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Quiz: American Optimist

Directions: Select the answer that best completes the sentence

- 1) According to Joe Lonsdale, new innovations _____.
 - A) lead to the loss of jobs and should be stopped
 - B) are becoming more difficult to market because of government regulations
 - C) should be voted on before they are allowed to be produced, marketed, and sold
 - D) should only be attempted by large corporations that can afford to innovate

- 2) All of these are recent innovations except _____.
 - A) 3-D printed houses that can make a house in twenty-four hours
 - B) air transport vehicles that are safer and quieter than helicopters
 - C) monkeys that can control video games via electrical signals from their brain
 - D) new computer systems that speed up government regulations

- 3) According to the video, Neuralink has invented technology that allows monkeys to play video games. That new technology _____.
 - A) will someday allow paralyzed people to do more things for themselves
 - B) is dangerous and should be carefully regulated
 - C) can boost attendance at zoos by serving as tourist attractions
 - D) will be used to help government determine how video games affect the way children think

- 4) Air taxis, 3-D printed houses, and new drug tests that detect cancer early _____.
 - A) are too expensive for the average person
 - B) are fictional ideas meant to give us hope
 - C) should receive more government funding because of the good they can do
 - D) are some of the many innovations being developed that can help people

- 5) The main idea of this video is that _____.
 - A) innovations can improve our lives, but many are prevented by government regulations
 - B) regulators need to study innovations before allowing them to be produced and sold
 - C) some states innovate better than others
 - D) as many people are hurt by innovations as are helped

American Optimist – Answer Key:

1. B
2. D
3. A
4. D
5. A