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History of Computers Challenge

Directions: Read each sentence. Then circle the letter next to the answer that completes the sentence.

1. The _____, an early calculating machine, is considered a forerunner of the computer.
 - a. abacus
 - b. amphora
 - c. caduceus

2. The fundamentals of computer programming were developed by _____.
 - a. Charles Babbage and Ada Lovelace in the 1830s
 - b. Howard Aiken in the 1940s
 - c. Steve Jobs and Bill Gates in the 1970s

3. ENIAC, built in 1946, required _____ square feet of floor space.
 - a. 18
 - b. 180
 - c. 1,800

4. Rear Admiral Grace Hopper is credited with inventing _____.
 - a. the computer mouse
 - b. the compiler
 - c. machine code

5. Packet switching, the technology behind the Internet, was developed in 1962 by Leonard Kleinrock, a _____.
 - a. lieutenant in the U.S. Army
 - b. Bell Labs engineer
 - c. graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

6. In 1952, CBS used UNIVAC to predict the outcome of _____.
 - a. the World Series
 - b. the Super Bowl
 - c. the presidential election

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7. In 1958, Jack Kilby patented _____ .
 - a. the integrated circuit
 - b. RAM
 - c. FORTRAN

8. A major breakthrough came in 1968 when Douglas Engelbart invented _____ .
 - a. the keyboard
 - b. the mouse
 - c. the hard drive

9. Tim Berners-Lee is credited with inventing _____ .
 - a. the Internet
 - b. the World Wide Web
 - c. JavaScript

10. Bill Gates invented _____ .
 - a. the Microsoft Operating System
 - b. the personal computer
 - c. neither of the above