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Chapter 2 Hardware Basics: Inside the Box

1) Processing information involves

- A) accepting information from the outside world.
- B) communication with another computer.
- C) performing arithmetic or logical operations on information that is input.
- D) All of these answers are forms of processing information.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

2) Producing output involves

- A) accepting information from the outside world.
- B) communication with another computer.
- C) moving and storing information.
- D) communicating information to the outside world.

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

3) Hardware components are

- A) physical parts of a computer system.
- B) fully functional without computer software.
- C) impossible to add on after the initial purchase of a computer.
- D) the intangible parts of a computer system.

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

4) The most common input devices include

- A) monitors and keyboards.
- B) monitors and mice.
- C) mice and keyboards.
- D) printer and mice.

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Reference: What Computers Do

5) Which two factors are important to a casual computer user when you choose a computer?

- A) speed and design
- B) monitor size and resolution
- C) compatibility and performance
- D) compatibility and peripherals

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Reference: The CPU: The Real Computer

6) What character/number does ASCII binary code 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 translate to?

- A) 6
- B) 10
- C) 100
- D) 8

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Reference: Bit Basics

7) The primary output device for computers is a

- A) video monitor.
- B) printer.
- C) keyboard.
- D) mouse.

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Reference: What Computers Do

8) The hardware device commonly referred to as the "brain" of the computer is the

- A) RAM chip.
- B) printer.
- C) CPU.
- D) secondary storage.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

9) CPU stands for

- A) central production unit.
- B) central processing unit.
- C) computer processing unit.
- D) central printing unit.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

10) The CPU is also known as the

- A) microprocessor.
- B) random access memory.
- C) primary storage.
- D) microunit.

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Reference: What Computers Do

11) The primary difference between RAM and secondary storage devices is

- A) the length of time data is stored.
- B) RAM is permanent, and secondary storage is temporary.
- C) RAM accepts input; secondary storage devices do not.
- D) the type of data that is stored in them.

Answer: A

Diff: 3

Reference: What Computers Do

12) Primary storage is more commonly referred to as

- A) ROM.
- B) CPU
- C) Digital
- D) RAM

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

13) If a user needs information instantly available to the CPU, it should be stored

- A) in the CPU.
- B) in RAM.
- C) in secondary storage.
- D) on a USB device.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

14) Storage devices include all of the following EXCEPT:

- A) a recordable CD/DVD.
- B) RAM.
- C) a hard drive.
- D) USB device.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

15) Input, output, and storage devices are known as

- A) peripherals.
- B) secondary storage.
- C) firmware.
- D) hardware drivers.

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

16) Information is made up of discrete, countable units called _____, so it can be subdivided.

- A) digits.
- B) analog units.
- C) input.
- D) bytes.

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Reference: Bit Basics

17) The smallest unit of information a computer can understand and process is known as a

- A) digit.
- B) byte.
- C) bit.
- D) kilobyte.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: Bit Basics

18) A bit can have two values:

- A) bit and byte.
- B) 0 and 1.
- C) 2 and 4.
- D) 1 and 2.

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Reference: Bit Basics

19) Binary means

- A) there are two possibilities, on and off.
- B) the same as a byte, 8 bits.
- C) there are three options; 0, 1, and 2.
- D) that computers really need to have three or more options.

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Reference: Bit Basics

20) A group of 8 bits is known as a

- A) kilobyte.
- B) binary digit.
- C) byte.
- D) megabit.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: Bit Basics

21) The binary system uses the power of

- A) 10.
- B) 4.
- C) 256.
- D) 2.

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Reference: How It Works: Binary Arithmetic

22) A byte can represent any number between 0 and

- A) 2.
- B) 255.
- C) 256.
- D) 1,024.

Answer: B

Diff: 3

Reference: How It Works: Binary Arithmetic

23) The most widely used code that represents each character as a unique 8-bit code is

- A) ASCII.
- B) Unicode.
- C) binary numbering system.
- D) EBCDIC.

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Reference: Bits as Codes

24) ASCII stands for

- A) American Standard Code for Information Interface.
- B) American Standard Computer Interface Internet.
- C) American Standard Code for Information Interchange.
- D) Advanced Standard Code for Interface Interchange.

