

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.

It's best to think of an accent as a distinct, systematic and rule-governed way of speaking. Accent is not a 26 for dialect, but it's related. Dialect is an umbrella term for the way a community pronounces words, creates words, and orders words; accent refers to that first part only.

Many 27 presume that there is a single standard way of speaking in each country, with one single standard accent, and that this perceived standard is 28 the best form of speech, but linguists(语言学家) often point out that the concept of a standard accent is better understood as an ideal rather than a 29. In other words, no one speaks "standard English"; rather, it is an imagined way of using language that exists only in grammar and style books.

One reason linguists agree there is no one true standard is that, through the years, there have been 30 supposed standards, depending on time and place. The standard for English in British newsreels(新闻片) from the 1950s, for example, differs greatly from the standard found on American national news broadcasts today. In fact, there has never been a single standard that's been fully agreed upon — and broadcast outlets across the 31 have never consistently held to those standards anyway.

Even so, this idea of a standard accent is 32 and many workplace and educational environments perpetuate the idea that accents that 33 from the current standard are less appropriate, or even inappropriate. Scholars have found that southern US accent features are more accepted in 34 such as government, law and service-oriented workplaces, but less accepted in the technology sector. The acceptability of nonstandard accents may 35 with differences in class and culture, with newer or higher prestige industries expecting more standard speech in the workplace.

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| A) affix | I) properties |
| B) correlate | J) reality |
| C) deviate | K) reciprocally |
| D) domains | L) specimen |
| E) influential | M) spectrum |
| F) inherently | N) synonym |
| G) laymen | O) unanimous |
| H) multiple | |