**GUESSING WORD MEANING EXERCISES:**

Mark the best answer of the ones given; do not use a dictionary.

Michael bought a new device for his computer because the previous device was not functioning well.

\_\_\_a hot dog

\_\_\_apparatus

\_\_\_car

Computers are updated every year; there is always a new version.

\_\_\_modernize

\_\_\_centralize

\_\_\_ generalize

The first activity you have to do is to turn on your computer because your computer gets energy.

\_\_\_sends

\_\_\_manipulates

\_\_\_perform

Peter is a typist and he takes a lot of time typing the information in the computer

\_\_\_a person who deletes the information

\_\_\_a person who puts the information in the computer

\_\_\_a person who formats the information in the computer

Computer systems are built in two different sections: hardware and software.

\_\_\_groups

\_\_\_units

\_\_\_sets

Computers work quite fast. You don’t need much time to finish a work.

\_\_\_task

\_\_\_job

\_\_\_service

The information is saved in different memory devices.

\_\_\_storage

\_\_\_used

\_\_\_received

The monitor displays all the information that you are working with.

\_\_\_deletes

\_\_\_manipulates

\_\_\_shows

**Read and mark the possible meaning of the underlined words; remember not to use a dictionary.**

**TYPES OF PRINTERS**

Printing is the final stage in creating a document. That is the purpose of the printers joined to your computer equipment. Since the results you can obtain with different types of printers will vary substantially, here is a guide to help you decide which one is most suitable for your need.

To begin with, it must be taken into account that printers vary in cost, speed, print quality and other factors such as noise or compatibility. In fact, printing technology is evolving so quickly that there is always a printer for every application or personal requirement.

**Dot-matrix printers** use pins to print the dots required to shape a character. They print text and graphics and nowadays some of them can print up to 450 characters per second (cps)

One common type of non-impact printer is an **ink-jet printer**. It operates by projecting small ink droplets onto paper to form the required image. This type of printer is quite fast, silent and not so expensive as a laser printer.

**Laser printers** produce output at great speed and with a very high resolution of 600/1200 dpi. They scan the image with a laser beam and transfer it to paper with a special ink powder.

**Thermal printers** use heat, that is, a special kind of paper and electrosensitive methods. They are silent and considered to be inexpensive.

**Photosetters** can be regarded as an attractive alternative. They do not print on regular paper, but on photographic paper or microfilm. They can produce output with a resolution of over 2000 dots per inch. Also, they are extremely fast.

Finally, **plotters** are a special kind of printer. Plotters use ink and fine pens held in a carriage to draw very detailed designs on papers. They are used for construction plans, engineering drawings and other technical illustrations.

1. Stage means:

a. part

b. reason

c. version

2. to begin with means:

a. educationally

b. on the contrary

c. first

3. nowadays means:

a. now

b. those day

c. last month

4. operates means:

a. manipulates

b. works

c. saves

5. speed means:

a. money

b. velocity

c. language

6. inexpensive. means:

a. reduced

b. decrease

c. cheap

7. thermal printers are:

a. hot

b. cold

c. warm

8. photosetters work with:

a. pens

b. photographic paper

c. laser

9. output means:

a. object

b. final result

c. quit

10. illustrations means:

a. planning

b. organizers

c. graphics