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The Symbols Quiz, KEY

Instructions: Match each term, explanation, or description on the right with the most appropriate symbol on the left.

1.	_B_ ~ tilde	A. silcrow, section sign, double s
2.	_I_ … ellipsis	B. tilde, a diacritical mark [over "n" in Spanish for a nasal, señor, below!]
3.	_E_ ^ (over a noun) circum.	C. caret [something is missing, insert here]
4.	_G_ ⏻ power	D. paragraph break [pilcrow or blind P] (saved vellum!)
5.	_J_ #, ♭ sharp, flat	E. circumflex, a diacritical mark [varies w/ language]
6.	_A_ § silcrow	F. colon and semicolon [1/2 a colon]
7.	_C_ ^ caret	G. power, on/off (1990s ?)
8.	_F_ :, ; colon, semi-	H. brackets [usu. indicate remarks not by author; ( ) = parenthesis, temp. departure]
9.	_D_ ¶ para, pilcrow	I. ellipsis […. means something is omitted + a period]
10.	_H_ [ ] brackets	J. musical sharp and flat; # also: octothorpe, number, hashtag, tic tac toe, pound

1.	_G_ ¥ yen, yuan	A. grawlix [random obscenities]
2.	_H_ K called K	B. Euro [designed by Arthur Eisenmenger] ~ 5¢
3.	_J_ ¨ over a vowel umlaut	C. inequality
4.	_A_ %$&*! grawlix	D. welcome [Upside down pineapple=one interested in polyamory]
5.	_B_ € Euro	E. swastika [good fortune in Sanskrit; Nazi in Germany] sp. OK.
6.	_I_ ₿ Bitcoin	F. infinity
7.	_E_ 卐 swastika	G. Japanese yen and Chinese yuan
8.	_C_ ≠ not equal	H. out by virtue of a called strike [baseball; K=strike out]
9.	_D_ welcome	I. Bitcoin [B + 2 broken vertical lines from $]
10.	_F_ ∞ infinity	J. umlaut [*München*, or dieresis as in naïve] Not "MUNCHIN"

MORE:

Asterisk * beside a statistic in a record book = he cheated, he was juiced, on steroids
• = bullet
§ = silcrow, double s, or section sign
=$ from abbrev. of Mex. "pesos" w/ a P written over S; much =debated
Thumb up/down; thumb in fist=live sword sheathed
Skull and crossed bones? Pirates, Jolly Roger
=Hourglass inside a circle/Earth=our extinction; cynical =environmentalists
=@? at; Hebrew=strudel; Dutch=monkey's tail; Chinese=little =mouse; Czech= pickled herring roll; Danish/Swedish= =elephant's trunk, etc.
2*2+1=5; * used for x, multiply
Fish w/ legs/Darwin=pro evolution; anti-fundamentalism
Olive branch=peace
=Double arches=McDonalds; more often recognized in world =than Christian cross
=Red crystal? a red square balanced on one corner; Red Cross, =Red Crescent, Red Magen David [Star of David]
==Obelus = divide by ÷
† = deceased
` grave, e.g. "learnèd" marks extra syl.; acute, e.g. résumé

Smiley? Emoticon ☺
cc= carbon copy; last used in 1980? bcc=blind cc
=caduceus? Medical profession; 2 snakes entwined on rod of =Hermes or Asclepius; his daughters were *Hygeia* & *Panacea*
==yin and yang? Dualisms of nature; male/female; good/evil; ==night/day, life/death, etc.
£? British pound, fm. Latin *libra*
¥ ? Japanese AND Chinese yen/yuan
π ? pi, 3.14159…
=male ♂, female ♀ and hermaphroditic ⚥; male sym. w/ cut =arrow=vasectomy; "clipped but equipped"
&? Ampersand, from Latin *et*, used by Roman scribes
Latin/Roman = †
Greek = ✝
Chi rho = ☧
St. Peter's = ✝
Celtic = ✠
Russian Orthodox = ✟
~ **approximately, about, like**
/ virgule, slant bar
Treble clef 𝄞

≈ approx.
≡ identical to
≠ not =
> < greater less
Σ sum
: is to
:: as
∴ ergo
∵ b/c
w/ with

? fm. Lat. questio, Abbrev. ℚ (Q over O)
! fm. Lat. io (joy), i over o = !