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OPTION B

WHY ARE SMART APPLIANCES SO STUPID?

- 1 Every year at the Consumer Electronics Show, the world's gadget makers unveil a slate of refrigerators, ovens, and washer-dryers that they insist have been infused with superior intelligence. And every year, everyone mocks. That's because smart appliances' "abilities" are usually pretty stupid and never worth the price. This year Samsung showed off a \$4,000 fridge called the T9000. It's got an LCD touch screen and a wireless connection to the Internet. That's the *sine qua non* of intelligence according to gadget makers—slap a touch screen and Wi-Fi on a fridge and voilà, you've got yourself an icebox with an IQ to rival Einstein's! Why do you need a touch screen and Wi-Fi on your fridge? Is it better for your cucumbers? That's where the whole argument breaks down. The T9000 will show you a clock, news headlines, and let you use apps like Evernote right on the door. Apparently you can add an item to your grocery list by tapping it into the fridge then have it available to you on your phone later on. Why wouldn't you just type it into your phone in the first place? Or on one of the four iPads you've likely got lying around, considering that you're rich enough to drop \$4,000 on a fridge?

QUESTIONS

- [1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C (3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).**

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).

What are, apparently, the advantages of having a touch screen and Wi-Fi on your fridge?

- B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (2 points as a whole: 0.5 each).**

- B1. New refrigerators have been infused with superior intelligence.
B2. The T9000 is almost \$ 4,000.
B3. Cucumbers keep better in smart refrigerators.
B4. If you have a T9000 you probably can afford four iPads.

- [2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).**

a) Put into the passive: You can add an item to your grocery list.

b) Complete:

If I were rich enough to drop \$ 4,000 on a fridge...

c) Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:

He just wants a fridge that keeps food cooled and makes good ice.

d) Fill in with the correct verb forms:

Nowadays some critics (argue) that the self-evident stupidity of these smart gadgets (show) that the entire pursuit of intelligence in our appliances is misguided.

- [3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).**

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) a person who purchases goods and services for personal use
b) the amount of money expected, required, or given in payment for something

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) reveal
d) ridicules
e) employ

- [4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).**

How would your life be without smart devices around?