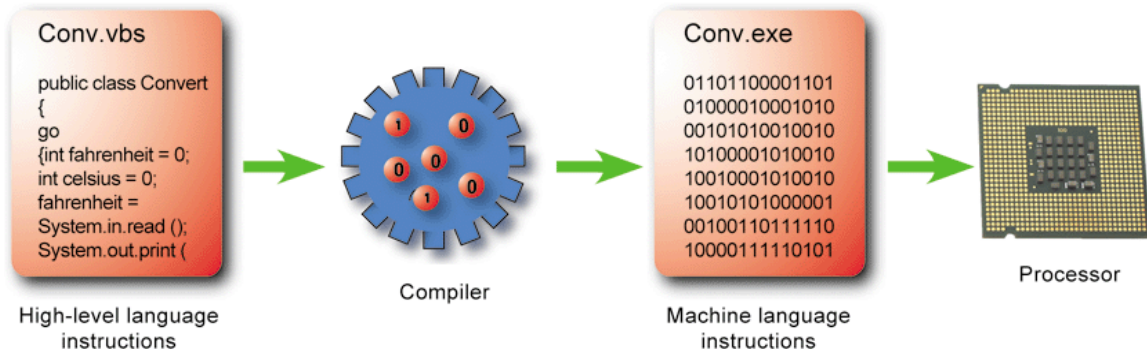
ANS: T                      PTS: 1                      REF: 27

12. Semiconductor materials are substances with properties between those of a conductor and an insulator.

ANS: T

PTS: 1

REF: 27



13. A compiler like the one shown in the accompanying figure converts all statements in a program to machine language in a single batch.

ANS: T

PTS: 1

REF: 30

14. An interpreter converts and executes one statement at a time.

ANS: T

PTS: 1

REF: 30

15. The op code in a machine language instruction specifies the data.

ANS: F

PTS: 1

REF: 31

16. The operand is a command word for an operation.

ANS: F

PTS: 1

REF: 31

17. All computers are case sensitive.

ANS: F

PTS: 1

REF: 35

18. Trojans are computer programs that seem to perform one function while actually doing something else.

ANS: T

PTS: 1

REF: 37

19. To ensure you can remember your password it is a good idea to base it on information you can easily remember such as your birthday.

ANS: F

PTS: 1

REF: 38

20. You should always use a different password for every account.

ANS: F

PTS: 1

REF: 39

### MODIFIED TRUE/FALSE

1. Digital technology has made it easy to produce copies of music with no loss of quality from the original. \_\_\_\_\_





5. In 1982, the percentage of households that had a computer was closest to \_\_\_\_ percent.
- a. 10
  - b. 30
  - c. 50
  - d. 70

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 7

6. A global computer network originally developed as a military project is the \_\_\_\_.
- a. World Wide Web
  - b. Internet
  - c. Wide-area network
  - d. Local-area network

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8

7. When restrictions on commercial use of the \_\_\_\_ were lifted in 1995, companies such as AOL and CompuServe became popular services.
- a. World Wide Web
  - b. Internet
  - c. Wide-area network
  - d. Local-area network

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8

8. The \_\_\_\_ phase of the digital revolution materialized in the 1990s when the Internet was opened to public use.
- a. first
  - b. second
  - c. third
  - d. fourth

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8

9. According to the text, a key aspect of \_\_\_\_ is that it adds content and substance to \_\_\_\_.
- a. the Web, the Internet
  - b. convergence, the cloud
  - c. the Internet, the Web
  - d. the cloud, local applications

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8

10. During the period from \_\_\_\_, computing was characterized by the Web, e-mail, multiplayer games, music downloads, and enormous software applications.
- a. 1982-1985
  - b. 1985-1990
  - c. 1990-1995
  - d. 1995-2010

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8

11. The \_\_\_\_ is a collection of linked documents, graphics, and sounds.
- a. network
  - b. Web
  - c. cyberspace
  - d. Internet

