

1. Why might Ben Gulak's innovation, pictured above, have caught the interest of investors, companies and the public? What problems does it try to solve?

It tries to solve the problem of pollution from motorcycles and other vehicles, and also it tries to solve the problem of traffic congestion by being small enough to slip by most traffic and even to carry with you!

2. What do you know about entrepreneurship? How are new products invented, researched and marketed? What makes some ideas "better" than others?

Usually, when someone has an idea like this, they draw out some plans and either use their own money or seek the backing of an entrepreneur who thinks the product will do well. Then they use the money to design and build a prototype model, which can then be patented. The things that make some ideas better than others is usually how useful and efficient they are.

3. What innovative ideas do you wish you had been responsible for? What ideas of your own have you had?

One idea that I wish I had been responsible for was the patenting of working "UFOs". Some guy has already built and patented them, and they work like a hovercraft-helicopter mix. I have had ideas for some games, but nothing that is really that patentable.

4. Don Tapscott, author of "Grown Up Digital," says of the current "Net Generation" of young students, "They're great collaborators, with friends, online, at work. They thrive on speed. They love to innovate." Do you agree or disagree with his statement? What examples can you give to support your opinion?

I don't know if I disagree or agree with this statement, because I haven't had much experience in the school system, being home schooled. But when I have more information, I will make a decision.