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**1. Programs from the same developer , sold bundled together , that provide better integration and share common features , toolbars and menus are known as ....**

- (A) software suites
- (B) integrated software packages
- (C) software processing packages
- (D) personal information managers
- (E) none of these

Ans : (A)

**2. A data warehouse is which of the following ?**

- (A) Can be updated by the end users
- (B) Contains numerous naming conventions and formats
- (C) Organized around important subject areas
- (D) Contains only current data
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

**3. servers store and manages files for network users.**

- (A) Authentication
- (B) Main
- (C) Web
- (D) File
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

**4. All of the following are examples of real security and privacy risks Except \_\_\_\_\_**

- (A) hackers
- (B) spam
- (C) viruses
- (D) identify theft
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

**5. \_\_\_\_\_ terminals (formerly known as cash registers) are often connected to complex inventory and sales computer systems .**

- (A) Data

- (B) Sales
  - (C) Query
  - (D) (Point-of-sale (POS)
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (B)

**6. The OSI model is divided into \_\_\_\_\_ processes called layers.**

- (A) five
  - (B) six
  - (C) seven
  - (D) eight
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (C)

**7. System software is the set of programs that enables your computer's hardware devices and \_\_\_\_\_**

software to work together.

- (A) management
  - (B) processing
  - (C) utility
  - (D) application
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (D)

**8. \_\_\_\_\_ are specially designed computer chips reside inside other devices, such as your car or your electronic thermostat.**

- (A) Servers
  - (B) Embedded computers
  - (C) Robotic computers
  - (D) Mainframes
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (B)

**9. The following are all computing devices , except.....**

- (A) notebook computers
  - (B) cellular telephones
  - (C) digital scanners
  - (D) personal digital assistants
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (C)

**10. in a ring topology , the the computer in possession of the \_\_\_\_\_ can trasmit data**

- (A) packet
- (B) data
- (C) access method
- (D) token
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

**11. This part of operating system manages the essential peripherals, such as the keyboard, screen , disk**

**drives, and parallel and serial ports \_\_\_\_\_**

- (A) basic input/output system
- (B) secondary input/output system
- (C) peripheral input/output system
- (D) marginal input/output system
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

**12. \_\_\_\_\_ Viruses are often transmitted by a floppy disk left in the floppy drive**

- (A) Trojan horse
- (B) Boot sector
- (C) Script
- (D) Logic bomb
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

**13. \_\_\_\_\_ controls the way in which the computer system functions and provides a meAns : by**

which users can interact with the computer

- (A) The platform
- (B) Application software
- (C) Operating system
- (D) The motherboard
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

**14. Servers are computers that provide resources to other computers connected to a**

- (A) mainframe
- (B) network
- (C) supercomputer

- (D) client
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

**15. A goal of data mining includes which of the following?**

- (A) To explain some observed event or condition
- (B) To confirm that data exists
- (C) To analyze data for expected relationships
- (D) To create a new data warehouse
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

**16. URL stands for .....**

- (A) Universal Research List
- (B) Universal Resource List
- (C) Uniform Resource Locator
- (D) Uniform Research Locator
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

**17. A database management system (DBMS) is a .....**

- (A) hardware system used to create , maintain and provide controlled access to a database
- (B) hardware system used to create, maintain, and provide uncontrolled access to a database.
- (C) software system used to create, maintain, and provide uncontrolled access to a database.
- (D) software system used to create, maintain, and provide controlled access to a database.
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

**18. Which of the following is NOT a goal of transaction processing system ?**

- (A) Capture , process and store transactions
- (B) Produce a variety of documents related to routine business activities
- (C) Reduce manual effort associated with processing business transactions
- (D) Produce standard reports used for management decision making
- (E) None of these

Ans : (E)

**19. A Proxy server is used for which of the following?**

- (A) To provide security against unauthorized users
- (B) To process client requests for web pages
- (C) To process client requests for database access
- (D) To provide TCP/IP

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

**20. When data changes in multiple lists and all lists are not updated, this causes:**

(A) data redundancy

(B) information overload

(C) duplicate data

(D) data inconsistency

(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

**21. \_\_\_\_\_ are words that a programming language has set aside for its own use.**

(A) Control words

(B) Reserved words

(C) Control structures

(D) Reserved keys

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

**22. What is the primary difference between a virus and a worm?**

(A) A worm has the ability to self-propagate from an infected user's computer to other computers

(B) A worm is usually written by a cracker: Script bunnies do not have the skills to develop a worm

program

(C) A virus is very harmful to the computers it infects : a worm is not a serious a problem

(D) Anti-virus software is effective in fighting viruses but not worms

(E) None of these

Ans : ( )

**23. \_\_\_\_\_ describe what is database fields.**

(A) Structures

(B) Field markers

(C) Field definition

(D) Field names

(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

**24. You must install a (n) \_\_\_\_\_ on a network if you want to share a broadband Internet connection.**

(A) router

(B) modem

(C) node

- (D) cable
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (A)