Answer: C

Diff: 3

Reference: Bits as Codes

25) In ASCII, _____ characters can be created.

- A) 255
- B) 1,024
- C) 256
- D) 128

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: Bits as Codes

26) An advanced coding scheme that incorporates Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, and Japanese is known as

- A) ASCII.
- B) World Wide Interchange (WWI).
- C) Worldcode.
- D) Unicode.

Answer: D

Diff: 3

Reference: Bits as Codes

27) To represent values larger than 255, processor designers combine bytes. Two bytes, with 16 bits, can represent all the numbers from 0 to _____.

- A) 100,000
- B) 65,535
- C) 256
- D) 1,000,000

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: Binary Arithmetic

28) Approximately 1,000 megabytes is a

- A) terabyte.
- B) kilobyte.
- C) petabyte.
- D) gigabyte.

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Reference: Bits, Bytes, and Buzzwords

29) The term for the largest storage value is

- A) kilobytes.
- B) terabytes.
- C) gigabytes.
- D) petabytes.

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Reference: Bits, Bytes, and Buzzwords

30) You measure data transfer speed or memory size in

- A) gigabits.
- B) terabits.
- C) megabits.
- D) kilobits.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: Bits, Bytes, and Buzzwords

- 31) The motherboard is the
- A) circuit board that contains a CPU and other chips.
 - B) circuit board that houses peripheral devices.
 - C) same as the CPU chip.
 - D) the first chip that is accessed when the computer is turned on.

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Reference: The CPU: The Real Computer

- 32) Backward compatibility means that
- A) a Core i7 chip can handle processing previously done by a Core 2 Duo.
 - B) all hardware will work with other hardware.
 - C) a mouse will work with more advanced hardware that comes out after the date the mouse was produced.
 - D) all software will work on all other computer systems.

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Reference: Compatibility

- 33) Linux is a(n)
- A) computer system.
 - B) operating system.
 - C) piece of application software.
 - D) type of CPU device.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Reference: Compatibility

- 34) The internal clock of a computer system is the
- A) software that shows the time on the taskbar.
 - B) timing device that processes all instructions input into the computer.
 - C) timing device that produces electrical pulses to synchronize the computer's operations.
 - D) device that is the newest and most modern in a computer system.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: Performance

- 35) A computer's clock speed is measured in
- A) gigabytes.
 - B) bits.
 - C) megahertz.
 - D) gigahertz.

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Reference: Performance

36) The word size of a typical PC's CPU is

- A) 1 or 2 bytes.
- B) 32 or 64 bits.
- C) 32 or 64 bytes.
- D) 8 or 16 bits.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Reference: Performance

37) _____ produced the first 64-bit processor.

- A) Pentium
- B) Microsoft
- C) AMD
- D) Apple

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: Performance

38) When two processors are employed in a computer, it is known as

- A) double processing.
- B) parallel processing.
- C) multi-tasking.
- D) twin processing.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Reference: From Multicore to Cluster

39) By putting multiple CPUs on a single chip, chip makers have created

- A) parallel processors.
- B) multicore processors.
- C) CPU-duplicate processors.
- D) clusters.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Reference: Performance

40) The design that determines how individual components of the CPU are put together and work together on the chip is called the

- A) construction.
- B) detailed plan.
- C) motherboard.
- D) architecture.

Answer: D

Diff: 3

Reference: Performance

41) The CPU's ALU contains

- A) RAM spaces.
- B) registers.
- C) byte spaces.
- D) secondary storage space.

Answer: B

Diff: 3

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

42) The part of the CPU that instructs the bus unit to read instructions stored at a certain memory address is known as the

- A) bus device.
- B) prefetch unit.
- C) decode unit.
- D) writeback.

Answer: B

Diff: 3

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

43) The Intel Core 2 processor is used in

- A) PCs and servers
- B) high-end network controllers
- C) Game machines
- D) MP3 players

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

44) The storage area for the next likely data or instruction to be processed, preventing bottlenecks and slowing of the system, is known as

- A) cache.
- B) the register.
- C) RAM.
- D) the CPU.

Answer: A

Diff: 3

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

45) Which of the following tips help to minimize your computer's impact on the environment?