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8

12. A group of computers linked together to share data and resources is a(n) \_\_\_\_.
- a. network
  - b. Web
  - c. cyberspace
  - d. Internet

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 8

13. \_\_\_\_ computing provides access to information, applications, communications, and storage over the Internet.
- a. Distance
  - b. Disparate
  - c. Cloud
  - d. Local

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 9

14. Technology \_\_\_\_ is a process by which several different technologies with distinct functionality evolve to form a single product.
- a. evolution
  - b. rotation
  - c. convergence
  - d. diversification

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 9

15. \_\_\_\_ media are cloud-based applications designed for social interaction and consumer-generated content.
- a. Sharing
  - b. Wiki
  - c. Blogging
  - d. Social

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      REF: 10

16. By 2011, Facebook had \_\_\_\_ million users.
- a. 200
  - b. 350
  - c. 750
  - d. 950

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 10

17. \_\_\_\_ tools cloak a person's identity online.
- a. Anonymizer
  - b. Free ID
  - c. ID free
  - d. Cloaking

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 11

18. A computer is a multiple purpose device that can do all of the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_.
- a. store data
  - b. process data
  - c. accept input
  - d. think independently

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      REF: 14

19. In a computer, most processing takes place in \_\_\_\_.
- a. memory
  - b. RAM
  - c. the CPU
  - d. the motherboard

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 15

20. An electronic component that can be programmed to perform tasks is a \_\_\_\_.
- a. CPU
  - b. microprocessor
  - c. transistor
  - d. none of the above

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 15

21. A named collection of data that exists on a storage medium is known as (a) \_\_\_\_.
- a. memory
  - b. file
  - c. file name
  - d. none of the above

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 15

22. An area of a computer that temporarily holds data waiting to be processed is \_\_\_\_.
- a. the CPU
  - b. memory
  - c. storage
  - d. a file

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 15

23. A set of computer programs that helps a person carry out a task is \_\_\_\_.
- a. an operating system
  - b. system software
  - c. application software
  - d. Windows

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 16

24. A set of computer programs that helps a computer monitor itself and function more efficiently is \_\_\_\_.
- a. a software suite
  - b. system software
  - c. application software
  - d. processing software

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 16

25. The master controller for all activities that take place within a computer is \_\_\_\_.
- a. application software
  - b. system software
  - c. the operating system
  - d. the CPU

