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- The similar benchmarking practices of the late Steve Jobs and Lee Kuan Yew
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- The use of innovation time by world-class innovators such as Apple, Google, 3M, Amazon.com, Procter Gamble (PG), Microsoft, Facebook and IBM
- The crowdsourcing strategy of PG to supplement its RD staff
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- The creative methods of innovative organisations such as IDEO design firm, Apple, Unilever, Samsung, PG, 3M, Pixar and the Virgin Group
- The Challenge-Ideas-Action or CIA philosophy that underpins most creative thinking tools
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