

Reading

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Hi-Tech Fashion: The Trend of the Future?

I

A new style of clothing that combines fashion and technology has just hit the European market. ICD+ is a line of denim jackets that come with a hands-free mobile phone with Web access, along with remote control. In addition, there's a microphone in the collar. You can easily hide two earpieces under the shoulders of the jacket when you're not using them. The jacket is completely waterproof in order to protect the electronic equipment inside. A jacket like this will certainly make you look cool, but it isn't cheap, prices range from €665 to €997.

II

Another style of jacket includes a computer rather than a telephone. Created by Steven Fitch of MIT Media Lab, this leather jacket has got a complete Windows computer in its lining. The screen is on the back of the jacket, so everyone except the person

wearing the jacket can see it. Fitch hopes that businesses will use these jackets for advertising, turning people into walking commercials. Microsoft has already tried them out at a recent trade show, and last year a man outside a cinema in New York sported a jacket showing previews of different films.

III

Both jackets run on electricity and need to be charged when not in use. However, a British inventor named Trevor Baylis is trying to solve this problem. He's hard at work on a pair of boots that will create an electrical current through the energy of walking. There are several different technologies that could eventually make this possible. In any case, these new inventions make the distinction between fashion and technology less and less clear.

A Decide whether the following sentences are T (true) or F (false). Find evidence in the text to support your answers.

- 1. You have to hold the mobile phone in order to talk.
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..... 2. The person wearing the leather jacket can see the computer screen.
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..... 3. The leather jacket has already been used.
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..... 4. Trevor Baylis has found the solution for not having to charge the jackets.
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B Choose the correct answer.

1. The denim jacket costs:
a. under €997.
b. over €997.
c. exactly €665.
2. The leather jacket:
a. has advertised films.
b. runs on electricity.
c. a and b.
3. Trevor Baylis is trying to:
a. walk more.
b. design a new electrical jacket.
c. create a special pair of boots.

C Find words in the text that mean the same as:

- a. arrived on (paragraph I)
b. vary (paragraph I)
c. wore (paragraph II)
d. work out (paragraph III)

Writing

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. Remember to check word order, grammar and punctuation and to use suitable connectors.