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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/468/2021_2022_2008_E5_85_AC_E5_85_B1_c67_468824.htm EXERCISE 20 Predictions of many robots in industry have yet come true. For ten years or more, manufacturers of big robots have explained how their machines can make industry more competitive and productive. The maker for _1_ robots is oversupplied now, and the driving force of the robotics revolution is _2_ to be with maker of machines that handle a few kilos at most. "Heavy-robot manufacturers are in some difficulty ___3_ finding customers. They are offering big ___4_ just to get in the door. There has been a _5_ growth everywhere in the numbers of robots, so we admit we are either deceiving ___6_ or that the market is slowly growing." said John Reekie, chairman of Colen Robotics. "The following things must happen ___7_ the robotics revolution to occur. We must achieve widespread robot literacy. _8_ there has been a computer ___9_ program, there must be a robot literacy program. ___10_, some kind of artificial intelligence needs to be _11_. Colen makes educational robots and machine tools. It is small _12_ with companies like ASEA or Fujitsu Fanuc. But Colen with others in departments in universities such as Surrey, Manchester, and Durham possess an advantage _13_ the giants. The big companies sell very expensive _14_ to businesses with expert knowledge in automation. The _15_ companies make robots for teaching people, and now they have realized that there is a need for small, ___16_ robots that they can meet. The little companies

either bring their educational machines _17_ an industrial standard or design from the start. One technique that they all adopt is to choose ___18_ components where possible. The major cost of making ___19_ their models is the electronics, which will fall in price. There is ___20_ scope for reductions in mechanical costs. The use of standard parts, which are easily replaced, should give these robots a mechanical life of something in the order of five years.

1) A small B educational C big D business
2) A claimed B called C thought D told
3) A to B with C over D in
4) A money B discounts C prices D costs
5) A exciting B encouraging C satisfying D disappointing
6) A ourselves B customers C companies D us
7) A to B for C in D with
8) A as if B even though C just as D although
9) A custom B literacy C poem D tradition
10) A however B finally C whereas D because
11) A capable B possible C probable D available
12) A compared B comparing C contrasted D contrasting
13) A than B above C over D from
14) A tools B robots C machines D electronics
15) A other B big C little D robot
16) A expensive B artificial C educational D low-cost
17) A up to B on C in D about
18) A mechanical B standard C cheap D small
19) A much B many C both D some
20) A more B less C no D least

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