Computer essentials

1. *Look at these extracts from reviews on a consumer website. Which piece of hardware is each extract describing? Choose from the drop-down menu.*

1. Available in 15" or 21" models, …
2. With both wired and wireless versions to choose from, …
3. … you can back up over 4GB of data in minutes.
4. … , and the pages per minute increases for black and white jobs.
5. … surprisingly at this price, it even works in very low light conditions.

2. *Look at these extracts from emails to an online helpdesk. Which type of computer is each person talking about? Choose from the drop-down menu.*

1. I dropped it as I was getting out of a taxi, and now it won't turn on.
2. I lost the stylus. Is it safe to use a pencil to input directly onto the screen?
3. As soon as it went offline, every PC on the network crashed.
4. I was rotating the screen round to show something to a colleague, and now it won't move.
5. Can you send someone down to show me the best position for my monitor and keyboard? I want to avoid getting any back or neck problems.

3. *Which prepositions are used with the following words? Choose from the drop-down menu.*

1 classify	**3** consist	**5** class
2 divide	**4** type	

4. *Complete this description of a basic PC system by typing in words from the box.*

into *classes* *type* *consists* *divided*

A basic PC system can be (1) into two main parts: hardware and software. Software basically means computer programs; for example, your media player is a (2) of software. Hardware, on the other hand, (3) of mechanical and electronic equipment. It can be divided (4) three main types: the CPU, main memory and peripherals. There are three

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main (5) of peripheral: input devices (keyboard, mouse, etc.), output devices (monitor, printer, etc.) and storage devices (DVD drives, flash drives, etc.).

5. Join these words from the text (1-9) with the correct meanings (a-i)

1. Software	a. The brain of the computer
2. Peripheral	b. Physic parts that make up a computer system
3. Main memory	c. Programs which can be used on a particular computer system
4. Hard drive (also known as hard disk)	d. The information which is presented to the computer
5. Hardware	e. Results produced by a computer
6. Input	f. Input devices attached to the CPU
7. Ports	g. Section that holds programs and data while they are executed or processed
8. Output	h. Magnetic device used to store information
9. Central processing unit (CPU)	i. Sockets into which an external device may be connected.

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