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1. Who proposed the machine called the analytical engine in the early 1840s? *

○ Ada Lovelace

◉ Charles Babbage

○ Alan Turing

○ John von Neumann

2. The article written by Ada Lovelace that detailed how to represent Bernoulli
numbers on the analytical engine is considered as: *

○ An early form of machine manual

○ The very first computer program

◉ The first analytical engine

○ A mathematical thesis

3. What can be inferred about the development of devices that could be programmed over the years? *

○ They went from physical to theoretical

◉ They transitioned from manual to automatic

○ They evolved from digital to analog

○ They have remained static and unchanging

4. How were instructions initially entered into mainframe computers? *

○ Through touch screens

○ Through voice commands

○ Using a mouse

◉ Through a keyboard

5. Why might modern programming languages have terms like 'carriage return' or 'print'? *

○ Because of the influence of typewriters

◉ Due to carryovers from the days of printer-based computing

○ Because of the influence of the telegraph system

○ It was a random choice by programming pioneers

6. Why were different programming languages created as computers evolved? *

○ To make programming more complex

◉ To serve specific types of projects and industries

○ To limit the number of programmers in the industry

○ To reduce the power of computers

7. What can be said about modern programming languages and their use in projects? *

○ They are generic and not suited for specific tasks

○ A programmer uses only one language to complete a project

○ Languages are now static and do not evolve

◉ A programmer often combines multiple languages to get a project done

8. What is expected of the programming languages in the future with new technological advancements? *

○ They will remain the same

○ They will become obsolete

◉ New languages will be developed for more innovation

○ There will be a singular universal programming language

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