Computers and You

Overview

This is a chance for me to get to know you better and to help me better understand your previous experience with computers. There are nine questions. Each question should be answered in one or two paragraphs.

**Be aware of the following marking considerations:**

The minimum length for each answer is 3 sentences, but feel free to go beyond this. You will lose marks if you use less than 3 sentences to answer any question. Point-form or list-based answers will not be accepted. Spelling and grammatical errors will also result in lost marks. See the Rubric section below for the full marking details.

Questions

**1)**Think back and describe your first memory of interacting with a computer. Be sure to include the following:

* When and where the encounter occurred.
* How old you were at the time.
* The type of computer.

**2)** What do you love about working on a computer?

**3)** What do you hate about working on a computer?

**4)** What do you wish computers could do that they currently cannot do? Why?

**5)** Describe your experience with computers and computer programming. (If you have no past experience with computers write a short poem about a robot who couldn't follow orders.)

**6)** Why do want to learn computer applications?

**7)** What is the coolest thing you've seen a computer do?

**8)** What are three things you hope to learn in this course. In other words, what are your learning expectations for this course.

Submission

* Your work may be submitted as an electronic or printed Word document or hand-written on lined paper.
* Hand-written work must be tidy and legible.
* Multi-page work must be stapled or paper-clipped together.

Rubric

Your work will be marked using the following criteria:

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| **Criteria** | **Description** | **Weight** |
| Q1 – Q8 | Response meets minimum length requirements of three full sentences and provides a satisfactory answer. | 2 per question |
| Spelling | Correct spelling and grammar. | 0.5 per question |
| Legibility | Work is tidy/legible and includes your full name. | Possible 2 point deduction |
| Format | Multi-page work is stapled or paper-clipped. | Possible 1 point deduction |

**Total Marks: 20**

*8 Questions Worth 2.5 Marks Each = 20 Possible Marks*