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will they do with it? Human beings used stone chips for more than two million years, but human life changed very little in that time. We have used silicon chips for only a few years, but life is changing faster every day. What will life be like twenty years from now? What will the world be like two million years from now? 24. The stone chip is thought to be the most important tool because it \_\_\_\_\_. A. was one of the first tools B. developed human capabilities C. led to the invention of machines D. was crucial to the development of mankind 25. At the end of the passage the author seems to suggest that life in future is \_\_\_\_\_. A. disastrous B. unpredictable C. exciting D. colorful 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)