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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/257/2021_2022_GCT_E8_8B_B1_E8_AF_AD_E6_c67_257746.htm Questions 21-25 are based

on the following passage: Successful innovations have driven many older technologies to extinction and have resulted in higher productivity, greater consumption of energy, increased demand for raw materials, accelerated flow of materials through the economy and increased quantities of metals and other substances in use per person. The history of industrial development is full of examples. In 1870, horses and mules were the prime source of power on U. S. farms. One horse or mule was required to support four human beings a ratio that remained almost constant for many decades. At that time, had a national commission been asked to forecast the horse and mule population for 1970, its answer probably would have depended on whether its consultants were of an economic turn of mind. Had they been "economists", they would have recognized that the power of steam had already been harnessed to industry and to land and ocean transport. They would have recognized further that it would be only a matter of time before steam would be the prime source of power on the farm. It would have been difficult for them to avoid the conclusion that the horse and mule population would decline rapidly. 21. Which of the following is NOT mentioned by the author as a consequence of new technological developments? B(A) Older technologies die away. (B) The quality of life is improved. (C) Overall productivity increases. (D) More raw

materials become necessary. 22. It can be inferred from the passage that by 1870 ____A___. (A) the steam engine had been invented (B) a national commission on agriculture had been established (C) the U. S. horse population was about 10 million (D) technology began to be more economical 23. Which of the following statements would the author of the passage be most likely to agree? __A_ (A)

Technological development influences society ' s future. (B)

Technological innovations are almost always successful. (C)

Technicians are more useful to society than economists. (D) The

economy is independent of technological transformation. 24. In the

second paragraph, the author suggests that "economists"

would__C____. (A) consult the national commission on the

economy (B) plan the economy through yearly forecasts (C)

consider the influence of technological innovation important (D)

value the economic contribution of farm animals 25. What is the

author ' s attitude toward changes brought on by technological

innovation? _____D__(A) He is excited about them. (B) He is

disturbed by them. (C) He questions their usefulness. (D) He

accepts them as natural. Questions 26-30 are based on the following

passage: Officials kicked off the Olympic economy with a two-day

promotion conference that opened on Sunday in Beijing. Economy

here refers to both direct and indirect profits made by hosting the

Games. The organizers included 16 municipal government

departments. The event attracted more than 800 delegates of

enterprises, institutions, and academies. The big topic is how to make

the best of the business potential of the Beijing ' s Olympics. The

organizers said there were 387 projects at the event that would need about 134 billion yuanworth of investment. The business opportunities involve manufacturing, agriculture, education, health, tourism and environmental protection. This was the largest Olympics business promotion in Beijing so far. Twenty-four companies on Monday signed up for 10 projects, worth 21.5 billion yuan in all. The most noteworthy one is the fourth subway line. The deal involves the Hong Kong MTR Corp. , Beijing Infrastructure Investing Company, and Beijing Capital Group.

26. What does the phrase "kick off" mean in Para. 1? _____C____ (A) Open. (B) End. (C) Start. (D) Move.

27. What ' s the big topic of the two-day promotion conference? ___D____ (A) How to win golden medals as many as possible in the game. (B) How to get investment. (C) How to invest in the event. (D) How to make the best of the business potential of Beijing ' s Olympics Games.

28. Which of the following is NOT true? _____C____

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