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 16

26. A(n) \_\_\_\_ is a microprocessor-based computing device designed to meet the computing needs of an individual.

- a. personal computer
- b. mainframe
- c. ALU
- d. server

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 17

27. An ordinary personal computer that is connected to a network is a \_\_\_\_.

- a. mainframe
- b. workstation
- c. server
- d. console

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 17

28. A powerful desktop computer used for high-performance tasks is a \_\_\_\_.

- a. mainframe
- b. workstation
- c. server
- d. console

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 17

29. A compute-intensive problem runs on a \_\_\_\_.

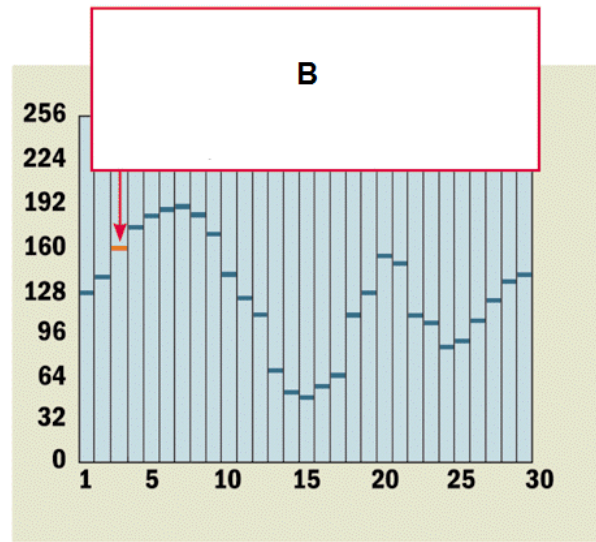
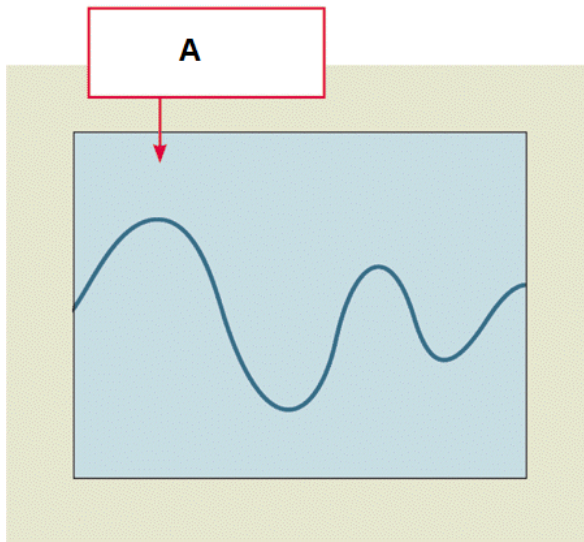
- a. server
- b. miniframe
- c. supercomputer
- d. super PC

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 19

30. Data becomes \_\_\_\_ when it is presented in a format that people can understand and use.

- a. information
- b. processed
- c. graphs
- d. presentation

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 22



31. The type of data where text, numbers, graphics, sound, and video have been converted into discrete digits as represented in the accompanying figure is \_\_\_\_.
- a. information
  - b. analog
  - c. digital
  - d. none of the above

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 22

32. The type of data that is represented using an infinite scale of values as represented in the accompanying figure is \_\_\_\_.
- a. information
  - b. analog
  - c. digital
  - d. none of the above

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 22

33. The binary number 10 represents \_\_\_\_ in the decimal number system.
- a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 10
  - d. 100

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 23

34. The type of code that uses only seven bits for each character is \_\_\_\_.
- a. ASCII
  - b. Extended ASCII
  - c. EBCDIC
  - d. all of the above

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 24

35. The type of code that uses eight bits for each character is \_\_\_\_.
- a. ASCII
  - b. Extended ASCII
  - c. EBCDIC
  - d. all of the above

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 24

36. Digital devices can use \_\_\_\_ as a code to represent character data.
- a. ASCII
  - b. Extended ASCII
  - c. EBCDIC
  - d. all of the above

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      REF: 24

37. You might represent \_\_\_\_ using character codes.



- a. color dots
- b. bank balances
- c. Social Security numbers
- d. none of the above

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 25

38. Data transmission speeds are typically expressed as \_\_\_\_.
- a. bits
  - b. bytes
  - c. hertz
  - d. none of the above

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 26

39. Storage is typically expressed as \_\_\_\_.
- a. bits
  - b. bytes
  - c. hertz
  - d. none of the above

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 26

40. 1,024 bytes is a \_\_\_\_.
- a. kilobyte
  - b. megabyte
  - c. gigabyte
  - d. terabyte

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 26

41. 1,048,576 bytes is a \_\_\_\_.
- a. kilobyte
  - b. megabyte
  - c. gigabyte
  - d. terabyte

