1. Read the profile. Pay attention to the idioms in color.



Dean L. Kamen was one of the most important recent inventors; he was the cream of the crop with the newest ideas about transport. Kamen went to college, but he did not stay there for a long time. He decided to call it quits to starting working on his own ideas.

He eventually learned the ropes of inventing with many amazing creations. This inventor is famous for "reinventing the wheel" as he created a vehicle called Segway™. His creation is a good example of Kamen's genius; he used to think out of the box in the search for new inventions. Kamen was a number cruncher because of his many talents in mathematics. His calculations helped him to patent many of his inventions.



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2. Select the definition that best replaces each idiom in the profile.

a. **was the cream of the crop** in line 3 can be replaced with...

- ☐ 1. was the least important person
- ☐ 2. was the most famous person
- ☐ 3. was the richest person

b. **to call it quits** in line 7 is...

- ☐ 1. to call someone from home
- ☐ 2. to put an end to an activity
- ☐ 3. to begin an activity

c. **learned the ropes of** in line 9 is...

- ☐ 1. learned how to do something
- ☐ 2. learned how to do a job correctly
- ☐ 3. learned how to teach something

d. **to think out of the box** in line 15 is...

- ☐ 1. to think aloud
- ☐ 2. to think creatively
- ☐ 3. to think carefully

e. **a number cruncher** in line 17 is a person who...

- ☐ 1. works poorly in mathematics
- ☐ 2. has a hard time with numbers
- ☐ 3. is good at numbers and calculations

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