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Most high school students would be delighted to be accepted by Harvard University. But <sup>(1)</sup>Harvard had little to offer young Bill Gates. After several semesters, he dropped out and went to work. What he did with his free time was to make him one of the richest men in America.

5     Actually, his career started while he was in high school. His parents sent him to an all-boys preparatory school in Seattle. At school, he discovered the amazing world of computers. He quickly learned the programming language ( 2a ) BASIC. He <sup>(3)</sup>[hours / do / finding out / could / a computer / what / spent]. Before long, he and Paul Allen, a classmate, became local experts on  
10 computer programming. They could not afford to buy a computer, but they could ( 4b ) one.

Even though they were only high school students, they found <sup>(5)</sup>an unusual after-school job. It was not serving hamburgers or waiting on customers in a shop. They were hired to create a system for checking on activities in a power  
15 plant. Gates and Allen were young ( 4c ). They competed to see which of them could program the faster and the longer. They would sometimes work several days nonstop. <sup>(6)</sup>In addition to receiving pay, they were also learning a lot about how computers can be made to operate.

After they ( 4d ) high school, the friends went separate ways. Allen stayed  
20 in Seattle, and Gates went to Boston to attend Harvard. At Harvard, however, Gates was not a serious student. He spent most of his time in the university computer center.

In late 1974 Gates received a phone call from his old friend. Allen had heard about a new minicomputer that only cost \$400. It was a price that ordinary  
25 people could afford. However, the price was for just the machine. To operate, it needed an operating system. Allen made an exciting proposal. Why didn't they