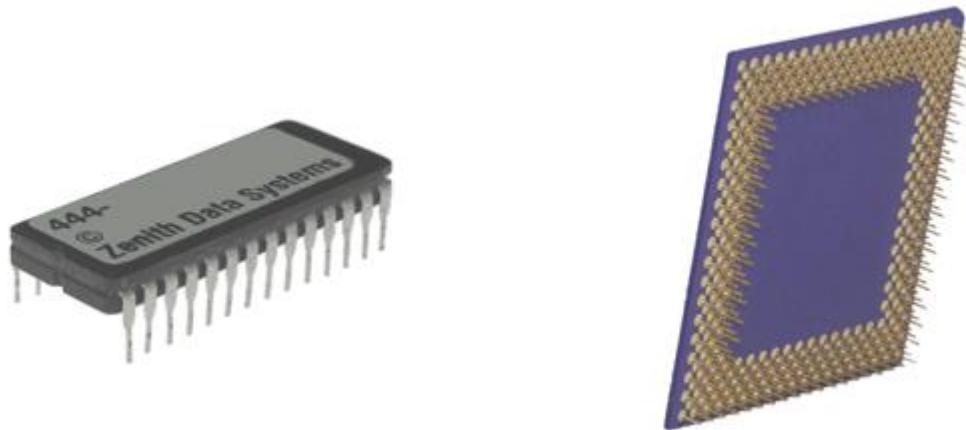
ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 26

42. 1,073,741,824 bytes is a \_\_\_\_.
- a. kilobyte
  - b. megabyte
  - c. gigabyte
  - d. terabyte

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 26

43. A super-thin slice of semiconducting material packed with microscopic circuit elements is a(n) \_\_\_\_.
- a. integrated circuit
  - b. computer chip
  - c. microchip
  - d. all of the above

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      REF: 27



44. The accompanying figure represents two types of chip carriers. The one on the left is a \_\_\_\_.

- a. PGA
- b. DIP
- c. PID
- d. GAP

ANS: B                    PTS: 1                    REF: 27

45. The accompanying figure represents two types of chip carriers. The one on the right is a \_\_\_\_.
- a. PGA
  - b. DIP
  - c. PID
  - d. GAP

ANS: A                    PTS: 1                    REF: 27

46. The \_\_\_\_ houses all essential chips and provides connecting circuitry between them.
- a. system board
  - b. housing structure
  - c. circuit breaker
  - d. chip set

ANS: A                    PTS: 1                    REF: 28

47. C, BASIC, COBOL, and Java are examples of \_\_\_\_ programming languages.
- a. low-level
  - b. computer
  - c. system
  - d. high-level

ANS: D                    PTS: 1                    REF: 29

48. The human-readable version of a program is called \_\_\_\_.
- a. source code
  - b. program code
  - c. human code
  - d. system code

ANS: A                    PTS: 1                    REF: 29

49. A(n) \_\_\_\_ converts all the statements in a program in a single batch; the resulting collection of instructions is placed in a new file.
- a. compiler
  - b. interpreter
  - c. converter
  - d. instruction

ANS: A                    PTS: 1                    REF: 30

50. A(n) \_\_\_\_ converts and executes one statement at a time.
- a. compiler
  - b. interpreter
  - c. converter
  - d. instruction

ANS: B                    PTS: 1                    REF: 30

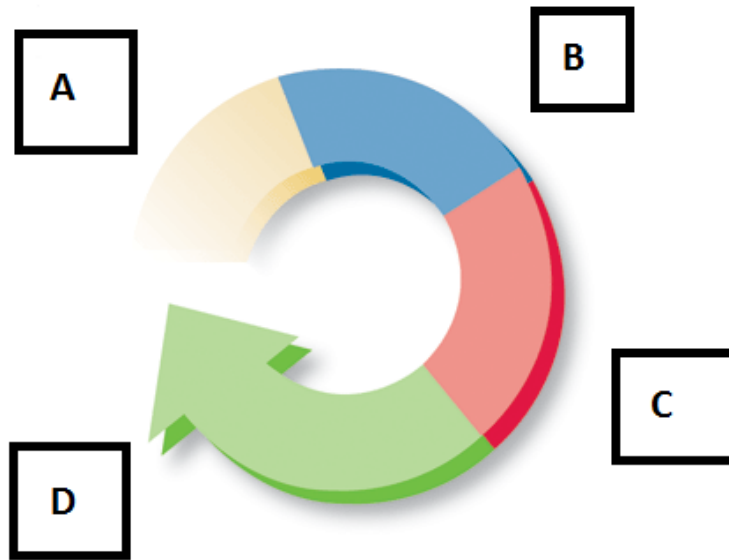
51. A collection of preprogrammed activities such as addition, subtraction, counting, and comparison is called a(n) \_\_\_\_.
- a. compiler code
  - b. interpreter code
  - c. machine code
  - d. instruction set

