

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 23 to 27.

ALFRED NOBEL

Alfred Nobel was born on October 21, 1833 in Sweden. His important invention was dynamite - a powerful (23) _____. This dynamite business made him a very rich man.

One day, Alfred Nobel read about his death in a newspaper. In fact, it was his brother's death. The mass media (24) _____ him a salesman of death, "The dynamite king". Nobel was very

upset. He had invented dynamite to save lives - lives (25) _____ were lost because other explosives were dangerous to use. He hated violence and war. And he did not like the world to think of him as a man of war.

He thought (26) _____ the best way for people to use his fortune for years. (27) _____ he knew what to do with his fortune. Alfred Nobel established the Nobel Prize, an annual award to honour leaders of science, literature, and world peace. Alfred Nobel died on December 10, 1896. He was unmarried and had no children. His important decision changed the way the world thought of him. He was remembered the way he wanted: Alfred Nobel, man of peace.

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Question 23: A. explode B. explosive C. explosion D. exploded

Question 24: A. called B. regarded C. reminded D. remembered

Question 25: A. who B. what C. that D. where

Question 26: A. of B. to C. at D. up

Question 27: A. Finally B. At the end C. Thus D. Hence

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 28 to 35.

In America, when dining, people consider it rude for a guest or dining partner to belch or burp, eat with an open mouth, smack, or lick your fingers. Napkins, generally provided are available at every meal and should be placed in one's lap and then used throughout the meal to clean one's fingers and mouth.

It is acceptable to refuse additional servings of food by saying "No, thank you" and the host or hostess will not be insulted if you do so. Similarly, if you leave a small amount of uneaten food on your plate at a restaurant or in a home, it **is** not considered an insult. If you eat everything on

the plate, a host or hostess may possibly feel that they have not prepared enough food and might be embarrassed. People in the United States serve and eat food with either hand, but never take food from a communal serving dish with their hands. Generally, a serving utensil is used.

Americans typically use forks, spoons and knives to eat, but there are some types of foods that are acceptable to eat with one's fingers, like sandwiches or pizza. When in doubt, look to see what others are doing. In formal dining situations, if you wonder whether or not it is acceptable to begin eating, you should wait until the oldest woman (or oldest man if no women are present) begins to eat. When eating, do not pick up the bowl or plate from the table to hold underneath your mouth. Even noodles, soup, and rice are eaten with the plate or bowl remaining on the table. When consuming soup and hot liquids, it is considered impolite to slurp - do not do this. When consuming noodles, twirl them around your fork and then put it in your mouth.

If you are a man taking out a woman for dinner, you are almost always expected to pay. This is for the woman to **gauge** your intentions and interest with her. For example, taking a woman for coffee, versus tacos, versus a fancy dinner, versus for drinks at 11:30pm, all signal many different things to them. So, the date is a 'test' of many. Paying is just as important as where you take her, and how late. So, don't assume she is just trying to get a "free meal". Most girls aren't. Also, if you are going out with a friend to eat, almost always, the bill is expected to be split in half, or each person pays for themselves.

If you are eating in a restaurant, you will be expected to add a 15 to 20 % tip for the server to your bill. In America, wait staff might occasionally stop by your table to ask how your meal is, which is considered good service. They will also bring you your check when it seems reasonable that you are finished with your meal, however this is not necessarily an indication that you must leave right away (Do not be too embarrassed to ask for the check either waiters and waitresses cannot read minds.) Take your time to finish your meal, and unless there is a line of people waiting at the door, it is not considered rude to **linger** at your table for as long as you like.

(Source:<https://www.tripadvisor.com/>)

Question 28: Which of the following could be the best title of the passage?

- A. What should we do when being invited to the American's dinner?
- B. Table etiquette in America.
- C. Polite behavior at American's restaurants.
- D. What is acceptable in dining etiquette in America?

Question 29: According to the passage, what action may make the American unpleasant?

