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**8th Grade Computers:
History Vocabulary Test**

A. Abacus
B. Bit
C. Byte
D. CPU
E. DOS
F. ENIAC

G. Floppy Disk
H. Hard Drive
I. Memory
J. Mouse
K. PC
L. RAM

M. ROM
N. Slide Rule
O. Supercomputer
P. Typewriter
Q. UNIVAC
R. Vacuum Tube

DIRECTIONS: Match the word above to its correct definition below. Place the letter of the correct term in the space provided.

- _____ 1. Random Access Memory; A temporary storage area where your computer can read and write file and application information
- _____ 2. A glass tube from which all gas has been removed, creating a vacuum. Contained electrodes for controlling electron flow and were commonly used in early computers as a switch or an amplifier.
- _____ 3. Electronic Numerical Integrator And Calculator; began construction in 1943 and completed in 1946. Occupied about 1,800 square feet and used about 18,000 vacuum tubes, weighing almost 50 tons. Created to help with the war efforts against German forces.
- _____ 4. A manual aid to calculating that consists of beads or disks that can be moved up and down on a series of sticks or strings within a usually wooden frame
- _____ 5. Universal Automatic Computer; A trademark of Unisys corporation; it was released in 1951 and 1952. Contains thousands of vacuum tubes that utilize punch cards and switches
- _____ 6. Read Only Memory; Memory that can only be read from and not written to.
- _____ 7. A small, portable computer disk which can be used for storing documents and other computer files
- _____ 8. Central Processing Unit; The heart of the computer, this is the component that actually executes instructions.
- _____ 9. 8 bits
- _____ 10. Acronym for Disk Operating System - used in IBM PC's.
- _____ 11. A manual device used for calculation that consists in its simple form of a ruler and a movable middle piece which are graduated with similar logarithmic scales
- _____ 12. A large capacity storage device made of multiple disks housed in a rigid case
- _____ 13. A small, hand held device used to move the cursor and select items
- _____ 14. Binary Digit; a single digital piece of information; represented by 1's and 0's
- _____ 15. A machine for writing in characters similar to those produced by printer's type by means of keyboard-operated types striking a ribbon to transfer ink or carbon impressions onto the paper
- _____ 16. An extremely fast computer that can perform hundreds of millions of instructions per second
- _____ 17. Personal Computer; A small, single-user computer based on a microprocessor.
- _____ 18. Enables a computer to store, at least temporarily, data and programs.