

Innovation

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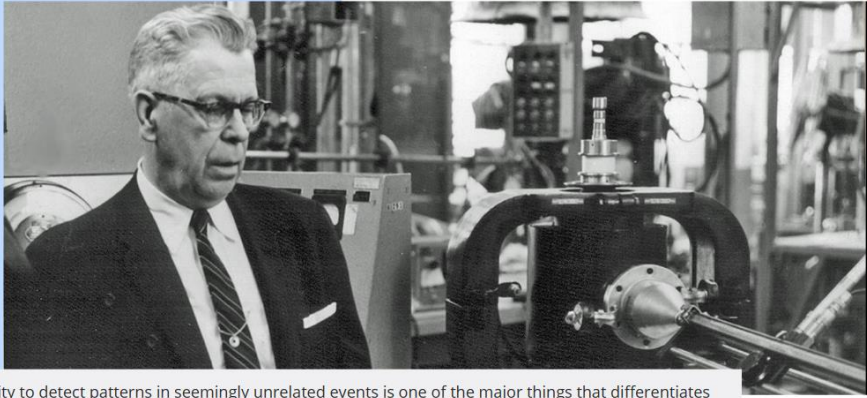
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The human ability to detect patterns in seemingly unrelated events is one of the major things that differentiates our abilities from that of machines.

Take the **microwave oven** for example, which was invented when **Percy Spencer**, a radar technician, found his chocolate bar melted when in close proximity to one of his radar machines.

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Is innovation changing things for the better?

As you have seen so far, modern advances are – in general – changing the world for the better.

Psychologist **Steven Pinker** agrees with this, and in his book **Enlightenment Now** (2019), he describes how the welfare of humankind has never been better. In his 2018 TED Talk, he states:

"We will never have a perfect world. But there's no limit to the betterments we can attain if we continue to apply knowledge to enhance human flourishing."

His argument encourages the belief that we can continue to improve the welfare of humankind by making **collective wellbeing** our goal, and by using science and reason to achieve it.



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Section 1

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Do you still agree that this invention has had the **biggest impact** on the development of society?

the invention of the alphabet and numbering system, as communication between people would not of been possible and numbering would not of made certain laws available which in turn then got used to innovate technology and the industrial revolution

What **beneficial** effects has it had on humankind?
Justify your response in a **forum post**.

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✓ **You have completed Section 1!**

You should now recognise the evolutionary positive impact, importance and benefit of creativity and innovation in society.

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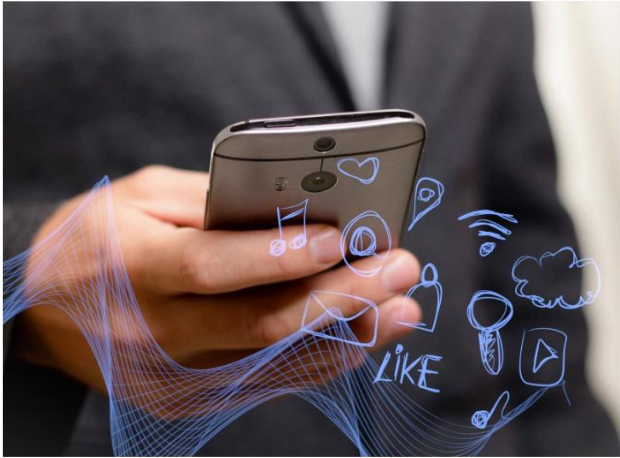
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Section 2

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Of the technologies listed by the **World Economic Forum**, which, if any, do you think will have the biggest impact in your discipline area in the next 3-5 years.

Justify your answer on the forum with reference to evidence.

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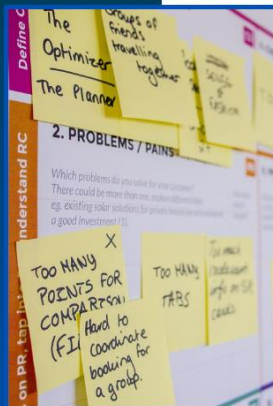
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After completing this section, you should

- Think of yourself as someone capable of being creative (if you don't already)
- Identify personal passions as sources for idea generation.

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✓ You have completed Section 2!

Upon completion of this sub-section, you should be able to:

- Hold a conversation that can confidently include the definitions of Ontology, Epistemology and Axiology
- Define your research philosophy using this terminology
- Understand how your philosophy can impact your investigation.

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