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- (1) Which form of digital communication was first used in 1971?
- A. Email
- B. Text Message
- C. Emoji
- **D.** Numbers

Answer (a) Email

<u>Description</u>- Ray Tomlinson showcased an initial iteration of email functionality on the ARPANET networking platform.

- (2) How was the Altair 8800, the first retail personal home computer, sold?
- **A.** At conventions
- **B.** It never made it to market
- C. Mail order
- **D.** Online commerce

Answer (c) Mail order

- (3) What does the acronym DOS stand for?
- **A.** Dark operating system
- **B.** Disk operating system
- C. Digital operating system
- **D.** Direct operating system

Answer (b) Disk operating system

- (4) What was Pascal's Calculator?
- A. A legendary algorithm
- **B.** An early mobile phone
- C. An adding machine
- **D.** A portable screen

Answer (c) An adding machine

- (5) How much did the 1940s supercomputer ENIAC weigh?
- **A.** 17 tons
- **B.** 7 tons
- **C.** 27 tons
- **D.** 5 tons

Answer (c) 27 tons

- (6) What is a yottabyte?
- **A.** A computer virus
- **B.** A data-storage measurement
- C. A software error

D. A computer programme
Answer (b) A data-storage measurement
(7) Which of these did Ada Lovelace publish?
A. First terms-of-service agreement
B. First user manual

C. First algorithm

D. None of the above

Answer (c) First algorithm

(8) What was the first computer mouse made from?

A. Terra cotta

B. Metal

C. Plastic

D. Wood

Answer (d) Wood

(9) What does the programming mnemonic HCF stand for?

A. Highly compressed file

B. Help code folder

C. Halt and catch fire

D. None of the above

Answer (c) Halt and catch fire

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(10) When it was released in 1981, what was unique about the computer called Osborne 1?

A. It was portable

B. It had a keyboard

C. It could store a yottabyte

D. It was a computer software

Answer (a) It was portable

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