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Use this week's issue of TIME for Kids (Edition 3–4) to answer the questions. For each question, circle the letter next to the best answer.

RI.3.1; RI.4.1

- 1.** What does the McKinsey Global Institute's report predict?
- A. Robots will help humans.
 - B. Robots will take over millions of human jobs.
 - C. Robots are very cheap.
 - D. Robots are smarter than humans.

RI.3.7; RI.4.7

- 2.** Which photo helps the reader better understand the robot that works with Vardakostas?
- A. "Burger Bot"
 - B. "Machine Precision"
 - C. "Factory Worker"
 - D. "Ride Along"

RI.3.1; RI.4.1

- 3.** According to the article, what is a benefit of robot workers?
- A. They cost less than paying employees.
 - B. They can do work quickly.
 - C. They are very smart.
 - D. both A and B

RI.3.1; RI.4.1

- 4.** What is one disadvantage of robot workers?
- A. Robots are repetitive.
 - B. Robots can break easily.
 - C. They make it harder for people to find jobs.
 - D. Their burgers may not taste as good.

RI.3.8; RI.4.8

- 5.** Which evidence shows that a robot might not be the best option for taking care of sick people?
- A. the story about Alex Vardakostas's childhood
 - B. the caption "Machine Precision"
 - C. the section "Robo-Workers"
 - D. a quote by Martin Ford

RI.3.1; RI.4.1

- 6.** What is the meaning of repetitive, in the first paragraph of the "Human Touch" section?
- A. to pet again
 - B. needing to be done again and again
 - C. automatic
 - D. requiring little education

RI.3.7; RI.4.7

- 7.** The purpose of the sidebar "Author Bot" is to tell the reader
- A. robots won't replace writers.
 - B. a human wrote this article.
 - C. computer programs can write simple articles.
 - D. the Associated Press uses Wordsmith.

RI.3.1; RI.4.1

- 8.** Robots can probably
- A. flip pancakes.
 - B. drive cars.
 - C. calculate change.
 - D. all of the above.

RI.3.8; RI.4.8

- 9.** The author wrote this article to
- A. argue the need for robots in restaurants.
 - B. inform readers about how robots are taking over jobs.
 - C. persuade readers that robots will soon take over the world.
 - D. explain the results of a 2017 study.

RI.3.8; RI.4.8

- 10.** Alex Vardakostas would probably agree that
- A. robots are great employees.
 - B. robots are too expensive.
 - C. it is not fair for robots to take human jobs.
 - D. robots will cause a disruption.

Bonus Think about a job that one of your parents or a family member does. Do you think a robot would be able to do that job, or part of that job? Why or why not? Use evidence from the article to explain your thinking.