

Hi-Tech Fashion: The Trend of the Future?

- 1 A new style of clothing that combines fashion and technology has just hit the European market. ICD+ is
2 a line of denim jackets that come with a hands-free mobile phone with Web access, along with remote
3 control. In addition, there's a microphone in the collar. You can easily hide two earpieces under the
4 shoulders of the jacket when you're not using them. The jacket is completely waterproof in order to
5 protect the electronic equipment inside. A jacket like this will certainly make you look cool, but it isn't
6 cheap, prices range from €665 to €997.
- 7 Another style of jacket includes a computer rather than a telephone. Created by Steven Fitch of MIT
8 Media Lab, this leather jacket has got a complete Windows computer in its lining. The screen is on the
9 back of the jacket, so everyone except the person wearing the jacket can see it. Fitch hopes that
10 businesses will use these jackets for advertising, turning people into walking commercials. Microsoft has
11 already tried them out at a recent trade show, and last year a man outside a cinema in New York sported
12 a jacket showing previews of different films.
- 13 Both jackets run on electricity and need to be charged when not in use. However, a British inventor
14 Trevor Baylis is trying to solve this problem. He's hard at work on a pair of boots that will create an
15 electrical current through the energy of walking. There are several different technologies that could
16 eventually make this possible. In any case, these new inventions make the distinction between fashion
17 and technologies less and less clear.

I* COMPREHENSION (3 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0,5 points each)

1. **The denim jacket:** a) costs over €997. c) includes several electronic devices
b) allows water or rain through it. d) has a reasonable price.
2. **The leather jacket:** a) has a screen inside. c) can be used to go to the cinema
b) runs on electricity. d) includes a telephone
3. **Trevor Baylis is trying to:** a) walk with more energy. c) create a special pair of boots
b) design a new electrical jacket. d) invent new boots for walking

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT.
(0,5 points each)

4. **You have to hold the mobile phone in order to talk.**
5. **The leather jacket has already been used.**
6. **Trevor Baylis is working to find the solution for not having to charge the jackets.**

II* USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0,25 points each; 13-17, 0,5 each)

7. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? **cheap inexpensive over-priced economical**
8. FIND IN THE TEXT A SYNONYM FOR "vary"
9. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "the part of a piece of clothing that fits around your neck".
10. GIVE AN ADJECTIVE WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "access" (noun)
11. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS: **It's no use to her. (talk)**
12. CHOOSE THE CORRECT PREPOSITION: **She's worried her father's madness" (for/with/about/of)**
13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: **A new style of clothing has just hit the European market. The European market.....**
14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: **Businesses will use these jackets for advertising.**
15. USE THE WORDS TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM.

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16. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: **I won't go on holiday unless ...**
17. JOIN THE SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY.
Modern technology is killing face-to-face communication. Many people use it nowadays.

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT: **Write an e-mail to a friend in another city. Describe some of the fashion trends at your school and give your opinion of them.**