**TUTORIAL 4 - READING COMPREHENSION**

Artificial intelligence (AI), sometimes called machine intelligence, is intelligence demonstrated by machines, in contrast to the natural intelligence displayed by humans and other animals. In computer science AI research is defined as the study of "intelligent agents": any device that perceives its environment and takes actions that maximize its chance of successfully achieving its goals. **Colloquially,** the term "artificial intelligence" is applied when a machine mimics "cognitive" functions that humans associate with other human minds, such as "learning" and "problem solving".

The scope of AI is disputed: as machines become increasingly capable, tasks considered as requiring "intelligence" are often removed from the definition, a **phenomenon** known as the AI effect, leading to the quip, "AI is whatever hasn't been done yet." For instance, optical character recognition is frequently excluded from "artificial intelligence", having become a routine technology. Capabilities generally classified as AI as of 2017 include successfully understanding human speech, competing at the highest level in strategic game systems (such as chess and Go), autonomous cars, intelligent routing in content delivery network and military simulations.  
Artificial intelligence was founded as an academic discipline in 1956, and in the years since has experienced several waves of optimism, followed by disappointment and the loss of funding (known as an "AI winter"), followed by new approaches, success and renewed funding. For most of its history, AI research has been divided into subfields that often fail to communicate with each other. These sub-fields are based on technical considerations, such as particular goals (e.g. "robotics" or "machine learning"), the use of particular tools ("logic" or artificial neural networks), or deep philosophical differences. Subfields have also been based on social factors (particular institutions or the work of particular researchers).

The traditional problems (or goals) of AI research include reasoning, knowledge representation, planning, learning, natural language processing, perception and the ability to move and manipulate objects. General intelligence is among the field's long-term goals. Approaches include statistical methods, computational intelligence, and traditional symbolic AI. Many tools are used in AI, including versions of search and mathematical optimization, artificial neural networks, and methods based on statistics, probability and economics. The AI field draws upon computer science, mathematics, psychology, linguistics, philosophy and many others.

1. **Answer the following questions in brief**
2. How is AI research defined in computer science?

It is defined as the study of intelligent agents

1. As used in paragraph one **colloquially** means

Learning and problem solving

1. Give a synonym for **phenomenon**

An event

1. The passage says that AI was founded as an academic discipline in 1956. What does

academic discipline mean?

It is a subdivision of knowledge that is taught and researched at a university level.

1. As used in the passage what does “AI winter” mean?

reduction in funding an interest in AI

1. **Underline the correct answer in the following MCQ questions.**
2. **What is the AI winter?**
3. Loss of funding for AI projects
4. Non-functioning AI systems
5. Absence of research labs
6. None of the above
7. **Are sub-fields based only on social factors?**
8. No
9. Yes
10. They are based on machine learning
11. None of the above
12. **Leaning and problem solving by machines is a colloquial way of understanding artificial intelligence?**
13. Yes
14. No
15. Artificial intelligence means acquiring knowledge through books
16. It cannot be defined colloquially
17. **Are autonomous cars an example of AI?**
18. Yes
19. No
20. As of 2017, they are
21. None of the above
22. **Does AI only draw on technology and mathematics?**
23. Yes
24. No
25. It also draws upon psychology
26. It only draws upon linguistics

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