ANS: D                    PTS: 1                    REF: 30



56. As shown in the accompanying figure, the \_\_\_\_ fetches each instruction.
- |                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| a. RAM                 | c. ALU          |
| b. instruction pointer | d. control unit |

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      REF: 31



57. The accompanying figure represents the instruction cycle. The first step is Box A and represents the \_\_\_\_.
- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| a. fetch instruction     | c. execute instruction |
| b. interpret instruction | d. increment pointer   |

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 32

58. The accompanying figure represents the instruction cycle. The second step is Box B and represents the \_\_\_\_.
- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| a. fetch instruction     | c. execute instruction |
| b. interpret instruction | d. increment pointer   |

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 32

59. The accompanying figure represents the instruction cycle. The third step is Box C and represents the \_\_\_\_.
- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| a. fetch instruction     | c. execute instruction |
| b. interpret instruction | d. increment pointer   |

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 32

60. The accompanying figure represents the instruction cycle. The fourth step is Box D and represents the \_\_\_\_.
- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| a. fetch instruction     | c. execute instruction |
| b. interpret instruction | d. increment pointer   |

ANS: D                      PTS: 1                      REF: 32

61. In terms of an authentication protocol, the phrase ‘something a person knows’ refers to \_\_\_\_.
- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| a. a password | c. biometrics |
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ANS: D                    PTS: 1                    REF: 40 - 41

**Case-Based Critical Thinking Questions**  
**Case 1-1**

Mike and Andre are discussing how quickly technology changes. They are discussing how it seems devices are merging to create new products especially in the technology field. They understand this is a process called convergence.

71. An example of an old form of convergence is a \_\_\_\_.
- a. clock radio
  - b. cell phone
  - c. television
  - d. microwave oven

ANS: A                    PTS: 1                    REF: 9                    TOP: Critical Thinking

72. A great example of convergence in modern technology is \_\_\_\_.
- a. clock radio
  - b. cell phones
  - c. television
  - d. HD-TV

ANS: B                    PTS: 1                    REF: 9                    TOP: Critical Thinking

73. Mike and Andre consider themselves average consumers when it comes to digital devices. In light of this, each of them could be expected to own more than \_\_\_\_ digital devices.
- a. 7
  - b. 12
  - c. 13
  - d. 24

ANS: D                    PTS: 1                    REF: 9                    TOP: Critical Thinking

**Case-Based Critical Thinking Questions**  
**Case 1-2**

Karen is studying about microcontrollers in her engineering class, and wants to learn more about how they are used.

74. Karen learns that microcontrollers are sometimes referred to by another name. What is another term for a microcontroller?
- a. computer-on-a-chip
  - b. smart phone
  - c. handheld computer
  - d. CPU

ANS: A                    PTS: 1                    REF: 20                    TOP: Critical Thinking

75. Karen is learning that, when combined with wireless networks, devices with microcontrollers can relay information to which of the following?
- a. Web sites
  - b. cell phones
  - c. data collection devices
  - d. all of the above

ANS: D                    PTS: 1                    REF: 21                    TOP: Critical Thinking

76. Which of the following is NOT a true statement that Karen learns about microcontrollers?
- a. They are an almost invisible technology.
  - b. They tend to be environmentally unfriendly.
  - c. They are a technology that requires little adaptation.
  - d. They are a technology that doesn't require much learning on the part of the people who interact with their devices.

