

TECHNOLOGICAL WONDERS (Reading)

For decades, hot-air balloons, aeroplanes and helicopters have been a familiar sight in our skies. Now, a new flying gadget is invading our airspace. Drones are buzzing around performing various tasks.

Drones are aircrafts that do not have a human pilot on board. They were first used by the military. The technology was developed so that dangerous reconnaissance flights could be carried out over enemy territory without putting pilots in danger.

However, drones are used for many other purposes nowadays. They have become useful tool for search and rescue teams. Drones are capable of searching large areas to locate missing people. Travelling at speeds of 80km/h, they can reach lost people much faster than rescue personnel searching on foot.

Drones are also used in photography and cinematography. This technology allows photographers to take amazing aerial shots without having to hang precariously from tall structures.

A. Circle the correct answer.

1. Why did the military develop drone technology?
 - A. To deliver supplies
 - B. To spy on the enemy
 - C. To shoot down enemy planes
2. Why are drones suitable for search and rescue missions?
 - A. They are fast
 - B. They are easy to see
 - C. They do not need a human pilot
3. How do drones help photographers in their tasks?
 - A. They can take all kinds of picture shots
 - B. They can take pictures from higher positions safely
 - C. They can be used in by professional photographers



B. Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B

COLUMN A
0.gadget
1.airspace
2.personnel
3.cinematography
4.reconnaissance
5.precariously

COLUMN B
a. the art of using a film camera to shoot films
b. the part of the sky where planes fly
c. a mechanical or electronic device
d. dangerously
e..a mission to find out information about an enemy
f. the people who work for an organization