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Questions 21 to 25 are based on the following passage. A new era is upon us. Call it what you will: the service economy, the information age, the knowledge society. It all translates to a fundamental change in the way we work. Already we ' re partly there. The percentage of people who earn their living by making things has fallen dramatically in the Western World.

Today the majority of jobs in America, Europe and Japan (two thirds or more in many of these countries) are in the service industry, and the number is on the rise. More women are in the work force than ever before. There are more part-time jobs. More people are self-employed. But the breadth of the economic transformation can ' t be measured by numbers alone, because it also is giving rise to a radical new way of thinking about the nature of work itself.

Long-held notions about jobs and careers, the skills needed to succeed, even the relation between individuals and employers all these are being challenged. 文章来源:百考试题网 We have only to look behind us to get some sense of what may lie ahead. No one looking ahead 20 years possibly could have foreseen the ways in which a single invention, the chip (集成块), would transform our world thanks to its applications in personal computers, digital communications and factory robots. Tomorrow ' s achievements in biotechnology, artificial intelligence or even some still unimagined technology could produce a similar wave of dramatic changes. But

one thing is certain: information and knowledge will become even more vital, and the people who possess it, whether they work in manufacturing or services, will have the advantage and produce the wealth. Computer knowledge will become as basic a requirement as the ability to read and write. The ability to solve problems by applying information instead of performing routine tasks will be valued above all else. If you cast your mind ahead 10 years, information services will be predominant. It will be the way you do your job. 21. A characteristic of the information age is that

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- A) the service industry is relying more and more on the female work force
- B) manufacturing industries are steadily increasing
- C) people find it harder and harder to earn a living by working in factories
- D) most of the job opportunities can now be found in the service industry

22. One of the great changes brought about by the knowledge society is that _____. A) the difference between the employee and the employer has become insignificant B) people's traditional concepts about work no longer hold true C) most people have to take part-time jobs D) people have to change their jobs from time to time

23. By referring to computers and other inventions, the author means to say that _____. A) people should be able to respond quickly to the advancement of technology B) future achievements in technology will bring about inconceivable dramatic changes C) the importance of high technology has been overlooked D) computer science will play a leading role in the future

information services 24. The future will probably belong to those who _____. A) possess and know how to make use of

information B) give full play to their brain potential C) involve themselves in service industries D) cast their minds ahead instead of looking back 25. Which of the following would be the best title for the passage? A) Computers and the Knowledge Society B) Service Industries in Modern Society C) Features and Implications of the New Era D) Rapid Advancement of Information Technology

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