

TEXT: The uses of Computers

Many companies have now computerized their accounting procedures because computers can do the work more quickly and more accurately than people. The work the computer does (storing information, finding the right information and doing calculations) is called data processing. The part of the computer that processes the data (information) is called the central processing Unit.

This contains only electronic components, called microchips. A computer can only do what it is instructed to do. The instructions that are stored in a computer are called the computer program. The people who write these instructions and put them in the computer are called computer programmers. You do not have to be a computer programmer to use a computer.

The parts of the computer that most people use are called terminals. The terminals are usually a keyboard, which looks like a typewriter, and a visual display unit, which looks like a television, or a printer. Information put into the computer on the keyboard is called input. When the computer shows the result of the data processing on the visual display unit or a printer, this is called output. When computers go wrong, it is usually because there is something wrong with the input. In other words it is a mistake made by a person, not by the computer.

QUESTIONS: (20pts)

I- READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS: (5pts)

A- Multiple Choice Questions: Choose the best answers to complete the following sentences.

(1pt)

1- **The part of the computer that processes the information is called**

- a. Visual display unit.
- b. Data processing.
- c. Central processing unit.
- d. None of those answers.

2- **The parts of the computer that most people use are called**

- a. Microchips.
- b. Computer programmers.
- c. The computer program.
- d. Terminals.

B- True or false questions: Copy the true sentences and correct the false ones.(2pts)

- 1- People can do the work more quickly than computers.
- 2- The central processing unit contains only electronic components.
- 3- Information put into the computer on the keyboard is called output.
- 4- Many companies have computerized their accounting procedures.

C- Answer the following questions based on the text: (2pts)

- 1- Why do computers go wrong?
- 2- Where are the microchips?

II- LANGUAGE: (10pts)

A- Vocabulary: Make pairs of synonyms with words from A to words in B. (2pts)

A
Mistake
Look like
Quickly
work

B
Job
Rapidly
Error
resemble

B- Grammar: Combine the following pairs of sentences using too/enough and the infinitive form.(2pts)

Example: Bouba is very rich. He can buy this luxurious car.

Bouba is rich enough to buy this luxurious car

- 1- The coffee is very hot. The baby can't drink it.
- 2- They have many problems. They can't find solutions themselves.
- 3- She is very young. She won't get married now.
- 4- Fanta has a lot of money. She will build a new house.

C- Function: Answer the following questions expressing doubt, probability or certainty.
(2pts)

1. What job are you going to do after your studies? (probability)
2. When is Mali going to be in peace? (certainty)
3. Where are you going for your holidays? (probability)
4. Do you think Malians will elect their new President within eight months? (doubt)

D- Translate into French: (2pts)

From "Many companies have now computerized to.....processing unit"

E- Translate into English: (2pts)

Les technologies de l'information et de la communication occupent une place importante aujourd'hui.
Grace à elles nous recevons des informations du monde entier. Elles nous servent à la maison, à l'école,
au lieu de travail et partout où nous allons.

III- COMPOSITION: Choose only one topic. (5pts)

A- Which means of communication do you prefer?

Justify your choice in a ten- line essay.

B- Arian Christophe, student at the English Department, University of Accra- Ghana has sent a letter to Awa Traoré, student in TLL, L.A.M- Bamako to inform her that she would like to come and visit Mali in the coming holidays but she is afraid about the recent crises. Awa has decided to send back a letter to Janet in order to convince her to come in Mali.

Help Awa to write her letter with the appropriate layout

Good luck!!