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electronic competitor will be able to carry out a much quicker and more accurate diagnosis and recommend more efficient courses of treatment. In education, teachers will be largely replaced by teaching machines far more knowledgeable than any human being. Most learning will take place in the home via video conferencing. Children will still go to school though, until another place is created where they can make friends and develop social skills. What can we do to avoid the threat of unemployment? We shouldn't hide our heads in the sand. Unions will try to stop change but they will be fighting a losing battle. People should get computer literate as this just might save them from professional extinction. After all, there will be a few jobs left in law, education and medicine for those few individuals who are capable of writing and programming the software of the future. Strangely enough, there will still be jobs like rubbish collection and cleaning as it is tough to programme tasks which are largely unpredictable.

21. According to the writer, the rate of change in technology _____. A) will remain the same B) will slow down C) will speed up D) can not be predicted

22. The writer expects that by 2010 new technology will have revolutionized communications and _____. A) bookshops will not exist B) the present postal system will have disappeared C) people will no longer send letters D) the postmen will have been replaced by the motor car

23. From the passage, we can infer that _____. A) professionals won't be affected by new technology B) doctors won't be as efficient as computers C) computers can not replace lawyers D) experts will know less in the future

24. The passage tells us that in the future _____. A) children will

not be taught in schools B)no teachers will be needed C)teachers will be less knowledgeable D)children will learn life skills at school 25.In the writer ' s view,_____. A)people should be prepared for the future B)there exists no threat of unemployment C)unions can stop the unfavourable change D)people had better become cleaners 100Test
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