

Level :TCST

English Exam Third Term

Duration :02h00

The inventor of the television remote control has passed away at the age of 96. The associated press news agency reported that Eugene J. Polley died of natural causes on Sunday. His creation is one of today's most commonly used and ubiquitous devices. Mr Polley worked as an engineer for a company called Zenith, now part of Korea's LG Electronics. He introduced his gun-shaped remote control, called the Flash Matic, in 1955. **It** was one of 18 patents he owned. The Flash –Matic used light to turn the TV on and off, adjust the volume and change channels. His invention was followed up five years later by fellow Zenith engineer Robert Adler, who used ultrasound instead of light. Today's remote controls use infrared light.

Polley worked for Zenith for 47 years and held some top technology posts. In 1997, the USA's National Academy of Television Arts and Science honored him by awarding him with an Emmy Award for pioneering Development of wireless Remote Controls for consumer Television. Polley's invention is something we all take for granted nowadays. Generations of people have grown up not knowing that before remote controls, people actually had to leave the sofa and push a button or turn dial to change **their** TV settings. Today, we use remotes for everything from adjusting the brightness of lights to changing songs on our iPods to opening the garage door from 30 metres. Life would be quite different without this handy gadget.

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish/1205/1205233-remote-control>.

Part One: A/ - Reading Interpretation (8 pts)

1)- Choose the right answer:

The text is taken from: a- the internet b- a novel c- newspaper article

2)- Are the following statements true or false according to the text:

- a- The inventor of remote control died from exposure to infrared rays.
- b- The first remote control was in the shape of a gun.
- c- The inventor worked for Zenith for nearly five decades.
- d- The article says remote control is a very convenient and useful device.

3) - Read the text and put the following sentences in order they appear in the text:

- a- Remote control is developed throughout time.
- b- Remotes are so useful that they are used for different purposes.
- c- Polley won a prize for his creation.
- d- The inventor worked for Zenith.

4) - Answer the following questions according to the text:

- a- What did Mr. Polley use in his invention to change channels?
- b- Are people aware of life before remote control?

5) - Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer, the text tell us about:

- a- the foundation of a company b- an invention's profile c- an inventor's biography

6) - What or who do the underlined words refer to?

- a- it (§1) = b- their (§2) =

B/- Text Exploration: (7 pts)

1)- Find in the text words which are closest in meaning to the following:

died (§1) = Prize (§2) =

2)- Divide these words into roots and affixes:

inventor- remote- ultrasound – brightness

prefix	root	suffix

3) - Connect each pairs of sentences with one of the words given. Make changes where necessary.

although- as a result- so.....that

- a- Louis Pasteur discovered the vaccine against rabies. His vaccine has saved many lives.
 b- The mobile phones are useful. Everyone has one.
 c- Television is a good mean of telecommunication. It wastes our time.

4) – Put the stress on the following words:

technology – technological- philosophy- democracy.

5) - Complete the dialogue:

A-

B- I think that the internet is the greatest invention of all time.

A- What has the internet changed in people's life?

B-

A-

A- Despite all the advantages, the internet has many drawbacks such as killing books and wasting time.

Part Two: Written Expression (5 pts)

Choose ONE of the following topics

Topic One: Use the following notes to write a short biography about Michael Faraday

Name	Date and place of birth	Life	discovery	Date of death
Michael Faraday (English scientist)	22 September 1791 in Newington England	-poor family -his father a blacksmith	The principle of the dynamo, 1833. radio waves, 1845	25 August 1867 Middlesex, England

Topic Two: Write a magazine article in which you tell us about the advantages of the new tablets.

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