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**Section 1. Fill in the blanks [1 mark each]**

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|--------|---------------|-------------------------|
| A. CPU | C. ROM        | E. System software      |
| B. RAM | D. Peripheral | F. Application software |

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Google Chrome is part of this type of software.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Turns on and off internal computer circuits.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ It frees RAM so that it can be used by other programs.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Stores the BIOS.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Touchscreen
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Loads the drivers when you connect a USB microphone.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Limits the access of files in secondary memory.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Translates computer instructions into hardware actions.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Stores information and program data that are being executed.

**Section 2: Answer the following questions.**

1. Explain how information is encoded inside a computer, and how this allows it to represent information. [3 marks].

2. Calculate the minimum number of bits required to encode an alphabet of 800 different icons. Show all the steps used to arrive at your answer. [3 marks]

3. List three functions of an operating system. [3 marks]

**Section 3. Complete the following conversions [3 marks each]**

**A) From binary to decimal**

- $10001111_2$

**B) From decimal to hexadecimal**

- $265_{10}$

**Section 4. Read the following case and answer the questions.**

Barbara Smith is a web designer who works as a web developer. She is starting a new project next month, so she is planning to buy a new computer:



- Operating System Windows 10 of 64-bits
- Full HD 1920x1080 IPS screen of 17.3 inches with low power consumption
- Intel i7-8750H @ 2.20 GHz processor
- 9 MB of cache
- 2 MB of ROM
- 8GB of RAM for advanced multitasking
- 1 hard drive with 1TB storage capacity
- Graphics card NVIDIA GeForce 3060
- 1 USB C port
- 1 USB 3.0 port
- HDMI port
- Bluetooth 5.0
- High-definition webcam
- Headphone jack

a) Identify the operating system that this computer has [1 mark]

b) Indicate the amount of secondary memory [1 mark]

c) Indicate the amount of main memory [1 mark]

d) Indicate the processor manufacturer [1 mark]

e) Indicate three peripheral devices in this computer [2 marks]