

PASSAGE 53

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Students today have many educational choices and some students are leaving their country to study. There are four million international students and this is increasing every year. Of course, lots of international students travel to America, Canada, Britain and Australia. But students aren't just going to English-speaking countries. More than 200 000 international students are studying in China today. They are looking for good universities with an interesting social life.

Students can also get an international education in their home country. There are over 160 international campuses all over the world and this number is growing. Students at these campuses have a Western-style education. Some people think this is a bad thing because later, the students often leave their home countries and go overseas to work.

Other people say there are lots of advantages to an international education. International students leave universities with up-to-date ideas and take this knowledge back to their countries. Students also learn the language and culture of these countries.

International education is changing universities too. Now they are becoming more **diverse**, with students from all over the world. International students bring new ideas and new ways of looking at the world.

Question 1: What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. The popularity of Chinese universities.
- B. The increase in international education and its effects.
- C. Reasons why students nowadays prefer to study abroad.
- D. The disadvantages of studying abroad.

Question 2: The word "**diverse**" in the passage is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. varied
- B. simple
- C. common
- D. limited

Question 3: According to the passage, why do some people think getting an international education is a bad thing?

- A. Students get a Western-style education.
- B. Students have limited social opportunities.
- C. Students forget their own language and culture.
- D. Students often stay in that country afterwards.

Question 4: According to the passage, which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. All international students go to English-speaking countries to study.
- B. International campuses only exist in English-speaking countries.
- C. Some believe international education helps students bring new knowledge home.
- D. Most international students are studying in Canada, the United States, and Australia.

Question 5: What is the main idea of the last paragraph?

- A. International students negatively impact local universities.
- B. International students contribute to the diversity and creativity of universities.
- C. Students should focus on their own culture instead of foreign cultures.
- D. Universities are losing their traditional values due to international students.