

- C) The divorce rate in North America is rather low.
 D) They are responsible for raising children.
25. A) Invest on real estate properties.
 B) Spend 30% of it in stocks and shares.
 C) Put all of it in low-risk investment.
 D) Invest on their children's education.

Part III **Reading Comprehension** **(40 minutes)**

Section A

Directions: *In this section, there is a passage with ten blanks. You are required to select one word for each blank from a list of choices given in a word bank following the passage. Read the passage through carefully before making your choices. Each choice in the bank is identified by a letter. Please mark the corresponding letter for each item on **Answer Sheet 2** with a single line through the centre. You may not use any of the words in the bank more than once.*

A person's ethical code determines his view on right and wrong, and influences how he interacts with other people. While personal ethics and professional ethics sometimes differ dramatically, each influences the other. And each comes into play in the workplace, as more companies 26 to infuse their corporate culture with a sense of ethical responsibility. Often, professional ethics encompass many of the same principles of personal ethics, such as honesty and fairness but may also extend to principles like company 27.

Personal ethics depend 28 on a person's background and life relationships and concern, for example, what your parents, teachers and religion taught you. They are also influenced by the experiences you had growing up with 29 such as lying, cheating or even violence. While your personal ethics may change as you learn and experience more, they often retain much of this 30 influence. Professional ethics, however, are 31 heavily on the requirements or principles of your profession. You may even be legally required to 32 some ethical principles, such as confidentiality, in the case of doctors or lawyers.

Some professions require objectivity and impartiality, which may conflict with an individual's personal ethics, especially if 33 and a willingness to step in to help others is an important part of his ethical code. Sometimes, individuals find they must 34 their personal ethics from their professional ethics while at work. Examples might include a person who believes activities like gambling or drinking are 35 or a worker who holds strong views on religion and the role it should play in society. These views are highly personal and may need to be set aside if the person works with a diverse group of people.

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| A) early | F) dilemmas | K) separate |
| B) largely | G) loyalty | L) accustomed |
| C) immoral | H) focused | M) based |
| D) comparison | I) advisable | N) conform |
| E) obey | J) compassion | O) seek |

Section B

Directions: *In this section, you are going to read a passage with ten statements attached to it. Each statement contains information given in one of the paragraphs. Identify the paragraph from which the information is derived. You may choose a paragraph more than once. Each paragraph is marked with a letter. Answer the questions by marking the corresponding letter on **Answer Sheet 2**.*

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- [A] Public education in America is a mess. Too often, parents are absent or indifferent; teachers don't know their own subjects; administrators are powerless to fire the worst and hire the best. Daunting problems, yes. But a number of schools have quietly launched experiments that seem to be working. This article, the first in a series,