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PART 1: Identify the following.

- Computer System 1. A combination of all the components required to process and store data using a computer.
- Hardware 2. The equipment or physical devices that are associated with a computer.
- Software 3. The computer instructions that tell the hardware what to do.
- Programs 4. The instruction sets written by programmers.
- Application Software 5. A type of software such as word processing, spreadsheets, payroll and inventory, even games.
- Syntax Error 6. Errors in language or grammar.
- System Software 7. Software such as operating systems like Windows, Linux, or UNIX.
- Output 8. Describes the entry of data items into computer memory using hardware devices such as keyboards and mice. *Input*
- Input Symbol 9. Indicates an input operation and is represented by a parallelogram in flowcharts.
- Input Symbol 10. Represented by a parallelogram in flowcharts.
- Processing Symbol 11. May involve organizing them, checking them for accuracy, or performing calculations with them.
- Processing Symbol 12. Indicates a processing operation and is represented by a rectangle in flowcharts.
- CPU 13. The hardware component that processes data.
- Output 14. Describes the operation of retrieving information from memory and sending it to a device, such as a monitor or printer, so people can view, interpret, and use the results.
- Output Symbol 15. Indicates an output operation and is represented by a parallelogram in flowcharts.
- Programming language 16. Used to write computer instructions called program code; used to write programs.
- Programming language 17. Also includes languages such as Visual Basic, C#, C++, Java.
- Syntax 18. Grammar rules of a language.
- Syntax error 19. Errors in language or grammar.
- RAM 20. The temporary, internal storage within a computer. *Computer memory*
- Volatile memory 21. Describes storage whose contents are retained when power is lost. *Nonvolatile memory*
- Translator program 22. Translates a high-level language into machine language and tells you if you have used a programming language incorrectly. *Compiler or Interpreter*
- Logical errors 23. Errors in program logic produce incorrect output.
- Variable 24. A named memory location whose value can vary.
- User or users 25. People who benefit from using computer programs.

- Documentation 26. Consists of all the supporting paperwork for a program.
- Algorithm 27. The sequence of steps necessary to solve any problem.
- Desk-checking 28. The process of walking through a program's logic on paper.
- coding the program 29. The act of writing programming language instructions.
- System error 30. When instructions are performed in the wrong order, too many times, or not at all. *logical errors*
- logical errors 31. Errors in program logic produce incorrect output
- Test 32. Execute the program with some sample data to see whether the results are logically correct
- Debugging 33. What is the process of finding and correcting program errors?
- Conversion 34. The entire set of actions an organization must take to switch over to using a new program or set of programs
- Maintenance 35. Consists of all the improvements and corrections made to a program after it is in production.

PART 2: Enumeration

- 3 major components of a computer system?
- 3 major computer hardware operations.
- 4 most common planning tools.
- 3 most common flowchart symbols.
- 7 steps on a program development life cycle.

9. - ~~Input~~ Hardware
 - ~~Processing~~ software
 - ~~Output~~ ~~Personnel~~ ~~Hardware~~

b. - Input
 - Processing
 - Output

c. - Flowcharts
 - Pseudocode
 - IPO Charts (Input, Output, Process)
 - DFE Charts (Data, File, Event, Control, Object, User, Environment)

d. Input
 Output
 Process

e. - understand the problem
 - Plan the logic
 - code the program
 - use software (a compiler or interpreter) to translate the program into machine language
 - Test the program
 - Put the program into production
 - Maintain the program