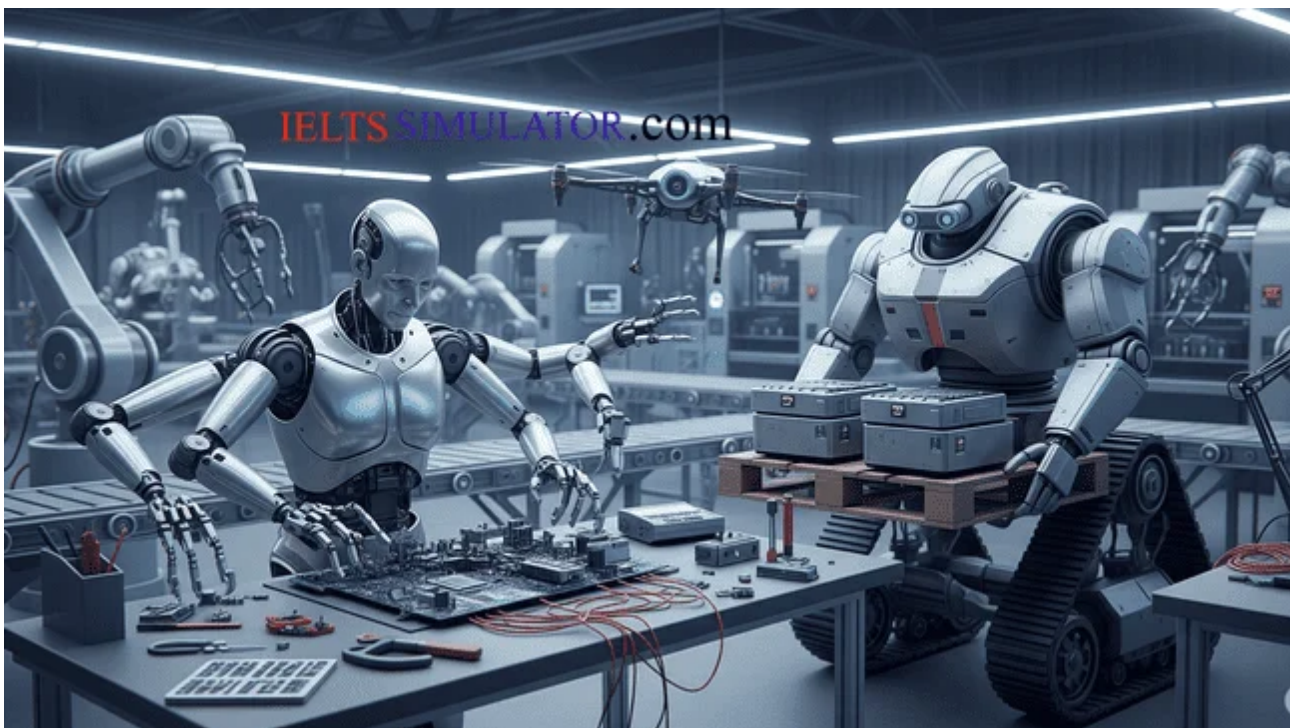


IELTS READING – ROBOTS AT WORK S21GT5



IELTS READING ROBOTS AT WORK Reading Practice Test has 10 Questions belongs to the Technology & Automation subject..

27 A. The newspaper production process has come a long way from the old days when the paper was written, edited, typeset and ultimately printed in one building with the journalists working on the upper floors and the printing presses going on the ground floor. These days the editor,

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Questions 27 - 32

The Passage on the above pages has seven paragraphs (A - G).

DRAG AND DROP the most suitable headings for paragraphs A - B and D - G from the list of headings below.

Choose the appropriate numbers (i - ix) in boxes 27 - 32 below.

NB There are more headings than paragraphs: so you will not use all of them.

- i. Robots working together
- ii. Preparing LGVs for take-over
- iii. Looking ahead
- iv. The LGVs' main functions
- v. Split location for newspaper production
- vi. Newspapers superseded by technology
- vii. Getting the newspaper to the printing centre
- viii. Controlling the robots

subeditors and journalists who put the paper together are likely to find themselves in a totally different building or maybe even in a different city. This is the situation which now prevails in Sydney. The daily paper is compiled at the editorial headquarters, known as the prepress centre, in the heart of the city, but printed far away in the suburbs at the printing centre. Here human beings are in the minority as much of the work is done by automated machines controlled by computers.

