

Literacy Assignment # 3 Operating Systems

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Read through pages 31 – 46 and answer the questions below.

1. What five major functions does an *operating system* perform? (p. 32)
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
 - d)
 - e)
2. How did the user work with a *command-line interface* of the late 1970s and 1980s?
3. What does a *graphical user interface* make use of? (See the picture on p. 33)
4. What is a *directory*? (p. 34)
5. What does the *extension* part of a file name indicate? (p. 35)
6. Why weren't the early versions of *Windows* considered to be real operating systems? (p. 36)

7. What is *time-sharing*?

8. Why was the Macintosh operating system considered to be a breakthrough in computing? (p. 37)

9. Why do you think most people in the world use Windows instead of Mac computers?
(The answer to this question is not in the book).

*** You can skip pages 40 – 45 since most of it is out of date for modern users ***