ANS: B                    PTS: 1                    REF: 21                    TOP: Critical Thinking

**Case-Based Critical Thinking Questions**  
**Case 1-3**

Jim has just purchased a new computer and it has made him think about how it works. He is particularly interested in how information is processed and stored in his computer. He has come to you for help.

77. Jim wants to know why a compiler converts all statements in a program at one time and places them into an object code. You tell him it is so that \_\_\_\_.
- a. the code is ready to execute
  - b. you can prevent the introduction of new errors
  - c. you can put it on a chip
  - d. none of the above

ANS: A                      PTS: 1                      REF: 30                      TOP: Critical Thinking

78. Jim knows that a collection of preprogrammed activities is an instruction set. He wants to know what an instruction set is designed to do. You tell him it is designed to \_\_\_\_.
- a. carry out a particular task
  - b. allow programmers to use them in creative ways for multiple tasks
  - c. limit the number of tasks the computer can perform
  - d. allow the program to run on multiple machines

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 30                      TOP: Critical Thinking

79. Jim wants to know what machine language instructions look like to the machine. You tell him they appear as \_\_\_\_.
- a. an op code and operand
  - b. a series of 0s and 1s
  - c. basic instructions, such as add
  - d. all of the above

ANS: B                      PTS: 1                      REF: 30                      TOP: Critical Thinking

80. When adding two numbers, Jim knows that each number is going into its own register and the control unit provides the instructions such as add. He wants to know where the result of the add goes. You tell him it goes to \_\_\_\_.
- a. the ALU
  - b. another register
  - c. the accumulator
  - d. the printer

ANS: C                      PTS: 1                      REF: 32                      TOP: Critical Thinking

**COMPLETION**

1. An ongoing process of social, political, and economic change brought about by digital technology is the digital \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: revolution

PTS: 1                      REF: 4

2. As the third phase of the digital revolution unfolded, \_\_\_\_\_ technology became consumer-friendly, allowing homeowners to connect multiple computers, exchange files, and, most importantly, share an Internet connection.

ANS: network

PTS: 1 REF: 8

3. The “\_\_\_\_\_” represents Internet-based services, such as applications and social media, that are available from computers and handheld digital devices.

ANS: cloud

PTS: 1 REF: 9

4. The expectation that a person’s information will not be collected or divulged without permission is \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: confidentiality

PTS: 1 REF: 11

5. The ownership of certain types of information, ideas, or representations is intellectual \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: property

PTS: 1 REF: 12

6. Worldwide economic interdependence of countries that occurs as cross-border commerce increases and as money flows more freely among countries is \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: globalization

PTS: 1 REF: 12

7. A term that refers to the gap between people who have access to technology and those who do not is the digital \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: divide

PTS: 1 REF: 13

8. Symbols that represent facts, objects, and ideas are \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: data

PTS: 1 REF: 15

9. The manipulation of data is called \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: processing

PTS: 1 REF: 15

10. The concept that a series of instructions for a computing task can be loaded into memory is called a stored \_\_\_\_\_.



ANS: program

PTS: 1 REF: 16

11. Any software or digital device that requests data from a server is referred to as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: client

PTS: 1 REF: 18

12. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is a type of computer that is considered one of the fastest in the world (at the time of construction).

ANS: supercomputer

PTS: 1 REF: 19

13. A special-purpose microprocessor that is built into the machine it controls is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

