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# Robots at Work December 7, 2018

Use this week's issue of TIME for Kids (Edition 5–6) to answer the questions. For each question, circle the letter next to the best answer.

RI.5.5; RI.6.1

1. Which task is *not* something the burger-making machine can do?
- A. grind meat
  - B. cut vegetables
  - C. apply seasonings
  - D. suggest flavor pairings

RI.5.3; RI.6.3

2. What effect has the burger-making machine had at the restaurant Creator?
- A. All employees have been fired.
  - B. Burgers cost less.
  - C. Service is slower.
  - D. Burgers are not as tasty.

RI.5.7; RI.6.7

3. Which machine in the photos is acting as an instructor?
- A. the burger-making robot
  - B. the surgical robot
  - C. the robot cop
  - D. the self-driving car

RI.5.1; RI.6.1

4. Which job is most likely to be automated?
- A. engineer
  - B. therapist
  - C. cashier
  - D. nurse

RI.5.5; RI.6.1

5. What does it mean to “think outside the box” (paragraph 9)?
- A. to think imaginatively
  - B. to think mathematically
  - C. to think predictably
  - D. to think irrationally

RI.5.1; RI.6.1

6. How many people might be forced out of their jobs by 2030 as a result of automation?
- A. around 50,000
  - B. fewer than 4 million
  - C. between 4 million and 8 million
  - D. between 400 million and 800 million

RI.5.8; RI.6.8

7. The article ends with a quote by Alex Vardakostas. Based on the quote, he would likely agree that
- A. workers will need people skills and innovative thinking to succeed in the future.
  - B. machines will take over all jobs in the future.
  - C. people will have to do repetitive jobs in the future.
  - D. machines will no longer be needed in the future.

RI.5.5; RI.6.5

8. Section 2 is called “Robo-Workers.” What might be another good title for the section?
- A. The Robots Are Coming
  - B. Burger Bots
  - C. How Robots Work
  - D. Robot Rescue

RI.5.6; RI.6.6

9. The author wrote this article to
- A. convince readers that robots should be banned from the workforce.
  - B. compare factory robots with service robots.
  - C. inform readers of the role humans will play in an increasingly automated workforce.
  - D. warn readers that robots will take over all jobs in the future.

RI.5.5; RI.6.5

10. How does the sidebar, “Author Bot,” support the cover story’s main idea?
- A. It proves that robots do better than humans at all jobs.
  - B. It shows that no job is safe from a robot takeover.
  - C. It confirms that jobs requiring creative thinking are in danger.
  - D. It provides another example of automation in the workplace.

**Bonus** The article states that jobs safe from automation are those that require creative thinking, interacting with people, having empathy, and building relationships. Can these skills be taught? Explain on a separate sheet of paper.