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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/573/2021_2022_ETS_E5_AE_98_E6_96_B9I_c86_573830.htm test1 "Both the development of technological tools and the uses to which humanity has put them have created modern civilizations in which loneliness is ever increasing." 6 Technology, broadly defined as the use of tools, has a long history. Ever since Erg the caveman first conked an animal with a rock, people have been using technology. For thousands of years, the use of tools allowed people to move ever closer together. Because fields could be cultivated and the technology to store food existed, people would live in cities rather than in small nomadic tribes. Only very lately have Erg ' s descendants come to question the benefits of technology. The Industrial Revolution introduced and spread technologies that mechanized many tasks. As a result of the drive toward more efficient production and distribution (so the ever larger cities would be supported), people began to act as cogs in the technological machine. Clothing was no longer produced by groups of women sewing and gossiping together, but by down-trodden automation ' s operating machinery in grim factories. The benefits of the new technology of today, computers and the internet, are particularly ambiguous. They have made work ever more efficient and knit the world together in a web of information and phone lines. Some visionaries speak of a world in which Erg need not check in to his office. he can just dial in from home. He won ' t need to go to a bar to pick up women because there are all those chat rooms.

Hungry? Erg orders his groceries from an online delivery service. Bored? Download a new game. And yet... Many people, myself included, are a little queasy about that vision. Erg may be doing work, but is it real work? Are his online friends real friends? Does anything count in a spiritual way if it ' s just digital? Since the Industrial Revolution, we have been haunted by the prospect that we are turning into our machines: efficient, productive, souless. The newest technologies, we fear, are making us flat as our screens, turning us into streams of bits of interchangeable data. We may know a lot of people, but we have few real friends. We have a lot of things to do, but no reason to do them. In short, the new technology emphasizes a spiritual crisis that has been building for quite some time. 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