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than the computer revolution. Scientists and engineers have designed specialized machines that can do the tasks that once only people could do. There are those who assert that the switch to an information-based economy is in the same camp as other great historical milestones, particularly the Industrial Revolution. Yet when we ask why the Industrial Revolution was a revolution, we find that it was not the machines. The primary reason why it was revolutionary is that it led to great social change. It gave rise to mass production and, through mass production, to a society in which wealth was not confined to the few. In somewhat similar fashion, computers promise to revolutionize the structure of American life, particularly as they free the human mind and open new possibilities in knowledge and communication. The Industrial Revolution supplemented and replaced the muscles of humans and animals by mechanical methods. The computer extends this development to supplement and replace some aspects of the mind of human beings by electronic methods. It is the capacity of the computer for solving problems and making decisions that represents its greatest potential and that poses the greatest difficulties in predicting the impact on society. 31. A spear or a robot has the quality of technology only when it .A) is used both as a cultural and a physical objectB) serves different purposes equally wellC) is utilized by manD) can be of use to both man and animal 32. The examples of the Challenger and Chernobyl cited by the author serve to show that .A) if not given close examination, technology could be used to destroy our worldB) technology is a human creation, so we are responsible for itC)

technology usually goes wrong, if not controlled by manD) being a human creation, technology is liable to error 33. According to the author, the introduction of the computer is a revolution mainly because .A) the computer has revolutionized the workings of the human mindB) the computer can do the tasks that could only be done by people beforeC) it has helped to switch to an information technologyD) it has a great potential impact on society 34. By using the phrase “ the human quality of technology ” (Para. 2, Lines6-7), the author refers to the fact that technology .A) has a great impact on human lifeB) has some characteristics of human natureC) can replace some aspects of the human mindD) does not exist in the natural world 35. The passage is based on the authors .A) keen insight into the nature of technologyB) prejudiced criticism of the role of the Industrial RevolutionC) cautious analysis of the replacement of the human mind by computersD) exaggerated description of the negative consequences of technology 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