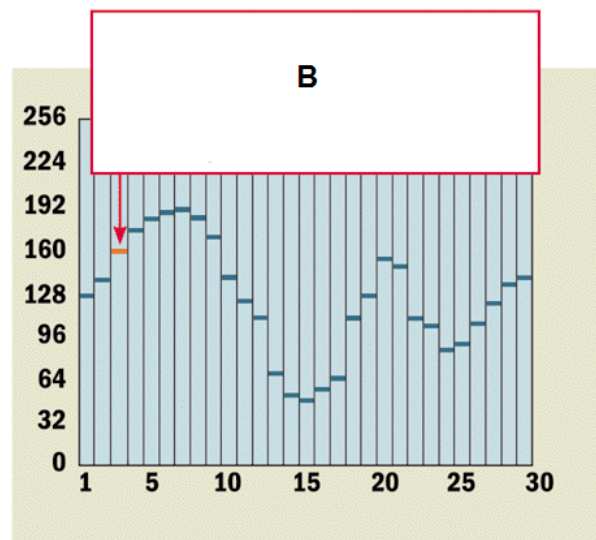
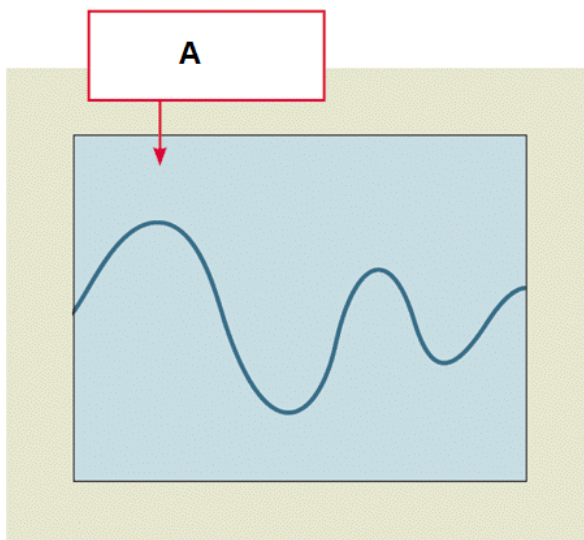
ANS:  
microcontroller  
computer-on-a-chip  
embedded computer

PTS: 1 REF: 20

14. The term that refers to the form in which data is stored, processed, and transmitted is data \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: representation

PTS: 1 REF: 22



15. In the accompanying figure, box A indicates a type of wave, such as a sound wave, known as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ wave.

ANS: analog

PTS: 1 REF: 25

16. In the accompanying figure, the sound wave indicated by B has been sliced into samples and so has been \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: digitized

PTS: 1 REF: 25

17. Eight bits is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: byte

PTS: 1 REF: 26

18. A machine language instruction has two parts, the op code and the \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: operand

PTS: 1 REF: 31

19. Identifying a person by personal attributes such as fingerprints or retinal patterns is called \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: biometrics

PTS: 1 REF: 34

20. If you use a simple-to-remember password, hackers may guess it by stepping through a password dictionary, a process called a dictionary \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: attack

PTS: 1 REF: 36

## MATCHING

*Identify the letter of the choice that best matches the phrase or definition.*

- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| a. Unicode        | g. pirating         |
| b. identity theft | h. case sensitive   |
| c. ALU            | i. memory           |
| d. download       | j. microchip        |
| e. source code    | k. storage          |
| f. control unit   | l. password manager |

1. The area where data can be left on a permanent basis when it is not immediately needed for processing
2. The practice of copying a file from a remote computer to a local computer
3. The illegal copying and distribution of copyrighted material

4. An area of the computer that temporarily holds data waiting to be processed, stored, or output
5. Provides codes for 65,000 characters
6. Another name for integrated circuit
7. Part of the microprocessor that performs arithmetic operations
8. Fetches each instruction
9. Differentiates between uppercase and lowercase words
10. Unauthorized use and access to personal data
11. Stores user IDs with their corresponding password
12. Human-readable version of a program

1.	ANS: K	PTS: 1	REF: 15
2.	ANS: D	PTS: 1	REF: 18
3.	ANS: G	PTS: 1	REF: 12
4.	ANS: I	PTS: 1	REF: 15
5.	ANS: A	PTS: 1	REF: 25
6.	ANS: J	PTS: 1	REF: 27
7.	ANS: C	PTS: 1	REF: 31
8.	ANS: F	PTS: 1	REF: 31
9.	ANS: H	PTS: 1	REF: 35
10.	ANS: B	PTS: 1	REF: 36
11.	ANS: L	PTS: 1	REF: 40
12.	ANS: E	PTS: 1	REF: 29