- A) Use a laptop.
- B) Take advantage of energy-saving features.
- C) Avoid moving parts by saving to flash drives instead of a hard drive.
- D) All of the above.

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Reference: Working Wisdom: Green Computing

46) Information stored in RAM is considered volatile, which means it is

- A) stored there permanently.
- B) not held permanently, only temporarily.
- C) stored when the electricity is shut off.
- D) stored permanently in the CPU device.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Reference: The Computer's Memory

47) Optical computing is sometimes called photonic computing because it uses _____ instead of electrons to transmit bits.

- A) light wands
- B) electrons
- C) photons
- D) superconductors

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: Inventing the Future: Microtechnology, Nanotechnology, and the Future of Processors

48) The memory that stores the computer's date, time, and calendar is the

- A) RAM.
- B) flash memory.
- C) register.
- D) CMOS.

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Reference: The Computer's Memory

49) The time for the processor to retrieve data from memory is measured in

- A) megabits.
- B) nanoseconds.
- C) milliseconds.
- D) terabytes.

Answer: B

Diff: 3

Reference: The Computer's Memory

50) RAM chips are usually grouped on small circuit boards called

- A) CMOS.
- B) ROM.
- C) DIMMs.
- D) RAM boards.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: Memory

51) The permanently etched program that automatically begins executing the computer's instructions is stored in:

- A) TRANSDUCER.
- B) ROM.
- C) CMOS.
- D) RAM.

Answer: B

Diff: 3

Reference: The Computer's Memory

52) A special low-energy kind of RAM that can store small amounts of data for long periods of time on battery power is known as

- A) CPU.
- B) system clock.
- C) system buses.
- D) CMOS.

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Reference: The Computer's Memory

53) Expansion cards are inserted into

- A) slots inside the computer's housing.
- B) peripheral devices.
- C) the CPU.
- D) the back of the computer.

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Reference: Buses, Ports, and Peripherals

54) External devices such as printers and keyboards are known as

- A) add-on devices.
- B) peripherals.
- C) extra hardware devices.
- D) PC expansion slot add-ons.

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Reference: Buses, Ports, and Peripherals

55) Which of the following is NOT an output device?

- A) printer
- B) speakers
- C) trackball
- D) monitor

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Reference: What Computers Do

56) The four basic computer functions are

- A) receive the kernel, process information, produce output, and store CMOS.
- B) receive input, process information, produce output, and store information.
- C) gather data, access memory, print, and store information.
- D) receive input, process information, produce terabytes, and store information.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

57) The following are considered basic components of a computer:

- A) analog and digital signals.
- B) motherboard, circuits, ports.
- C) bits and bytes.
- D) input devices, output devices, processors, memory, and storage devices.

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

58) Given that the presence of an electrical charge is a positive and the absence of an electrical charge is a negative, this is an example of

- A) digital.
- B) hexadecimal code.
- C) a binary choice.
- D) information overload.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: Bit Basics

59) This is used to represent one character on a computer:

- A) byte.
- B) bit.
- C) digit.
- D) kilobyte.

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Reference: Bits, Bytes, and Buzzwords

60) A logical group of 8 bits is also known as a(an)

- A) hexadecimal code.
- B) octet.
- C) port.
- D) unique.

Answer: B

Diff: 3

Reference: Bits, Bytes, and Buzzwords

- 61) For computers, adding binary numbers is simpler than adding decimal numbers because
- A) there are fewer rules to remember.
 - B) you must have a calculator to do it.
 - C) all numeric values can be represented in two digits.
 - D) binary numbers are longer.

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Reference: How It Works: Binary Arithmetic

- 62) Program instructions are represented in binary notation through the use of
- A) buzzwords.
 - B) pacts.
 - C) sets.
 - D) codes.

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Reference: Bits as Instructions in Programs

- 63) ASCII is a subset of this larger coding scheme:
- A) ASCII 2..
 - B) lingo.
 - C) EBCDIC.
 - D) Unicode.

Answer: D

Diff: 3

Reference: Bits as Codes

- 64) The following term could be used to quantify the size of a computer file:
- A) Megabyte.
 - B) RAM.
 - C) ROM.
 - D) CMOS.

