

Milestones in Computing History

Computer History · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Who is credited with designing the Analytical Engine, widely considered the first conceptual design for a general-purpose computer?

- A) Charles Babbage**
- B) Ada Lovelace
- C) Alan Turing
- D) John von Neumann

2. Which machine is recognized as the world's first electronic, general-purpose, digital computer, completed in 1945?

- A) UNIVAC I
- B) ENIAC**
- C) EDVAC
- D) Harvard Mark I

3. In 1971, which company released the 4004, the world's first commercially available microprocessor?

- A) AMD
- B) Motorola
- C) Intel**
- D) Texas Instruments

4. What was the name of the first graphical web browser that popularized the World Wide Web in 1993?

- A) Netscape Navigator
- B) Internet Explorer
- C) Mosaic**
- D) Opera

5. Which scientist is famously known for developing the 'Turing Test' to measure a machine's ability to exhibit intelligent behavior?

- A) Claude Shannon
- B) John McCarthy
- C) Alan Turing**
- D) Marvin Minsky

6. What was the first computer virus designed for the IBM PC, discovered in 1986?

- A) Brain**
- B) Melissa
- C) ILOVEYOU
- D) Morris

7. Which programming language, developed by Grace Hopper and her team in 1959, was designed for business data processing?

- A) FORTRAN
- B) COBOL**
- C) BASIC
- D) ALGOL

8. In 1968, Douglas Engelbart demonstrated the world's first computer mouse at an event now known as 'The Mother of All Demos.' What was the mouse casing made of?

- A) Plastic
- B) Metal
- C) Wood**
- D) Rubber

9. What was the first commercially successful portable computer, released in 1981?

- A) IBM PC
- B) Osborne 1**
- C) Commodore 64
- D) Apple II

10. Who is the inventor of the World Wide Web, having written the first web browser and server in 1989?

- A) Vint Cerf
- B) Marc Andreessen
- C) Tim Berners-Lee**
- D) Robert Kahn