Questions 33 - 40

Complete the flow-chart below.

Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** from the text for each answer.

Type your answers in boxes 33 - 40 below.

The Production Process

The final version of the text is 33 to the printing centre.

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The pages arrive by facsimile.

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The pages are converted into 34

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35 are made for use in the printing presses.

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The LG Vs are 36 by computer.

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The LGVs collect the reels of paper.

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The LGVs remove the 37 from the reel.

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The reel is 38

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The reel is trimmed and prepared by the 39

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The reel is taken to the press. The reel is taken to the 40

28 B. Once the finished newspaper has been created for the next morning's edition, all the pages are transmitted electronically from the prepress centre to the printing centre. The system of transmission is an update on the sophisticated page facsimile system already in use in many other newspapers. An imagesetter at the printing centre delivers the pages as films. Each page takes less than a minute to produce, although for colour pages four versions, once each for black, cyan, magenta and yellow are sent. The pages are then processed into photographic negatives and the film is used to produce aluminium printing plates ready for the presses.

Example C. Beware of robots

A procession of automated vehicles is busy at the new printing centre where the Sydney Morning Herald is printed each day. With lights flashing and warning horns honking, the robots (to give them their correct name, the LGVs or laser guided vehicles) look for all the world like enthusiastic machines from a science fiction movie, as they follow their own random paths around the plant busily getting on with their jobs. Automation of this kind is now standard in all modern newspaper plants. The robots can detect unauthorised personnel and alert security staff immediately if they find an "intruder" not surprisingly, tall tales are already being told about the machines starting to take on personalities of their own.

29 D. The robots' principal job, however, is to shift the newsprint (the printing paper) that arrives at the plant in huge reels and emerges at the other end sometime later as newspapers. Once the size of the day's paper and the publishing order are determined at head office, the information is punched into the computer and the LGVs are programmed to go about their work. The LGVs collect the appropriate size paper reels and take them where they have to go. When the press needs another reel its computer alerts the LGV system. The Sydney LGVs move busily around the press room fulfilling their two key functions to collect reels of newsprint either from the reel stripping stations or from the racked supplies in the newsprint storage area. At the stripping station, the tough wrapping that helps to protect a reel of paper from rough handling is removed. Any damaged paper is peeled off and the reel is then weighed.

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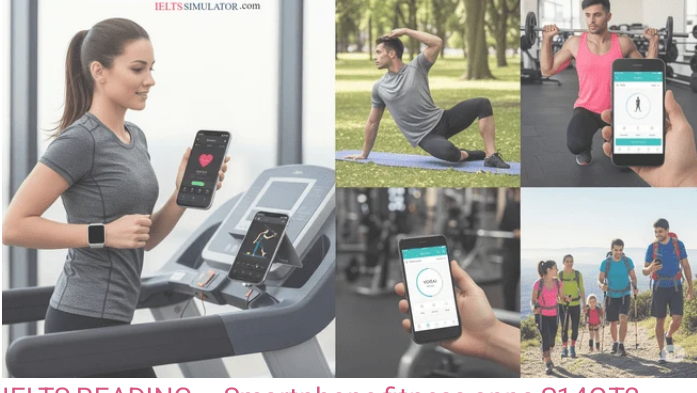
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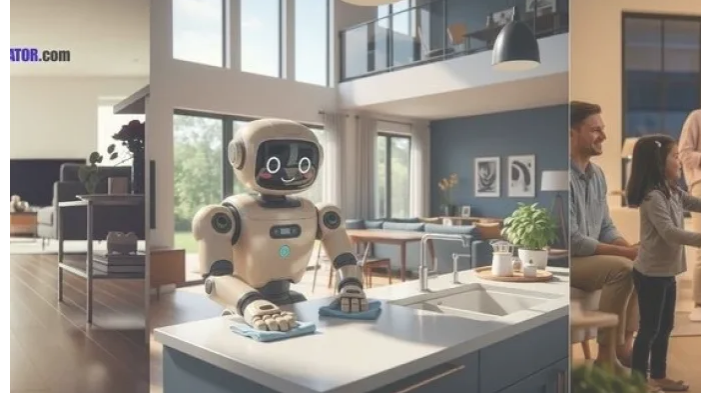
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