1. Input, processing, output, and storage are the four operations that make up:
   A. the information processing cycle.
   B. the power-on self-test.
   C. preemptive multitasking.
2. The base unit of the computer made up of the plastic or metal enclosure is the:
   A. system unit.
   B. motherboard.
   C. platform.
3. Programs that aid in the maintenance of your system are referred to as:
   A. system utilities.
   B. platforms.
   C. profiles.
4. A series of steps that describes what a computer program must do to perform a task is called a(n):
   A. algorithm.
   B. platform.
   C. registry.
5. A device where information can be stored and retrieved is:
   A. memory.
   B. pages.
   C. the registry.
6. Numbers, words, pictures, or sounds that represent facts are called:
   A. data.
   B. information.
   C. profiles.

7. Components outside the system unit that are connected physically or wirelessly to the system unit and motherboard are called:
   A. peripheral devices.
   B. drivers.
   C. kernels.
8. A keyboard and mouse are examples of:
   A. input devices.
   B. output devices.
   C. storage devices.
9. Primary memory and temporary memory are alternate terms for:
   A. RAM.
   B. ROM.
   C. BIOS.
10. Devices like hard drives and USB flash drives are referred to as:
    A. secondary storage.
    B. primary memory.
    C. volatile memory.
11. A popular small portable data storage device that plugs into a computer's USB port and is the size of an adult's thumb is a(n):
    A. USB flash drive.
    B. external hard drive.
    C. media card reader.
12. Monitors and printers are examples of:
    A. output devices.
    B. input devices.
    C. storage devices.
13. The high-speed exchange of information within and between computers is called:
    A. communications.
    B. thrashing.
    C. paging.

14. A hardware component, like a modem, that moves data into and out of a computer is a(n):
    A. communications device.
    B. user interface.
    C. driver.
15. Two or more connected computers are called a:
    A. network.
    B. system unit.
    C. platform.
16. The manipulation of data by a sequence of instructions that converts the data into information is:
    A. processing.
    B. input.
    C. storage.
17. The unit that receives directions from the operating system software and application software to perform operations on the data you input is the:
    A. central processing unit.
    B. random access memory.
    C. read-only memory.
18. Entering your login ID to access a computer network is a/an:
    A. input.
    B. processing.
    C. storage.
19. The action of confirming an ID entered by a user is a/an:
    A. processing.
    B. input.
    C. storage.
20. Microsoft Windows 7, Mac OSX Lion, and Linux are:
    A. operating systems.
    B. system utilities.
    C. application software.