Inventions that Shook the World Video Series (Episodes 8, 9, 10)

Instructions: Circle and clearly indicate the correct answer (True or False).

Questions Relating to Inventions that Shook the World Video Series – Episode 8 (1970s)

TRUE / FALSE 1. The inventor of the cell phone worked for Motorola’s car phone division and his first call, in front of reporters, was to his competitor.

TRUE / FALSE 2. The glue that made Post-Its possible was one of the quickest inventions to market in history, with the first product (a self-stick bulletin board) being a huge success just weeks after the glue was invented.

TRUE / FALSE 3. The first bomb disposal robot was made from a modified wheelbarrow and was meant to tow cars away.

TRUE / FALSE 4. When first invented by Polaroid, the digital camera was simply too small for most consumers that were used to larger cameras.

TRUE / FALSE 5. By the time he invented the first hybrid gas/electric car, the government contest to create one was over. He now owns a Toyota Prius, a car based on the technology he invented.

Questions Relating to Inventions that Shook the World Video Series – Episode 9 (1980s)

TRUE / FALSE 6. The inventor of DNA profiling first tried to use the innovation to solve a crime by testing an entire town of men, but the real criminal had his friend give blood, so none of the samples matched.

TRUE / FALSE 7. The MIR space station, now on display in a museum in Moscow, lasted only one year even though it was designed to last for five years.

TRUE / FALSE 8. The inventor of the nicotine patch refused to do clinical trials or experiment on animals, so his product wasn’t tested prior to its release to the market.

TRUE / FALSE 9. The internet was made possible by the invention of a common protocol (TCP/IP) that allowed an existing group of smaller networks to communicate with each other.

TRUE / FALSE 10. The capsule endoscopy’s inventor was a James Bond fan, and the device sends back its pictures to a separate recorder the patient wears so the actual pill is disposable.

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TRUE / FALSE 11. The inventor of the technology the fixed the Hubble Space Telescope came up with the idea of mirrors in the light path that could adjust from seeing his adjustable shower head.

TRUE / FALSE 12. The big challenge in the Mars Pathfinder landing was creating airbags that would withstand a violent bouncing landing on the rocky surface of Mars.

TRUE / FALSE 13. The inventor of the windup radio was an avid boater who wanted to save fisherman from storms by allowing them to have radios on boats that didn’t depend on electricity. His only regret was never meeting anyone famous.

TRUE / FALSE 14. The camera phone was invented at a hospital by a new father who wanted to share pictures of his baby using his laptop and cell phone.

TRUE / FALSE 15. The neurotrophic electrode works by being inserted in the eye of a paralyzed person so the force of their blinking can trigger on/off type electrical pulses.