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Reference: Bits, Bytes, and Buzzwords

- 65) An Mbit is equal to
- A) one million bytes.
 - B) 8 megabytes.
 - C) one million bits.
 - D) one million petabytes.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: Bits, Bytes, and Buzzwords

66) This type of computer uses less energy than a desktop computer:

- A) notebook.
- B) supercomputer.
- C) mainframe.
- D) Blu-ray.

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Reference: Working Wisdom: Green Computing

67) To save energy you can set your laptop computer to go to

- A) death mode.
- B) garbage collection mode.
- C) sleep.
- D) overclock mode.

Answer: C

Diff: 1

Reference: Working Wisdom: Green Computing

68) The circuit board that contains a computer's CPU is called the

- A) motherboard.
- B) wafer.
- C) memory chip.
- D) daughter board.

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Reference: The CPU: The Real Computer

69) When newer processors can process all of the instructions handled by earlier models, the processor is considered

- A) Core 2 Duo.
- B) backward compatible.
- C) Motorola.
- D) Apple.

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Reference: Compatibility

70) A computer's overall performance is determined by

- A) Level 1 and Level 2 cache.
- B) CMOS and cache memory.
- C) peripheral and internal devices.
- D) clock speed, architecture, and wordsize.

Answer: D

Diff: 1

Reference: Performance

71) Increasing the clock speed of CPUs creates a negative side effect of

- A) loss of digits.
- B) slower performance.
- C) incompatibility.
- D) heat.

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Reference: Performance

72) One billion clock cycles per second is

- A) gigahertz.
- B) hertz.
- C) Mbits.
- D) megahertz.

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Reference: Performance

73) Putting multiple CPUs on a single chip is defined as

- A) clustering.
- B) multitasking.
- C) a multicore processor.
- D) heat sinking.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: Performance

74) To speed up processing, CPUs obtain data that is likely to be used next from

- A) cache.
- B) CMOS.
- C) hard drive.
- D) USB port.

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

75) This type of memory is located in the CPU and is used to store data that is likely to be used next:

- A) flash memory.
- B) Level 1 cache.
- C) Level 2 cache.
- D) virtual storage.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

76) The CPU and main memory are housed in _____ chips on the motherboard and other circuit boards inside the computer.

- A) storage
- B) silicon
- C) plastic
- D) peripheral

Answer: B

Diff: 1

Reference: The Computer's Memory

77) The typical CPU is divided into these functional units:

- A) control, arithmetic logic, decode, bus, and prefetch.
- B) presort, sort, process, export, and save.
- C) fetch, decode, execute, and shred.
- D) registers, prefetch, decode, and store.

Answer: A

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

78) The actual execution of instructions is usually carried out by the

- A) prefetch unit.
- B) decode unit.
- C) control unit.
- D) arithmetic logic unit.

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

79) This unit of the CPU translates instructions for the CPU processing:

- A) prefetch unit.
- B) decode unit.
- C) ALU.
- D) Bus Interface Unit.

Answer: B

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

80) When information is sent from the CPU to memory or some other device this is considered

- A) backflow.
- B) garbage collection.
- C) writeback.
- D) communication.

Answer: C

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

81) This is an open area in the system unit used to hold a disk drive:

- A) bay.
- B) port.
- C) sack.
- D) transducer.

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Reference: Buses, Ports, and Peripherals

82) Information travels between components on the motherboard through _____.

- A) buses
- B) transistors
- C) chips
- D) microprocessors

Answer: A

Diff: 1

Reference: Buses, Ports, and Peripherals

83) CMOS stands for

- A) computer mouse operating system.
- B) cost per minute of semiconductor.
- C) conducting memory of systems.
- D) complementary metal-oxide semiconductor.

Answer: D

Diff: 2

Reference: The Computer's Memory

84) Ron White, in *How Computers Work*, states that "The microprocessor that makes up your personal computer's central processing unit, or CPU, is the ultimate computer brain, messenger, ringmaster, and boss."

