Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 29 to 34.

The Taj Mahal, situated in Agra, India, is one of the most famous buildings in the world Emperor Shah Jahan built it in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, (29) _____ died in 1631. It is a symbol of eternal love and beautiful architecture. Additionally, the Taj Mahal has perfect symmetry and (30) _____ colour at different times of the day– pinkish in the morning, white during the day, and golden under the moonlight.

The Taj Mahal has a big influence (31) _____ Indian culture and art and represents the best of Mughal architecture. It has inspired (32) _____ artists and poets for years and is an important part of India's cultural heritage. (33) _____, millions of tourists visit each year to see its beauty, learn its history, and hear the love story behind it. The Taj Mahal is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

The Taj Mahal is not just a building; it is a timeless masterpiece. It (34) _____ people with its beauty, history, and cultural significance. It is a symbol of love and a treasure in India's architectural heritage.

(Adapted from https://indianculture.gov.in/)

Question 29. A. which	B. that	C. who	D. where
Question 30. A. raises	B. changes	C. retains	D. hides
Question 31. A. in	B. at	C. on	D. off
Question 32. A. every	B. many	C. much	D. each
Question 33. A. Moreover	B. However	C. Therefore	D. Although
Question 34. A. bewilders	B. confuses	C. interests	D. amazes

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 35 to 40.

American parents use different ways to teach their children about traditions. These practices help children understand their family's culture and keep it alive. Here are some ways parents pass down traditions in America.

Many families celebrate holidays with traditional customs. For example, on Thanksgiving, parents show their children how to cook foods like turkey and pumpkin pie. **They** also talk about the history of Thanksgiving so children know why it's important. On the Fourth of July, families join in parades, watch fireworks, and discuss the country's independence.

Parents also involve their children in cultural activities that reflect their heritage. For example, families with Mexican **roots** might celebrate Día de los Muertos by making altars and using marigolds and sugar skulls. Families with Chinese roots might celebrate Lunar New Year with red envelopes, special foods, and dragon dances.

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Teaching children their native language is another way to keep traditions alive. Bilingual families might speak their language at home or send their children to language classes. Parents also tell folk tales and family stories to help children feel connected to their roots.

Music and dance are important too. Parents might teach their children traditional songs and dances, like Irish step dancing or African drumming, to help them connect with their heritage.

By doing these activities, American parents help their children appreciate and continue their cultural traditions.

(Adapted from: https://www.lalo.app/)

Question 35. What is the best title for the passage?

A. How American Families Celebrate Holidays

B. Ways Americans Teach Traditions to Children

C. The Importance of Music and Dance in Culture

D. Traditional Foods in American Celebrations

Question 36. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

A. Parents teach children to cook traditional foods like turkey on Thanksgiving.

B. Families with Mexican roots celebrate Día de los Muertos with marigolds and sugar skulls.

C. Bilingual families only speak English at home to keep traditions alive.

D. Parents share folk tales to help children feel connected to their roots.

Question 37. In paragraph 2, what does **They** refer to in the sentence: *"They also talk about the history of Thanksgiving so children know why it's important"?*

A. Families B. Children C. Parents D. Traditions

Question 38. The word **roots** in paragraph 3 is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

A. resources B. legacies C. foundations D. origins

Question 39. What can be inferred about why parents teach their children traditional songs and dances?

A. To help children connect with their heritage.

B. To prepare children for holiday celebrations only.

C. To make children learn new skills for school.

D. To compete with other families in cultural activities.

Question 40. In which paragraph does the author mention sharing cultural activities and heritage?

A. Paragraph 1 B. Paragraph 2 C. Paragraph 3 D. Paragraph 4

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