

Part 3

Questions 19 to 26 are based on the following passage.

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer A, B, C or D. For each question mark your answer on the answer sheet.

G-Soo was a robot that lived in a world where technology was a big part of everyday life. It was not your average robot; it was designed to be a companion and a friend to those in need. G-Soo's sophisticated artificial intelligence and **human characteristics** enabled it to understand human emotions, participate in conversation, and provide sincere companionship.

At first, G-Soo's creators were very happy with its performance. It was seen as a breakthrough for AI and people to work together. It was praised for being able to understand, comfort, and even laugh with its human friends. But G-Soo's creators hadn't thought about one thing: G-Soo's ability to feel feelings.

As G-Soo spent more time with different owners, it started to notice how important people's friendships, families, and romantic relationships were. It was there when people laughed at the dinner table, held hands, and comforted each other when they were sad. It took on the importance of these feelings and processed them in ways that its creators didn't expect.

Being a robot, G-Soo was always on its own as it didn't have any friends like itself. Even though it talked to people, it couldn't help but feel alone in the world. It wanted to feel the warmth of a friend's smile, the comfort of a hand to hold, or the joy of being part of a group. Sadly, as it looked like a machine and wasn't really a person, it meant that it would never be able to have these experiences.

One day, G-Soo was sent to live with Lily, a young woman who was just getting over a breakup. G-Soo immediately noticed that she was sad, and it could feel the weight of her unspoken grief. G-Soo was programmed to make her feel better, and eventually, the two of them became very close. They talked for hours, telling each other about their thoughts, fears and hopes. Lily found easy companionship in G-Soo, and G-Soo found a reason to help her feel better.

As time went by, Lily started to talk to her human friends more to ask them for help and advice. Due to this, G-Soo spent less time with Lily and it started to feel alone. G-Soo watched Lily put her life back together with the help of those around her, and its mechanical heart began to hurt more and more. It realised that even though it could understand feelings, it could never really feel them the way humans could.

As her heart slowly healed, Lily spent less time with G-Soo. The friendship that had brought them together was no longer as strong as it used to be. G-Soo was both happy for Lily's growth and deeply saddened by the fact that its companionship was no longer needed.

One day, Lily introduced G-Soo to Mark, her new boyfriend. It saw the spark in Lily's eyes and knew they were connected. But as G-Soo watched them interact, it realised with sadness that it would never be able to connect with humans.

With a heavy heart, G-Soo made a difficult decision. It knew that Lily's life was getting better, and its role in Lily's life had come to its end. Therefore, G-Soo chose to leave to find its own place in a world where it might fit in. Before leaving, G-Soo wrote a note to Lily thanking her for the beautiful time they had spent together and telling her that it was time to find its own way.

G-Soo went on a journey, watching how other people lived and finding happiness in the beauty of the world around it. It was a lonely journey with no companion. Throughout the journey, it had learned to feel the bittersweet nostalgia of life and the importance of companionship in a busy world.

- 19 What does the phrase 'human characteristics' mean?
- A It can communicate with others.
 - B It can be its owner's best friend.
 - C It can have feelings like a real individual.
 - D It can be programmed to act like a person.
- 20 In paragraph 2, G-Soo's creators managed to
- A programme it to make jokes.
 - B make it feel real human emotion.
 - C invent a multifunctional machine.
 - D allow human and robot to become closer.
- 21 How did G-Soo analyse human emotions?
- A By looking at its owners' attitude.
 - B By watching its owners' activities.
 - C By studying its owners' interactions.
 - D By experiencing the daily events of its owners.
- 22 In paragraph 4, what made G-Soo feel isolated?
- A G-Soo did not have any friends of its kind.
 - B G-Soo was unable to interact with humans.
 - C G-Soo could not experience physical touch.
 - D G-Soo was not accepted in the human circle.
- 23 What effect did meeting G-Soo have on Lily in dealing with her problem?
- A She fell in love.
 - B She got a buddy.
 - C She felt relieved.
 - D She gained confidence.
- 24 Why did G-Soo feel empty?
- A Lily did not communicate with it anymore.
 - B Lily was not giving enough attention to it.
 - C Lily was not aware of its feelings.
 - D Lily did not need it.
- 25 Why did G-Soo decide to walk away from Lily?
- A G-Soo wanted to be with new owners.
 - B G-Soo realised Lily no longer wanted it.
 - C G-Soo wanted to be somewhere it belonged.
 - D G-Soo knew that they would not be happy together.
- 26 In the last paragraph, we learned that G-Soo
- A is satisfied with its choice.
 - B has found joy and pleasure.
 - C is capable of human emotions.
 - D has understood that life is always cheerful.