

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.

People tend to want as many choices as possible. They believe this will maximize their 26 of making the best decision. But research shows that, when it comes to actually making a 27 from all of these choices, people can become 28 and avoid making a decision altogether. Even worse, when people finally do decide, they are generally less satisfied with their decision and feel more regretful over whatever choice they made.

Why does this happen? Research shows that when people choose from many options, they 29 more in the decision, but feel less confident in their ability to decide well. In other words, when we are 30 with more choices, making the "right" or "correct" decision begins to feel more 31 and, at the same time, more difficult to do. This may contribute to the deep fear that we will make the wrong decision.

How can we solve this problem? I believe this fear could be tempered by putting decisions into perspective. It might help to remember that many of the choices you make, such as what to have for lunch, will not 32 much in the future and that, even more important choices, like accepting a new job, can 33 be changed. It could also help to 34 these situations with clear guidelines and ideas of what you want from the 35 of options, which can narrow the possible choices, and also make you more confident about your ability to make the right decision.

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| A) approximately | I) matter |
| B) case | J) presented |
| C) chance | K) range |
| D) confused | L) regular |
| E) crucial | M) seize |
| F) deposited | N) selection |
| G) enter | O) ultimately |
| H) invest | |