## ESSAY

1. What role does digital technology play in freedom of speech and democracy?

ANS:

Freedom of speech is not an absolute. Most societies prohibit or repress some types of expression, such as hate speech, libel, pornography, and flag burning. The types of expressions that are allowed or prohibited in a particular country are, in many respects, a reflection of its culture. Digital technologies and communications networks make it easy to cross cultural and geographic boundaries. News, television shows, music, and art from all over the globe are accessible on the Internet. The Internet has the potential to expand freedom of speech by offering every person on the globe a forum for personal expression using personal Web sites, blogs, chat groups, social media, and collaborative wikis. Anonymous Internet sites make it possible to exercise freedom of speech in situations where reprisals might repress it.

PTS: 1                      REF: 10 - 11                      TOP: Critical Thinking

2. Are handheld devices computers?

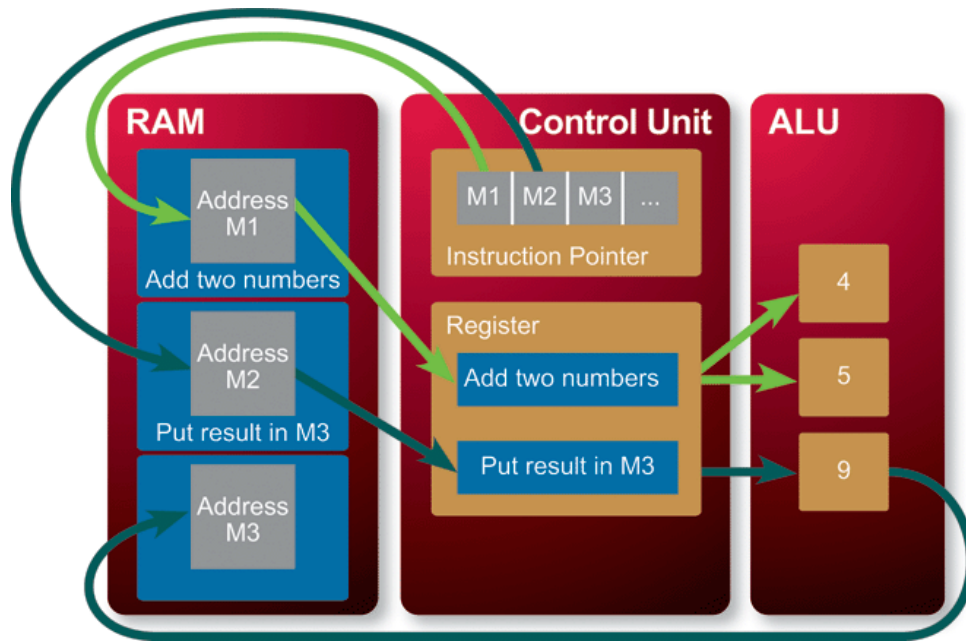
ANS:

Handheld digital devices include familiar gadgets such as iPhones, iPads, iPods, Garmin GPSs, Droids, and Kindles. These devices incorporate many computer characteristics. They accept input, produce output, process data, and include storage capabilities. Handheld devices vary in their programmability and their versatility. They can be divided into two broad categories: those that allow users to install software applications (apps) and those that do not. A handheld device that allows you to install applications can be classified as a handheld computer to distinguish it from the dedicated handheld devices that do not offer apps.

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3. Using the diagram in the accompanying figure, discuss how the control unit processes an instruction.

ANS:

In this figure, the control unit's instruction pointer indicates M1, a location in memory. The control unit fetches the "Add two numbers" instruction from M1. This instruction is then sent to the ALU. The instruction pointer then changes to M2. The processor fetches the instruction located in M2, moves it to a register, and executes it.

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