**25. A goal of normalization is to \_\_\_\_\_**

- (A) minimize the number of relationships
  - (B) minimize the number of entities
  - (C) minimize the number of tables
  - (D) minimize the number of redundancy
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (D)

**26. Granting an outside organization access to internet web pages is often implemented using a (n)**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- (A) extranet
  - (B) intranet
  - (C) internet
  - (D) hacker
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (A)

**27. Which term identifies a specific computer on the web and the main page of the entire site**

- (A) URL
  - (B) Web site address
  - (C) Hyperlink
  - (D) Domain name
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (A)

**28. The code that relational database management systems use to perform their database task is referred**

to as .....

- (A) QBE
  - (B) SQL
  - (C) OLAP
  - (D) Sequel Server
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (B)

**29. Chip is a common nickname for a (n):**

- (A) transistor
- (B) resistor
- (C) integrated circuit
- (D) semiconductor
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

**30. The purpose of the primary key in a database is to:**

- (A) unlock the database
- (B) provide a map of the data
- (C) uniquely identify a record
- (D) establish constraints on database operations.
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

**31. A \_\_\_\_\_ contains specific rules and words that express the logical steps of an algorithm.**

- (A) programming language
- (B) syntax
- (C) programming structure
- (D) logic chart
- (E) None of these

Ans : ( )

**32. The design of the network is called the network:**

- (A) architecture
- (B) server
- (C) transmission
- (D) type
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

**33. The most frequently used instructions of a computer program are likely to be fetched from:**

- (A) the hard disk
- (B) cache memory
- (C) RAM
- (D) registers

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

**34. The \_\_\_\_\_ contains data descriptions and defines the name, data type, and length of each field in the database.**

(A) data dictionary

(B) data table

(C) data record

(D) data field

(E) None of these

Ans : (A)

**35. Personal logs or journal entries posted on the Web are known as:**

(A) listservs

(B) Webcasts

(C) blogs

(D) subject directories

(E) None of these

Ans : (C)

**36. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ uses pictures (called icons) and menus displayed on the screen to send commands to the computer system.**

(A) command - based user interface

(B) GUI

(C) system utility

(D) API

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

**37. The \_\_\_\_\_ manual tells you how to use a software program.**

(A) documentation

(B) programming

(C) technical

(D) user

(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

**38. Which of the following is NOT a type of broadband Internet connection?**

- (A) Cable
- (B) DSL
- (C) Dial-up
- (D) Satellite
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

**39. Software, such as viruses, worms and Trojan horses, that has a malicious intent, is known as:**

- (A) spyware
- (B) adware
- (C) spam
- (D) malware
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

**40. Making a field \_\_\_\_\_ means : that it cannot be left blank.**

- (A) numeric
- (B) required
- (C) calculated
- (D) validated
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

**41. \_\_\_\_\_ is the process of finding errors in software code.**

- (A) Debugging
- (B) Compiling
- (C) Testing
- (D) Running
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

**42. \_\_\_\_\_ are viruses that are triggered by the passage of time or on a certain date.**

- (A) Boot-sector viruses
- (B) Macro viruses
- (C) Time bombs
- (D) Worms
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

**43. Linux is a (n) \_\_\_\_\_ operating system.**

- (A) open-source
- (B) Microsoft
- (C) Windows
- (D) Mac
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

**44. What is a backup?**

- (A) Restoring the information backup
- (B) An exact copy of a system's information
- (C) The ability to get a system up and running in the event of a system crash or failure
- (D) All of these
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

**45. Which of the following places the common data elements in order from smallest to largest**

- (A) character, file, record, field, database
- (B) character, record, field, database, file
- (C) character, field, record, file, database
- (D) Bit, byte, character, record, field, file, database,
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

**46. The internet is .....**

- (A) a large network of networks
- (B) an internal communication system for a business
- (C) a communication system for the Indian government
- (D) All of these
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

**47. \_\_\_\_\_ are lists of commands that appear on the screen.**

- (A) GUIs
- (B) Icons
- (C) Menus
- (D) Windows
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

**48. Which of the following statements is FALSE concerning file names?**

- (A) Files may share the same name or the same extension but not both
- (B) Every file in the same folder must have a unique name
- (C) File extension is another name for file type
- (D) The file extension comes before the dot (.) followed by the file name
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

**49. Verification of a login name and password is known as:**

- (A) configuration
- (B) accessibility
- (C) authentication
- (D) logging in
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

**50. Which of the following would most likely NOT be a symptom of a virus?**

- (A) Existing program files and icons disappear.
- (B) The CD-ROM stops functioning.
- (C) The Web browser opens to an unusual home page.
- (D) Odd messages or images are displayed on the screen.
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)