

Read the following passage about Huawei company and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 23 to 30.

Huawei is a multinational company that makes telecommunications parts for mobile phones, network equipment and other high-tech devices. It is the second largest such company in the world. Huawei has its headquarters in Shenzhen, which became China's first special economic zone in 1979.

The Chinese technology company, which was founded about 20 years ago, has over 100,000 workers in all parts of the world, more than Microsoft. Most of the company is owned by its employees. Huawei started out in the rural areas in China. In those days most of the telecom contracts went to state-owned Chinese or foreign firms. As the company grew, it took hold of urban markets in big Chinese cities and in 1997 it expanded to other countries.

Today, Huawei is the second biggest manufacturer of telecom equipment, after Ericsson. In 2011, annual sales is expected to be about \$12 billion dollars and likely to get three times as high within the next ten years. Working for Huawei is something many young Chinese engineers and IT workers dream of. The 1.5 square km site has modern apartments that can be rented, its own hospital, restaurants and bars where employees can go to in their free time. For Chinese standards workers are well-paid. Although Huawei has been concentrating on making telecom parts and whole networks, the company is also looking into other industries in an attempt to diversify and grow. At Shenzhen engineers are experimenting on new forms of video conferencing, a branch that is expanding rapidly. The Chinese hi-tech giant is also starting to produce cloud-based hardware and computers that work out of the box.

Even though Huawei is one of the world leaders in producing mobile phone parts it is also pushing into the consumer market with its own brand of computers, tablets and smartphones. So far Huawei has failed to reach the American market because of security reasons. The American government thinks it has connections with the Chinese military and is afraid it will spy on the American public.

Question 23: Which of the following is **NOT MENTIONED** as a service or product that Huawei provides?

- A. mobile phone parts
- B. high-tech devices
- C. telecommunications network equipment
- D. software development

Question 24: The word "expanded" in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to _____.

- A. contracted
- B. enlarged
- C. advanced
- D. diversified

Question 25: The word "it" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. Huawei
- B. a state-owned firm
- C. a foreign firm
- D. a telecom contract

Question 26: The word "diversify" in paragraph 3 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. vary
- B. specialize
- C. stagnate
- D. focus

Question 27: Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 3?

- A. Working for Huawei is an ideal job for many young Chinese.
- B. Young engineers find it difficult to work at Huawei.
- C. Many young Chinese engineers dislike working for Huawei.
- D. Working conditions at Huawei are tough for young workers.

Question 28: According to the passage, which of the following is TRUE about Huawei's employees?

- A. Most of them are foreign workers.
- B. They are mostly based in rural areas.
- C. They have a stake in the company.
- D. They do not receive high salaries.

Question 29: In which paragraph does the writer mention Huawei's efforts to enter the consumer electronics market?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 3
- D. Paragraph 4

Question 30: In which paragraph does the writer highlight the headquarters of Huawei?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 3
- D. Paragraph 4

Moreover, lifelong learning contributes to personal fulfillment and mental well-being. Engaging in new learning experiences can stimulate the brain, foster creativity, and improve cognitive function. Research indicates that individuals who pursue learning opportunities throughout their lives tend to report higher levels of happiness and life satisfaction (Smith & Johnson, 2019). Whether it is taking a course, learning a new language, or picking up a new hobby, the process of acquiring knowledge can be *enriching* and enjoyable.

A. External support is essential for lifelong learning initiatives.

In addition, lifelong learning promotes social engagement and community involvement. Participating in educational programs or community workshops can foster connections with others who share similar interests. This social aspect of learning can enhance one's sense of belonging and support networks, which are crucial for mental health (Jones, 2022).

Overall, lifelong learning is not just an individual responsibility; it requires support from educational institutions, employers, and communities to create an environment conducive to continuous education. By fostering a culture of learning, society can better prepare individuals for the challenges of the future and ensure that everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

(Adapted from *The Importance of Lifelong Learning* by Knowles, Smith, Johnson, and others)

B. Lifelong learning should be self-managed by individuals.

C. Employers should prioritize in-house training over external programs.

D. Continuous learning relies mainly on personal efforts.

Question 39. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

A. Lifelong learning is only applicable in educational institutions.

B. Lifelong learning leads to higher life satisfaction and resilience.

C. Continuous education guarantees career advancement.

D. Job markets remain unaffected by ongoing education.

Question 40. Which of the following best summarizes the passage?

A. Lifelong education mainly focuses on vocational training and skill enhancement to meet the current job market demands.

B. Lifelong education should only take place in formal educational settings and has little impact once formal schooling is completed.

C. Lifelong learning is necessary only for enhancing work capabilities and developing professional skills in certain industries.

D. Lifelong learning provides personal and professional benefits, with support from institutions essential for success.