ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Technology Vocabulary Quiz: Automation, Cutting-Edge, Obsolete

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Explanations

1. After twenty years of failed tests, the team finally made a ___ in battery design.
✔ **C) breakthrough**
A breakthrough is a sudden success after a long time of trying. You make or achieve a breakthrough.

2. This robot surgery is so new that it is still being tested: it is truly ___.
✔ **A) cutting-edge**
Cutting-edge means the very newest, still being developed.

3. The new stadium has ___ facilities: the best changing rooms and screens you can buy today.
✔ **D) state-of-the-art**
State-of-the-art means the most modern that is ready to use now. Before a noun it has three hyphens.

4. Nobody uses video tapes any more: they have been ___ for decades.
✔ **D) obsolete**
Obsolete means no longer used because something better has replaced it.

5. Over half the jobs in the warehouse have been lost to ___: robots now pack the boxes.
✔ **C) automation**
Automation is machines doing work people used to do. The verb is automate.

6. A smartwatch is an example of a ___, and a doorbell that shows you the visitor on your phone is part of ___.
✔ **A) wearable … the Internet of Things**
A wearable is a small device you wear. The Internet of Things means everyday objects connected to the internet.

7. The ___ bus moved slowly through the campus with no one at the wheel.
✔ **A) driverless**
Driverless (or self-driving) vehicles drive themselves.

8. Streaming was a ___ technology: it changed the whole music industry.
✔ **C) disruptive**
In business, a disruptive technology changes a whole industry and pushes old companies out.

9. After hackers stole customers' details, the bank spent millions on ___.
✔ **B) cybersecurity**
Cybersecurity protects computers, networks and data from criminals online.

10. With end-to-end ___, nobody but you and your friend can read your messages.
✔ **A) encryption**
Encryption turns a message into a secret code, so only the right person can read it.

11. Campaigners say the city's new cameras with ___ are a form of mass ___.
✔ **D) facial recognition … surveillance**
Facial recognition matches faces to names. Surveillance is watching people closely, often without them knowing.

12. Under EU law, you have a right to know what personal information companies hold about you: this is about ___.
✔ **B) data privacy**
Data privacy is your right to control who collects your personal information.

13. Many older people in the village have no internet at home. Charities want to bridge the ___.
✔ **B) digital divide**
The digital divide is the gap between people with good internet access and skills and people without.

14. My niece is so ___ that she set up my new laptop in ten minutes, and she was the first in her class to buy a smartwatch: a real ___.
✔ **B) tech-savvy … early adopter**
Tech-savvy means good with technology. An early adopter buys new gadgets as soon as they come out.

15. Dad refuses to use a smartphone. He calls himself a ___.
✔ **C) Luddite**
A Luddite dislikes new technology. The first Luddites smashed factory machines in England in 1811 to 1816.