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Reference: The Computer's Core: CPU and Memory

85) ALU stands for arithmetic logistical unit.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 1

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

86) Storage devices serve as short-term repositories for data.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 3

Reference: What Computers Do

87) To make words, sentences, and paragraphs fit into the computer's binary only circuitry, programmers have devised codes that represent each letter, digit, and special character as a unique string of bits.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 3

Reference: Bits as Codes

88) Not all software is compatible with every CPU.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 2

Reference: Compatibility

89) Screen savers do not save energy or money.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 2

Reference: Working Wisdom: Green Computing

90) A file is an organized collection of information, such as a term paper or a set of names and addresses, stored in a computer-readable form.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 1

Reference: Bits, Bytes, and Buzzwords

91) The operating system is loaded from the hard disk onto ROM when the computer is starting up.

Answer: FALSE

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: Memory

92) A computer doesn't understand words, numbers, pictures, musical notes, or even letters of the alphabet.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 2

Reference: Bit Basics

93) Flash memory chips, like RAM chips, can be written and erased rapidly and repeatedly.

Answer: TRUE

Diff: 2

Reference: The Computer's Memory

94) The most common input devices include a keyboard and mouse. One less common input device that requires voice use is a _____.

Answer: microphone

Diff: 1

Reference: What Computers Do

95) A computer's overall performance is determined in part by the speed of its microprocessor's internal _____.

Answer: clock

Diff: 1

Reference: Performance

96) The typical CPU is divided into several functional units: control, arithmetic logic, decode, _____, and prefetch.

Answer: bus

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

97) The physical components of a computer system are known as _____.

Answer: hardware

Diff: 1

Reference: What Computers Do

98) A printer and a monitor are the most common _____ devices.

Answer: output

Diff: 1

Reference: What Computers Do

99) Removable media devices are examples of secondary storage, otherwise known as _____ storage.

Answer: permanent

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

100) The _____ was the first smart phone to truly capture the imagination of consumers and software developers.

Answer: iPhone

Diff: 2

Reference: Steve Wozniak, Steve Jobs, and the Garage that Grew Apples

101) Windows and Mac OS X systems have advanced energy-saver control panels that can be used to switch the monitor, hard drive, and CPU to lower-power _____ modes automatically after specified periods of inactivity.

Answer: power sleep

Diff: 2

Reference: Working Wisdom: Green Computing

102) A computer system is not complete without _____, which tells the hardware what to do.

Answer: software

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

103) A(n) _____ is a binary digit.

Answer: bit

Diff: 2

Reference: Bit Basics

104) Programs written for _____, a popular operating system cannot run on Windows.

Answer: Linux

Diff: 2

Reference: Compatibility

105) Eight bits are called an octet or a _____.

Answer: byte

Diff: 1

Reference: Bits, Bytes, and Buzzwords

106) The most widely used code for computer programming is _____ (an abbreviation) and represents each character as a unique 8-bit code.

Answer: ASCII

Diff: 2

Reference: Bits as Codes

107) The abbreviation, TB, stands for _____ when referring to computer storage.

Answer: terabyte

Diff: 1

Reference: Bits, Bytes, and Buzzwords

108) Data transfer speed is measured in _____, or Mb, per second.

Answer: megabits

Diff: 3

Reference: Bits, Bytes, and Buzzwords

109) The CPU, all additional chips, and the electronic circuitry are all housed on the _____.

Answer: motherboard

Diff: 2

Reference: The CPU: The Real Computer

110) Gigahertz is a measure of the computer's clock speed and is a measure of _____ of clock cycles per second.

Answer: billions

Diff: 3

Reference: Performance

111) The number of bits a CPU can process simultaneously is the CPU's _____ size.

Answer: word

Diff: 3

Reference: Performance

112) Computer memory or primary memory is also known by the acronym _____.

Answer: RAM

Diff: 1

Reference: The Computer's Memory

113) _____ memory is nonvolatile and often used in digital cameras and cell phones.

Answer: Flash

Diff: 3

Reference: The Computer's Memory

114) In modern integrated circuits, high and low electrical charges represent bits, but these circuits work as if they were really made up of tiny _____.

Answer: switches

Diff: 3

Reference: Bit Basics

115) The wire groups that transfer data between components on the motherboard are known as the _____ buses.

