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Reading Comprehension Passage (Advanced Level)

Passage:

In a world increasingly driven by technology, the definition of intelligence is undergoing a transformation. Traditional views often equated intelligence with linguistic and mathematical abilities — traits commonly measured in standardized tests. However, the 21st century demands a broader understanding. Emotional intelligence, adaptability, creativity, and the ability to collaborate across cultures are now seen as equally essential.

Artificial Intelligence (AI), for instance, may outperform humans in calculation and data analysis, yet it still struggles with empathy, ethics, and nuanced decision-making. These are areas where human intelligence, in all its diversity, still prevails. This shift in perspective is leading educators and employers to value multiple intelligences — linguistic, logical-mathematical, spatial, musical, bodily-kinesthetic, interpersonal, intrapersonal, and naturalistic.

Therefore, cultivating a single skill is no longer sufficient. In today's interconnected world, intelligence lies in one's ability to learn continuously, embrace complexity, and respond to challenges with creativity and collaboration.

	Comprehension	Questions:
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- 1. What traditional abilities were once mainly associated with intelligence?
- ✓ Linguistic and mathematical abilities.
- 2. According to the passage, what limitations does Artificial Intelligence still have?
- ✓ AI struggles with empathy, ethics, and nuanced decision-making.
- 3. What are some new forms of intelligence that are valued in the 21st century?
- Emotional intelligence, adaptability, creativity, and the ability to collaborate across cultures.
- 4. What is meant by "multiple intelligences" in the passage?
- ✓ It refers to a variety of human abilities such as musical, spatial, bodily-kinesthetic, interpersonal, intrapersonal, and others beyond just logical and linguistic intelligence.
- 5. What qualities does the passage suggest are necessary for success in today's world?



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Continuous learning, embracing complexity, creativity, and collaboration.

Passage Recap (Shortened for Reference):

In a world driven by technology, intelligence is being redefined. Beyond linguistic and mathematical skills, qualities like emotional intelligence, adaptability, and creativity are now crucial. While AI excels in logic and data analysis, it lacks empathy and ethical reasoning — areas where human intelligence still dominates. As a result, modern society values "multiple intelligences," including interpersonal, spatial, and naturalistic abilities. Success today depends on continuous learning, creativity, and collaboration.



1. What is the central idea of the passage?

- A) AI will soon replace human intelligence in all fields
- B) Standardized tests are the best way to measure intelligence
- C) Modern intelligence includes emotional, social, and creative abilities
- D) Linguistic skills are the most important in today's world
- ✓ **Answer:** C) *Modern intelligence includes emotional, social, and creative abilities*

2. According to the passage, why is AI limited compared to humans?

- A) It makes too many mathematical errors
- B) It cannot store large amounts of data
- C) It lacks emotional understanding and ethical judgment
- D) It cannot be used in modern technology
- ✓ **Answer:** C) It lacks emotional understanding and ethical judgment

3. Which of the following is *NOT* listed as a type of intelligence in the passage?

- A) Bodily-kinesthetic
- B) Interpersonal
- C) Mechanical
- D) Musical
- Answer: C) Mechanical



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4. The author implies that standardized tests are:

- A) A complete way to assess intelligence
- B) Still the best way to judge intelligence
- C) Becoming less relevant in assessing intelligence
- D) The only way to measure creativity
- ✓ **Answer:** C) Becoming less relevant in assessing intelligence

5. What does the passage suggest is essential for success in the modern world?

- A) Memorization and speed
- B) Specialization in a single field
- C) Continuous learning and creative problem-solving
- D) Technical degrees and formal education
- Answer: C) Continuous learning and creative problem-solving