

FBLA Computer Problem Solving Sample Questions

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Operating Systems

1. Which operating system is open source and based on the Linux kernel?
 - a) Windows 11
 - b) macOS Ventura
 - c) Ubuntu
 - d) Chrome OS

2. In Windows, the file extension .bat refers to:
 - a) Batch file
 - b) Binary archive tool
 - c) Backup table
 - d) Basic application template

3. The Windows **Task Manager** is primarily used to:
 - a) Install new software
 - b) Manage running processes and system performance
 - c) Remove viruses
 - d) Back up the system registry

4. Which macOS feature allows you to quickly switch between open applications?
 - a) Spotlight Search
 - b) Finder
 - c) Mission Control
 - d) Dock Manager

5. Which type of software provides the interface between hardware and application programs?
 - a) Firmware
 - b) Operating system
 - c) Utility software
 - d) Application software

6. In Linux, the chmod command is used to:
 - a) Change file permissions
 - b) Create a new directory
 - c) Move files
 - d) Delete files

7. Which file system is default for modern Windows operating systems?
 - a) FAT32
 - b) NTFS
 - c) exFAT
 - d) HFS+

8. The macOS **Finder** is equivalent to Windows:
 - a) Control Panel
 - b) File Explorer
 - c) Command Prompt
 - d) Settings
9. The process of starting up a computer and loading the operating system is called:
 - a) Compiling
 - b) Booting
 - c) Formatting
 - d) Partitioning
10. Which Linux command lists the files in the current directory?
 - a) cp
 - b) ls
 - c) mv
 - d) dir

Networks

11. What does IP in IP address stand for?
 - a) Internal Protocol
 - b) Internet Protocol
 - c) Interconnected Pathway
 - d) Integrated Packet
12. Which device connects multiple networks and directs data packets between them?
 - a) Switch
 - b) Router
 - c) Hub
 - d) Access Point
13. The standard frequency bands for Wi-Fi are:
 - a) 900 MHz and 1.8 GHz
 - b) 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz
 - c) 3 GHz and 7 GHz
 - d) 5 GHz and 10 GHz
14. In networking, what does LAN stand for?
 - a) Local Area Network
 - b) Large Application Node
 - c) Low Access Network
 - d) Linked Access Node
15. Which protocol is used for securely transferring files over a network?
 - a) FTP
 - b) HTTP
 - c) SFTP
 - d) SMTP

16. What is the primary function of a switch in a network?

- a) Broadcast data to all connected devices
- b) Filter and forward data to specific devices based on MAC addresses
- c) Assign IP addresses dynamically
- d) Encrypt network traffic

17. IPv6 addresses are written in:

- a) Decimal
- b) Binary
- c) Hexadecimal
- d) Octal

18. Which networking device amplifies signals to extend cable length?

- a) Modem
- b) Repeater
- c) Gateway
- d) Patch Panel

19. Which port is typically used by HTTPS traffic?

- a) 21
- b) 25
- c) 80
- d) 443

20. The process of dividing a network into smaller, isolated segments is called:

- a) Packet switching
- b) Subnetting
- c) Modulating
- d) Encapsulation

Computer Hardware & Connectivity

21. The CPU's main function is to:

- a) Store files
- b) Execute instructions
- c) Display images
- d) Provide network access

22. Which type of memory is volatile and loses data when power is off?

- a) ROM
- b) Flash memory
- c) RAM
- d) SSD

23. The BIOS is stored on:

- a) Hard drive
- b) ROM chip
- c) RAM
- d) Optical disk

24. Which expansion slot is commonly used for graphics cards?

- a) AGP
- b) PCI Express (PCIe)
- c) ISA
- d) DIMM

25. What is the standard connector type for most wired Ethernet cables?

- a) RJ-11
- b) RJ-45
- c) USB-C
- d) HDMI

26. Which component converts AC power to DC power in a desktop computer?

- a) PSU
- b) GPU
- c) CPU
- d) UPS

27. SSDs store data using:

- a) Magnetic platters
- b) Optical lasers
- c) Flash memory chips
- d) Tape reels

28. Which type of display uses liquid crystals and a backlight?

- a) CRT
- b) LCD
- c) OLED
- d) Plasma

29. The chipset on a motherboard controls communication between:

- a) CPU, RAM, and peripherals
- b) GPU and monitor
- c) HDD and SSD
- d) PSU and cooling system