- A. Refusing the supplementary food they serve.
- B. Leaving the left-overs on the plate.
- C. Eating food with the guests' hands.
- D. Cleaning the food on the fingers by the tongue.

Question 30: What sentence is **NOT** stated in the passage?

- A. In formal dinners, the eldest often eat first.
- B. In America, the dishes are expected to remain on the table.
- C. Food is sometimes delivered from the communal serving dish with people's hands.
- D. It is not courteous to slurp when eating soup.

Question 31: The word "it" in paragraph 3 refers to_____.

- A. your fork B. noodles C. your mouth D. soup

Question 32: What could the word "gauge" in paragraph 4 best be replaced by?

- A. determine B. impress C. express D. estimate

Question 33: When will the bill be divided for the people having the meal?

- A. When a man is having a date with a woman.
B. When people are having meals with their friends.
C. When people are eating with the elderly.
D. When a girl is testing a boy.

Question 34: The word "linger" in the last paragraph is closest in meaning to_____.

- A. appear B. arrange C. reserve D. remain

Question 35: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. It is impolite if you give extra money for the waiter.
B. Whenever you receive your bill, you should think of leaving soon.
C. Paying meals for another may insult them.
D. Imitating others if you are not sure what to do at the meal is a good idea.

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.

Christina and James met in college and have been dating for more than five years. For the past two years, they have been living together in a condo they purchased jointly. While Christina and James were confident in their decision to enter into a commitment like a 20-year mortgage, they are unsure if they want to enter into marriage. The couple had many discussions about marriage and decided that it just did not seem necessary. Wasn't it only a piece of paper? And didn't half of all marriages end in divorce?

Neither Christina nor James had seen much success with marriage while growing up. Christina was raised by a single mother. Her parents never married, and her father has had little contact with the family since she was a toddler, Christina and her mother lived with her **maternal** grandmother, who often served as a surrogate parent. James grew up in a two-parent household until age seven, when his parents divorced. He lived with his mother for a few years, and then later with his mother and her boyfriend until he left for college. James remained close with his father who remarried and had a baby with his new wife.

Recently, Christina and James have been thinking about having children and the subject of marriage has resurfaced. Christina likes the idea of her children growing up in a **traditional** family; while James is concerned about possible marital problems down the road and negative consequences for the children should that occur. When they shared these concerns with their parents, James's mom was adamant that the couple should get married. Despite having been divorced and having a live-in boyfriend of 15 years, she believes that children are better off when their parents are married. Christina's mom believes that the couple

should do whatever they want but adds that it would "be nice" if they wed. Christina and James's friends told them, married or not married; they would still be a family.

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Question 36: Why did Christina and James suppose that marriage was unnecessary? Because

- A. It was only a piece of paper.
- B. Half of all marriages ended in divorce.
- C. Neither of them had seen much success with marriage while growing up.
- D. They led to an independent life.

Question 37: Which can be used as an antonym of the word "maternal"?

- A. relative
- B. bloody
- C. close
- D. paternal

Question 38: According to the paragraph 2, which of the following statements is **TRUE**?

- A. Christina lived with her parents until she left for college.
- B. James was brought up by his father and his new wife.
- C. Both James and Christina grew up in broken families.
- D. James lived with his mother and her boyfriend for a year.

Question 39: Which of the following could best replace the word "traditional" ?

- A. old-fashioned
- B. customary
- C. antique
- D. ancient

Question 40: Why have Christina and James mentioned the subject of marriage again?

- A. They have been thinking about having children.
- B. Christina likes the idea of her children growing up in a traditional family.
- C. They have been living together for a long time.
- D. James is concerned about possible marital problems down the road and negative consequences for the children should that occur.

Question 41: What is the advice of the couple's parents?

- A. Married or not married, they would still be a family.
- B. They should get married so that children are better off.
- C. The couple should do whatever they want.
- D. They can have children without entering into a commitment of marriage.

Question 42: What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. Marital problems
- B. Negative consequences of a broken family
- C. Changes in young people's attitude to marriage
- D. Arguments about marriage