**THE HISTORY OF COMPUTERS**

When you are using a computer, think about the technology that is needed for it to work. People have been using types of computers for thousands of years. A metal machine was found on the seabed in Greece that was more than 2,000 years old. It is believed that this was the first ever computer.

In the 1940s, technology had developed enough for inventors to make the first generation of modern computers. One such model was so large that **it** needed a room that was 167 square metres to accommodate it. During that decade, scientists in England developed the first computer **program**. It took 25 minutes to complete one calculation. In 1958 CE, the computer chip was developed. The first computer game was produced in 1962 CE, followed two years later by the computer mouse. In 1971 CE, the floppy disk was invented, which meant that information could be shared between computers. The first PC (personal computer) was produced in 1974 CE, so people could buy computers to use at home.

In 1983 CE, people could buy a laptop for the first time. Then, in 1990 CE, the British scientist Tim Berners-Lee developed the World Wide Web. It was not until 2007 CE that the first smart phones appeared. Today, most people use **their** mobile phones every day.

What will happen in the future? You can already buy watches which can do the same as mobile phones. Scientists have also developed glasses that are capable of doing even more than this. Life in the future is going to see further changes in computer technology. It is likely that all aspects of everyday life will rely on a computer program, from how we travel to how our homes are heated.

1. Where was the oldest computer found?
2. How old is the world’s oldest computer?
3. When was the first generation of modern computers invented?
4. Write down the sentence which indicates that the first modern computer was huge.
5. Quote the sentence which indicates that the first computer program was developed in the 1940s.
6. Where was the first computer program invented?
7. The first modern computers were very slow. Write down a piece of evidence from the text.
8. Scientists have invented two things related to computers during the 1960s. Write them down.
9. Scientists have made an invention that fastens computer processes. Write it down.
10. Scientists have made an invention that made it easier to share information between computers. Write it down.
11. What was the invention that allowed people to use computers at home?
12. There are many inventions between the 1950s and 1970s. Write down two of them.
13. When has the first laptop been available to customers for the first time?
14. Who developed the World Wide Web?
15. There are many inventions between the 1980s and 2000s. Write down two of them.
16. There are two futuristic technologies which are already available. Write them down.
17. Write down the sentence which shows that humans’ life will depend on computers very much in the future.
18. Find a word in the text which means “**a way of using numbers in order to find out amount**”.
19. What does the underlined word “**program**” mean?
20. What does the underlined pronoun “**their**” in the third paragraph, refer to?
21. What does the underlined pronoun “**it**” in the second paragraph, refer to?

**Critical thinking**

We rely more and more on computer technology in our life. Think of this statement and

in two sentences write your point of view.