PASSAGE II

World Trade: Lost in Translation?

As American businesses explore overseas markets. They learn firsthand how language

differences can stand in the way of trade. After experiencing a period of slow gasoline sales in a new foreign market, an American oil company learned that its name in the foreign nation's language means "stalled car." A major American car manufacturer, you see, found out that the name of

one of its models being converted into hard cash in South America is a Spanish word meaning "ugly old woman." Blunders like these illustrate that an important step in breaking down barriers to international trade is to break down language barriers.

The many countries of Western Europe have always faced this problem. Overcoming it is one of the tasks of the European Economic Community or Common Market an organization

founded at its start to promote trade among nations in that part of the world. But it's a difficult

- 16. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. markets, they

success, which was predictable.

nickname once again.

D. success, and Diane of the Wolves had earned her

- H. markets; they
- J. markets and
- 17. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. differences, which
 - C. differences that
 - D. differences of which
- 18. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. manufacturer, as proof,
 - H. manufacturer
 - J. manufacturer, consequently,
- 19. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. sold over the counter
 - C. traded for the local currency
 - D. offered for sale

- 20. F. NO CHANGE

 - G. Community, or Common Market; H. Community, or Common Market, J. Community or, Common Market,
- 21. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. which was begun and founded
 - C. that it organized
 - D. formed

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task. When one of the European Economic Community's (EEC's) twelve official languages $\frac{\text{are used}}{22}$ at a meeting, translation must be available

to the other delegates. [23] Finding translators for English, French, and German is relatively easy. But finding them for languages like Danish, Portuguese, and, especially, Greek has proven

more difficult. In fact, when it was

almost two decades ago becoming clear that

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Greece would join the Common Market,
officials began to look for translators three years
in advance. The results of their search were
disappointing to this day, it is almost impossible
for them to find translators who can turn Greek

 $\frac{\text{into, say,}}{27}$ Danish.

 $\frac{\text{Then, a}}{28}$ standing joke among language officials at EEC headquarters begins

with the interrogation of someone by asking the question "What is a Great Dane?" With a rueful smile, someone is likely to respond, "Any Dane who knows how to speak Greek?" All that's needed

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- 22. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. is used
 - H. are being used
 - J. are in use
- 23. At this point, the writer is considering the addition of the following sentence:

Brussels, the home of EEC headquarters, is the lively and modern capital of Belgium.

Would this be a logical and relevant addition to the essay?

- A. Yes, because it serves to establish the setting for the essay.
- B. Yes, because it helps to legitimize the EEC by mentioning its main headquarters.
- C. No, because the official languages of Belgium aren't mentioned as "problem" languages.
- D. No, because it sheds no new light on the problem of language barriers in the EEC.
- 24. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. (Do NOT begin new paragraph) Furthermore,
 - H. (Begin new paragraph) In fact,
 - J. (Begin new paragraph) Furthermore,
- 25. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. (Place after clear)
 - C. (Place after join)
 - D. (Place after began)
- 26. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. disappointing, and
 - H. disappointing and
 - J. so disappointing
- 27. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. into say,
 - C. into, say
 - D. into,
- 28. F. NO CHANGE
 - G. A
 - H. For instance, a
 - J. Eventually, a
- 29. A. NO CHANGE
 - B. by asking someone to answer the
 - C. by commencing with the introductory
 - D. with the

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to turn that smile into a look of despair, is a reminder that Turkey, whose language is not widely studied in Western Europe, may someday

become a member of the Common Market.

30. F. NO CHANGE
G. despair, was
H. despair is
J. despair, would be

PASSAGE III