**Read the text and choose one the options below.**

**BIRTH OF THE COMPUTER**

Most people think of computers as very modern things, products of our new technological age. You might be perhaps surprised to ﬁnd 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that this is not correct. Actually, the idea of computing 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worked out over two centuries ago by a man named Charles Babbage.

Charles Babbage was born in 1791 in England. He was not an outstanding student; his school marks were far from excellent, but he was thoughtful and grew 3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be a superb mathematician. In his free time he drew up plans for several calculating machines

4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he called ,,engines". They were huge, mechanically 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and very slow from today's point of view. Babbage only 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ building them and he never actually ﬁnished any of them. In his time people thought such machines would never work.

A couple of years ago, the Science Museum in London ﬁnished building 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,,engine“ based on one of Babbage’s plans. Believe it or 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it took six years to complete the machine. A group of scientists and engineers needed four thousand special

9 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The machine will be on show at a special exhibition 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ year. Come and see the great grandfather of your PC!

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2a) has b) was c) had d) is

3a) over b) down c) up d) in

4a) whose b) who c) these d) which

5a) operate b) operating c) operated d) operable

6a) wanted b) made c) begin d) started

7a) some b) the c) an d) a

8a) no b) don’t c) never d) not

9a) things b) parts c) facts d) products

10a) last b) future c) next d) recent