

Generation X

Прочитайте текст с пропусками, обозначенными номерами A21-A28. Эти номера соответствуют заданиям A21-A28, в которых представлены возможные варианты ответов. Обведите номер выбранного вами варианта ответа.

Advertisers and others interested in the make-up of society occasionally use the term 'Generation X' to describe a certain section of the population. There is no strict definition for the term, but it usually **A21** _____ to those people born between 1964 and 1981. This is the generation whose parents were born at the end of or **A22** _____ the Second World War.

In America and Europe, the 1960s was a decade of big dreams. People believed that they could change the world for the better and that global problems could be solved through understanding and a belief in peace. However, during the 1970s many people began to realise that things were much more complicated than that. Children **A23** _____ up in the 70s and 80s saw that their parents' ideals had failed. Divorce rates rose rapidly and many Generation Xers experienced the splitting up of their family. They blamed their parents for industrial, social and economic problems and had no ideals of their own to rely on.

Of course, this image of a Generation Xer is a stereotype. Not all people born into that generation are the same. However, it does seem possible to pick out a few characteristics that people born between those years might **A24** _____. One is a certain **A25** _____ to work.

Generation Xers are likely to have spent some time doing a low-paid job, such as working in a fast food restaurant, and may have had a number of different jobs. They probably prefer to work on their own from home or take a risk and **A26** _____ up their own business, rather than work for a large company.

They are more likely to **A27** _____ divorced, although they are also more likely to say that they **A28** _____ marriage seriously. Generation Xers are likely to be cynical when it comes to politics. Generation X is also the generation that has seen technology become a big part of their lives and they are likely to be quite comfortable with using computers and the Internet.

A21	1) discusses	2) refers	3) mentions	4) means
A22	1) during	2) between	3) while	4) whenever
A23	1) growing	2) turning	3) bringing	4) getting
A24	1) own	2) belong	3) share	4) do
A25	1) behaviour	2) attitude	3) mood	4) impression
A26	1) put	2) do	3) make	4) set
A27	1) turn	2) come	3) get	4) go
A28	1) have	2) take	3) bring	4) hold