30. Which type of port is most commonly used for connecting modern external storage devices?

- a) VGA
- b) HDMI
- c) USB
- d) PS/2

Security

31. Which type of malware encrypts a user's data and demands payment?

- a) Worm
- b) Ransomware
- c) Spyware
- d) Trojan

32. Two-factor authentication typically requires:

- a) A username and password
- b) Two different passwords
- c) Two distinct methods of verifying identity
- d) Fingerprint only

33. Which is an example of a strong password?

- a) password123
- b) Qwerty!@#
- c) T9m\$7hB!2
- d) 12345678

34. A firewall's main purpose is to:

- a) Detect and remove viruses
- b) Block unauthorized access
- c) Encrypt files
- d) Monitor employee productivity

35. Which type of attack involves overwhelming a system with traffic to make it unavailable?

- a) Phishing
- b) Brute force
- c) DDoS
- d) Spoofing

36. HTTPS ensures data security through:

- a) Compression
- b) Encryption
- c) Authentication
- d) Verification

37. The principle of least privilege means:

- a) Giving users only the access they need
- b) Denying all access
- c) Giving admin rights to all users
- d) Allowing unlimited access to data

38. Which of the following is a biometric security method?

- a) PIN
- b) Password
- c) Fingerprint scan
- d) Security question

Laptops, Tablets, and Mobile Devices

39. Which mobile OS is developed by Google?

- a) iOS
- b) Windows Mobile
- c) Android
- d) HarmonyOS

40. The term “airplane mode” on mobile devices disables:
- a) Camera
 - b) Wireless communications
 - c) Installed apps
 - d) Battery charging
41. Which type of display is most common in smartphones for deep blacks and vibrant colors?
- a) LCD
 - b) LED
 - c) OLED
 - d) Plasma
42. Mobile tethering allows:
- a) Connecting a phone to a TV
 - b) Sharing a phone’s internet connection with other devices
 - c) Charging devices wirelessly
 - d) Syncing files between devices

43. Which tablet feature adjusts the screen orientation automatically?
- a) Accelerometer
 - b) Gyroscope
 - c) Light sensor
 - d) GPS

44. Apple’s proprietary charging connector for older devices is known as:
- a) USB-C
 - b) Lightning
 - c) 30-pin dock connector
 - d) MagSafe

45. The Secure Enclave in Apple devices is used for:
- a) Gaming performance
 - b) Hardware-based key management and encryption
 - c) Cloud backups
 - d) Camera enhancements

Printers & Peripherals

46. Which type of printer uses powdered toner and heat to fuse images onto paper?
- a) Inkjet
 - b) Laser
 - c) Dot matrix
 - d) Thermal
47. The DPI specification for a printer refers to:
- a) Data per inch
 - b) Dots per inch
 - c) Display pixel integration
 - d) Disk print interface

48. An advantage of an inkjet printer over a laser printer is:

- a) Faster printing speeds
- b) Lower cost for high-volume printing
- c) Higher-quality photo printing
- d) Longer-lasting cartridges

49. Which interface is most commonly used for connecting printers to computers today?

- a) Parallel port
- b) USB
- c) Serial port
- d) PS/2

50. Which peripheral allows input by detecting touch directly on the screen?

- a) Touchpad
- b) Stylus
- c) Touchscreen
- d) Digitizer

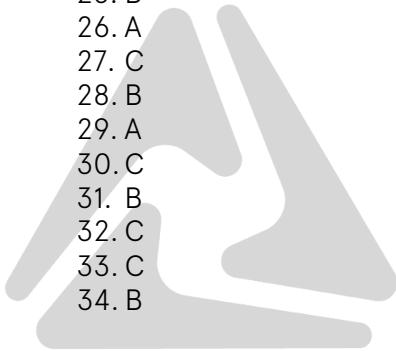


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| 2. A | 19. D | 36. B |
| 3. B | 20. B | 37. A |
| 4. C | 21. B | 38. C |
| 5. B | 22. C | 39. C |
| 6. A | 23. B | 40. B |
| 7. B | 24. B | 41. C |
| 8. B | 25. B | 42. B |
| 9. B | 26. A | 43. A |
| 10. B | 27. C | 44. C |
| 11. B | 28. B | 45. B |
| 12. B | 29. A | 46. B |
| 13. B | 30. C | 47. B |
| 14. A | 31. B | 48. C |
| 15. C | 32. C | 49. B |
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