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## READING COMPREHENSION

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.**

### Tourism: A Booming Industry

Tourism is one of the fastest-growing industries in the world, contributing significantly to the economies of many countries. People travel for various reasons, such as leisure, business, or cultural exploration. The tourism industry creates millions of jobs, from hotel staff and tour guides to transportation workers. Governments in many nations invest heavily in promoting tourism to boost economic growth.

One of the key benefits of tourism is the exchange of cultures. When travelers visit foreign countries, they experience new traditions, foods, and lifestyles. This cultural interaction fosters understanding and appreciation among people from different backgrounds. Additionally, tourism helps preserve historical landmarks and natural wonders, as countries strive to maintain their attractions for visitors.

However, tourism also has negative impacts. Some destinations suffer from overcrowding, which can lead to environmental damage and strain local resources. Popular tourist spots may experience pollution, increased waste, and habitat destruction. Moreover, in some cases, the local culture may become commercialized, losing its authenticity to cater to visitors' demands.

To ensure sustainable tourism, governments and organizations implement eco-friendly initiatives. Promoting responsible travel, supporting local businesses, and enforcing environmental protection laws help minimize the negative effects of tourism. By balancing economic benefits with environmental and cultural preservation, tourism can continue to thrive in a sustainable way.

26. What is the main topic of the passage?

- A. The environmental problems caused by tourism.
- B. The cultural impact of tourism.
- C. The growth, benefits, and challenges of tourism.
- D. How tourism affects historical landmarks.

27. The word "preserve" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Destroy      B. Maintain      C. Ignore      D. Change

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

- A. Tourism creates job opportunities for many people.
- B. Tourism has only positive effects on local cultures.
- C. Overcrowding can lead to environmental problems.
- D. Some governments promote tourism to improve their economies.

29. Why do some governments invest in tourism?

- A. To reduce pollution in big cities.
- B. To increase their country's economic growth.
- C. To stop people from traveling abroad.
- D. To make local cultures disappear.

30. What is one negative effect of tourism mentioned in the passage?

- A. It discourages people from traveling abroad.
- B. It leads to the disappearance of all historical landmarks.
- C. It may cause pollution and damage to local environments.
- D. It makes people less interested in exploring new cultures.

31. How can tourism be made more sustainable?

- A. By stopping people from traveling to popular destinations.
- B. By encouraging eco-friendly practices and responsible travel.
- C. By allowing tourism companies to expand without limits.
- D. By banning tourists from visiting cultural sites.

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Question	Result	Errors	Cause	How to fix it
<b>Example:</b> 24	Wrong	Choose True instead of False	Misunderstanding fundraising purposes	Read the details: "Funds raised will support community environmental projects."