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## Tech Headlines: Real or Ridiculous?

Artificial Intelligence makes headlines every day - but not all those stories are good news. Some AI systems help people, while others cause confusion, bias, or even harm. Read each headline and short description. Decide whether it describes a **Realistic Use of AI (Helpful)**, a **Risky Use (Unhelpful)**, or an **Unrealistic / Dangerous Use (Needs Human Help)**. Then, explain your reasoning in one sentence.

Circle one for each: **A. Helpful** **B. Unhelpful** **C. Needs Human Help**

**1. "AI JUDGE SENTENCES DEFENDANT IN 0.3 SECONDS"** - A court tests software that analyzes criminal records and instantly decides the length of a prison sentence. Judges say it saves time; defense lawyers say it removes fairness.

Circle one: A B C Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. "SMART GARBAGE CANS RATE HOW WELL YOU RECYCLE"** - A city installs bins with image-recognition cameras. Each time you throw something away, the bin gives you a recycling score on your phone.

Circle one: A B C Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**3. "ROBOT DOG DELIVERS GROCERIES TO ELDERLY RESIDENTS"** - A neighborhood uses AI-powered robot dogs to bring food and medicine to older adults. Some residents love it; others find them creepy.

Circle one: A B C Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**4. "AI COACH TELLS STUDENTS WHAT CAREER TO CHOOSE"** - A guidance app analyzes grades, hobbies, and online searches, then tells students what jobs "fit them best."

Circle one: A B C Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**5. "FACE-SCANNING BATHROOMS PREVENT TOILET PAPER THEFT"** - A public restroom uses face recognition to limit each user's paper supply. Officials say it saves money; the public calls it weird.

Circle one: A B C Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**6. "AI WEATHER FORECASTER WARNS FARMERS BEFORE CROPS DIE"** - A farming app analyzes soil, rainfall, and temperature patterns to alert farmers about possible drought weeks early.

Circle one: A B C Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**7. "SCHOOL APP TRACKS STUDENT MOOD BY READING TEXT MESSAGES"** - A new app claims it can prevent bullying by scanning students' private messages for "negative tone." Parents are divided.

Circle one: A B C Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**8. "AI MUSIC PRODUCER COMPOSES HIT SONGS BASED ON POPULAR TRENDS"** - A record label uses AI to study millions of songs and automatically produce catchy new ones.

Circle one: A B C Why? \_\_\_\_\_