Answer: internal

Diff: 2

Reference: Buses, Ports, and Peripherals

116) Slots and _____ enable the CPU to communicate with the outside world via peripheral devices.

Answer: ports

Diff: 2

Reference: Buses, Ports, and Peripherals

117) The microprocessor, also known by the acronym _____ is considered the "brain" of the computer.

Answer: CPU

Diff: 2

Reference: What Computers Do

118) Information on computers is _____, which means it can be made up of two values.

Answer: binary

Diff: 2

Reference: Bit Basics

119) The _____ number system is a system that denotes all numbers with combinations of two digits.

Answer: binary

Diff: 2

Reference: Bits as Numbers

120) _____ is a coding scheme that supports 100,000 unique characters—more than enough for all major world languages.

Answer: Unicode

Diff: 2

Reference: Bits as Codes

121) A _____ CPU can (with the right software) divide the work load between processors, assigning multiple cores to labor-intensive tasks such as photo or video editing.

Answer: multicore

Diff: 2

Reference: From Multicore to Cluster

122) A _____, also known as a PB, is the astronomical value that is equivalent to 1,024 terabytes, or 1 quadrillion bytes.

Answer: petabyte

Diff: 2

Reference: Bits, Bytes, and Buzzwords

123) When computer software developed for one processor does not work on another processor, it is not _____.

Answer: compatible

Diff: 2

Reference: Compatibility

124) Think of memory as millions of tiny storage _____, each of which can contain a single byte of information.

Answer: cells

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: Memory

125) _____ Corp. is responsible for manufacturing the Pentium family of processors.

Answer: Intel

Diff: 2

Reference: Performance

126) Computers store important start-up information on chips that are commonly known by the acronym _____.

Answer: ROM

Diff: 2

Reference: The Computer's Memory

127) The time it takes a processor to retrieve data from memory is called _____ time.

Answer: access

Diff: 2

Reference: The Computer's Memory

128) The access time for most memory is measured in _____ (billionths of a second).

Answer: nanoseconds

Diff: 2

Reference: The Computer's Memory

129) Computer users can customize their computers by inserting special-purpose circuit boards called _____ cards.

Answer: expansion

Diff: 2

Reference: Buses, Ports, and Peripherals

Match the term on the left to its corresponding definition on the right.

- A) printer, scanner, or mouse, for example
- B) low-energy, battery powered memory
- C) memory chips on small circuit boards
- D) similar to RAM but nonvolatile
- E) unchangeable information that serves as reference material for the CPU
- F) socket on the outside of the computer
- G) contained on the CPU to perform a variety of simple tasks
- H) adds an additional feature to a computer system
- I) area in the computer box for disk drives or other devices
- J) wires that move data from one component to another
- K) temporary storage area

130) bus

Diff: 2

Reference: Buses, Ports, and Peripherals

131) bay

Diff: 2

Reference: Buses, Ports, and Peripherals

132) expansion card

Diff: 2

Reference: Buses, Ports, and Peripherals

133) port

Diff: 2

Reference: Buses, Ports, and Peripherals

134) peripheral

Diff: 2

Reference: Buses, Ports, and Peripherals

135) RAM

Diff: 2

Reference: The Computer's Memory

136) CMOS

Diff: 2

Reference: The Computer's Memory

137) DIMMs

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: Memory

138) ROM

Diff: 2

Reference: The Computer's Memory

139) flash memory

Diff: 2

Reference: The Computer's Memory

140) instructions

Diff: 2

Reference: The Computer's Memory

Answers: 130) J 131) I 132) H 133) F 134) A 135) K 136) B 137) C 138) E 139) D 140) G

Match the term on the left to its corresponding definition on the right.

- A) 32 or 64 bit storage for the ALU
- B) memory that is faster than RAM
- C) part of the CPU where instructions are performed
- D) timing device
- E) translates an instruction into a form suitable for the CPU's internal processing
- F) the final phase of execution for a CPU

141) ALU

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

142) register

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

143) writeback

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

144) cache

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

145) decode unit

Diff: 2

Reference: How It Works: The CPU

146) clock

Diff: 2

Reference: Performance

Answers: 141) C 142) A 143) F 144) B 145) E 146) D