

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.

With the rapid progress in the economy, it is natural that people's ideology is bound for change. Being 26 is no longer a virtue to some people, and they are not alone in holding this view. Each might have different viewpoints on how to lead one's lifestyle: some prefer simplicity, some love luxuries, some spend 27, some accumulate as much as they can like a country mouse. As I was born poor and in the countryside, the simple rural life seldom loses its 28 to me, but as my station changes, I have an opportunity to 29 with the newly rich, an experience which has revolutionized my view of lifestyle.

It is evil or sinful to spend little and to save much, an idea only recently being revealed to me. Actually the whole world is in a 30 to borrow and to spend, with the USA leading the trend. The USA is still the richest and most powerful country in the world, but the 31 is that they borrow money from us. Though a 32 of economics, at least I know that investing with borrowed money will turn the borrower into the 33 rather than the decent and kind lender. An apparent case is real estate. Those who are 34 and have got loans from the bank become relatively rich by selling their purchased home at a price several folds higher. Even education is not immune from this theory. Many of those poor parents who have the vision to send their children to college have benefited from this investment, even though they have to 35 a living. It is reasonable to conclude that spending is praiseworthy, supposing it is not beyond your means.

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| A appeal | I meadow |
| B extravagantly | J mingle |
| C intrinsically | K predator |
| D irony | L rage |
| E layman | M scrape |
| F literally | N shrewd |
| G majestic | O thrifty |
| H malicious | |