

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 21 to 25.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

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. 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 their relatives or ancestors. 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...

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

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Question 1. What is the main idea 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 2. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT mentioned as someone who names the new-born child?

- A.** ancestors
- B.** parents
- C.** fortune-tellers
- D.** grandfathers

Question 3. The word "**means**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A.** sign
- B.** symbol
- C.** route
- D.** way

Question 4. What is a common belief in some Asian countries concerning the tradition of naming a child?

A. A child's name must include a written character meaning beauty, strength, or kindness.

B. The choice of a child's name is believed to have an impact on his or her personality.

C. A child's name shouldn't be connected with certain elements of nature.

D. The choice of a child's name should be based on names of his or her relatives.

Question 5. The word "**it**" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A.** preference
- B.** culture
- C.** name
- D.** tradition