

Question 22: I'm not getting involved in this fundraisingscheme if it isn't legit.
A. legal B. illegitimate C. unlawful D. fraudulent

Question 23: The ecological consequences of a nuclear war are incalculable.
A. tremendous B. minusculeC. devastating D. immeasurable

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 24: I thought I had the power to make a difference in the world when I was a child, idealistic person.
A. relevant B. active C. practical D. thoughtless

Question 25: This information is extremely important. Try not to let the cat out of the bag.
A. reveal B. keep a secret C. unmask D. spill

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 26 to 30.

Tran Manh Duc, 30, decided to quit his office job to pursue a career as a TikTok four years ago despite opposition and (26) _____ among family and friends. Within a year his income increased nearly 10-fold, and it was at this time he decided to quit his job and dedicate all his time to developing his TikTok channel. Duc then employed (27) _____ dozen staff to help him put out content on TikTok.

Le Phuong Oanh, a TikToker with nearly 900,000 followers, has made it her profession for the past two years. When she was unemployed (28) _____ the Covid-19 outbreak, she turned to TikTok as a lifeline.

Nguyen Cong Minh Tri, (29) _____ teaches livestream hosting there, says the desire to quit boring office jobs and the recent rise in unemployment have caused many young people to take up TikToking as a career.

"These people are usually office workers, students, fresh marketing graduates, or new mothers who are looking for a (30) _____ job without the eight-hour work schedule, attendance check or KPIs."

Question 26: A. skepticism B. belief C. encouragement D. trust

Question 27: A. some B. a few C. many D. much

Question 28: A. if B. when C. during D. before

Question 29: A. who B. whom C. whose D. which

Question 30: A. free B. relaxing C. flexible D. easy

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 31 to 35.

When naming a child, some parents seem to choose a name based simply on their personal preference. In other families, grandparents or professional name-makers come up with a child's name. And in some cases, the time of a child's birth influences how the child's name is determined.

In many European cultures, names are typically chosen by parents. Parents' choice for their child's name may be based on names of relatives or ancestors within their particular family. For example, in Italy, children are traditionally named after their grandparents. The parents generally use the father's parents' names first. If they have more children, then they will use the mother's parents' names. Similarly, some people in Eastern Europe name their children after relatives who have died. This tradition is seen as a means to protect the child from the Angel of Death.

Traditionally in some Asian countries, a child's grandfather or a fortune-teller chooses the child's name. In contrast to the tradition of naming children after relatives, the child's name is chosen to influence the child's character. For example, names may be based on a connection to certain elements such as fire, water, earth, wood, or metal. Or the name might include a written character meaning beauty, strength, or kindness.

In certain African cultures, when a child is born plays a large part in determining the child's name. In Ghana's Akan culture, the day a child is born determines the child's name. But each day has different names for boys and girls. For instance, a boy born on Friday is named Kofi, whereas a girl born on the same day is named Afua. Both Kofi and Afua are names meaning "wanderer" or "explorer." Children with these names are seen as travelers.

No matter where the name comes from, a child's name is the first gift in life. Whether it is chosen according to preference or dictated by tradition, the name reflects something about a child's culture. For that reason, all names should be treasured and respected.

Question 31: What is the best title of the passage?

- A. How names reflect a person's culture
- B. How Asian people name their children
- C. Choosing traditional names
- D. Choosing names in Italian culture

Question 32: The word they in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. grandparents B. parents C. children D. ancestors

Question 33: Which of the following is NOT mentioned in some Asian countries?

- A. The day of the week a child is born is a factor to choose name.
- B. Elements or positive qualities associated with the name.
- C. A connection to certain elements such as fire, water, earth, wood, or metal.
- D. A written character meaning beauty, strength, or kindness.

Question 34: The word **wanderer** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. settler B. resident C. nomad D. commuter

Question 35: Which is true in Akan culture if a twin brother and sister are born on a Friday?

- A. They will have different names. B. They will have to travel to a different city.
C. They will both be named Afua. D. They will both be named Kofi.

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 36 to 42.

“Perfume,” says expert perfumer Sophia Grojsman, “is a promise in a bottle.” That promise might be reflected in a perfume’s name: Joy, Pleasures, or Beautiful, for example. Millions of dollars are spent on the marketing of a perfume, trying to get customers to connect luxury, attraction, or attitude to a fragrance.

Even without all the marketing, fragrance has power over our thoughts and emotions. Some scientists insist that memory and smell are especially closely linked. Certain aromas have the power to call up deep memories. Perfume makers are aware of this and use aromas that can touch us deeply.

Of every ten new perfumes put on the market, perhaps only one will succeed. It’s risky to try, as a company introducing a new fragrance can easily **run through** a budget of 20 million dollars. Profits, however, can be very high. One successful fragrance, CK One from designer Calvin Klein, made 250 million dollars in its first year.

In the perfume world, an essence is a material with **its** own special aroma. Some are natural, derived from flowers, plants, or wood, for example. Others are synthetic copies of rare or difficult-to-obtain essences. According to perfume authority Harry Frémont, a good fragrance “is a balance between naturals and synthetics. Naturals give richness and roundness; synthetics, backbone and sparkle.”

Sephora is France’s leading perfume store. In a store of shining stone, metal, and glass, famous perfumes are displayed and guarded like works of art in the nearby Louvre Museum. Salespeople are dressed entirely in black, and each type of perfume is sold in a **distinctly** shaped bottle. In perfume sales, the emphasis is on presentation at least as much as on the product.

France’s main competitor in the global perfume market is the United States, where image is all-important. The recent launch in the U.S. of one cologne for men, named after basketball star Michael Jordan, was preceded by a flood of TV commercials and talk show appearances by the player to create plenty of excitement and hype. If you’re confused about which perfume to buy, perfumer Annie Buzantian offers this advice: you really can’t get an idea whether a perfume works or not until you wear it. “It’s like the difference between a dress on the hanger and a dress on your body,” says Buzantian. And Frémont adds, “Your first impression is often the right one.”

Question 36: Which of the following can be the best title of the passage?

- A. The perfume industry uses marketing to sell an idea.
B. The name is the most important feature of a perfume.
C. Perfume provides joy, pleasure, and beauty to customers
D. Perfume’s power includes fragrance, marketing, and success

Question 37: The phrase **run through** in the third paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. use completely B. move into C. earn D. produce

Question 38: What does the word **its** in the fourth paragraph refer to?

- A. perfume B. perfumer C. essence D. material

Question 39: According to Harry Frémont, good fragrance is a balance between _____.

- A. flower and wood essences
B. plant and man-made essences
C. rare and difficult-to-obtain essences
D. natural and man-made essences

Question 40: The phrase **distinctly** in the fifth paragraph is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. ambiguously B. uniquely C. indistinctly D. unobtrusively

Question 41: Which of the following is **NOT TRUE** according to the passage?

- A. In perfume sales, presentation is much more important than the product.
B. France’s main competitor in the global perfume market is the US.
C. In perfume sales, the emphasis is on presentation at least as much as on the product.
D. A good fragrance is a balance between naturals and synthetics.

Question 42: Which of the following can be inferred from the reading passage?

- A. Sephora is a leading perfume store in France
B. Perfume’s fragrance and its success to global perfume
C. Fragrance has the power to evoke deep memories
D. A good fragrance is a balance between natural and synthetic essences

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

