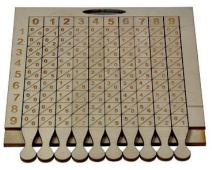
# CLASS - VII SUBJECT - COMPUTER APPLICATION CHAPTER -2 History of Computers

#### Abacus -

- It is a calculating device to perform basic operation like addition, multiplication, division etc. It is a wooden frame with some beads sliding on wires.
- This device can be used by blind persons also. ( diagram on page- 27)

## Napier's bones -

- It is a manually operated calculating device created by John Napier of Scotland for calculation of products and quotients of numbers.
- It is a base board with a rim which performs multiplication by repeated addition and division by repeated subtraction.



#### Pascaline -

- It is mechanical calculator invented by Blaise Pascal for the same purpose of basic mathematical function.
- It performs addition of two numbers directly the value entered is added to the accumulator as it is being dialed in.
- It was made up of metal with rings that are use to dial, so it was very costly.( Diagram on pg 27)

#### Jacquard's Loom -

- This machine was used in textile industry, to produce variety of pattern in textile.
- The punch card used in the jacquard mechanism laid the foundation for modern computer programming. (Diagram on pg 28)

#### Mark-I-

- The Automatic Sequence controlled calculator Mark -I was the first operating machine that could execute long computation automatically.
- It was a project developed by Dr Howard Aiken and IBM engineers.
- The first program was initiated on 29th March 1944.
- It was very huge in size. (Diagram on pg 28)

## **Different Generations of Computers**

Generation	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
Technology used	Vacuum tubes	Transistors	Integrated circuits	Microprocessor	Artificial Intelligence
Duration	1940-1956	1956-1964	1964-1971	1971-present	Present and beyond
Input/output devices	Punch card	Punch card	Keyboard/ Monitors	Hard disk, cd,dvd and mouse/Monitor s	Voice
Programming language	Low level (machine code)	Low level	High level	High level	High level
Examples	UNIVAC	1BM 700	ALTAIR	PERSONAL COMPUTERS	ROBOTS

Study the other characteristics of each generation. (pg no-.29 - 30)

## **EXERCISES (pg 33)**

## (Note the question answer in the copy)

## 1. Answer the following questions.

## a. Which was the first calculating device made by man? Where was it invented and by whom?

Ans) Abacus was the first calculating device made by man.

It was first invented in Mesopotamia by Babylonians. Later it was designed by Egyptians and further developed by Chinese.

## b. Who was Charles Babbage? Why is he known as the Father of Computer?

Ans) Charles Babbage was a Mathematician and mechanical engineer born in London.

He is known as the "Father of Computer" for his contribution in inventing the first mechanical computer that laid the foundation for development of modern computers.

He also invented the Difference Engine and Analytical engine.

## c. What were the main difference between the First Generation and Second Generation?

#### Ans

First Generation	Second Generation		
1. Vacuum tubes were used for circuitry	1.Transistors replaced vacuum tubes in circuits		
2. They were very large in size and expensive	2. They became faster, smaller and cheaper.		
3. Magnetic drums were used for storage	3. Magnetic disk was used for storage.		
4. They used to consume lots of energy.	4. They are more energy efficient than first		
	generation		

## d. What primary changes did the third generation computers bring about in the development of computers?

Ans. The primary changes of third generation computers are.

- 1. They used Integrated circuits which reduced the size of computers.
- 2. Operating System was first introduced.
- 3. Keyboards and monitors were used as input and output devices.
- 4. Transistors were small in size which reduced the efficiency of computers.

## e. Name four people who with their inventions created a major impact in the early history of computers.

#### Ans

Famous persons	Inventions	
1.John Napier	Napier's Bones	
2.Blaise Pascal	Pascaline	
3. Jacquard's loom	Punched Cards	
4.Charles Babbage	Difference Engine and Analytical engine	

## 4. Name the device

a. It was the first mechanical computer.

b. It revolutionized the weaving industry in 1801

Analytical Engine

Jacquard's Loom

c. It was the first mechanical calculating device <a href="Pascaline">Pascaline</a>

d .It was the first calculating device powered by steam

Difference Engine

e. It was first electro- mechanical general purpose computer Mark I

HOME WORK – Solve question no 2, 5 and 6 in copy Collect the information about the following personalities

1. Bill Gates 2. Steve Jobs

<sup>\*\*</sup> Children are requested to go through the notes thoroughly and write down the notes and questions

<sup>-</sup> answers in your copies\*\*\*