

III. Reading Comprehension(2 points each, 40 points total)

Questions 21-30

Choose the best word to fill each gap.

This book(21) _____ the idea that all working relationships, including the relationship with one's boss, can and should be managed.

You do not have to be(22) _____ than your manager in order to manage the relationship. Nor do you have to be better than your manager in any(23) _____. Your manager may well be your career(24) _____ and guide; he or she may have taught you almost everything you know about your(25) _____ of business-and may continue to teach you more. You may be planning to remain under his or her guidance in the future. None of these(26) _____ should alter your relationship with your manager or(27) _____ you off"managing upwards". I use this phrase to(28) _____ to the management of one's boss because, for many people on the way up, it is the first relationship they have to get right.

You can, of course, get on at work just by(29) _____ positively to your manager, but that is not likely to be the most successful way to(30) _____ your working life. An active policy of managing upwards will make you more successful and, at the same time, make the business of going to work more enjoyable.

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| 21. | A. promotes | B. presses | C. advertises | D. convinces |
| 22. | A. clearer | B. deeper | C. smarter | D. fuller |
| 23. | A. respect | B. fashion | C. part | D. means |
| 24. | A. leader | B. supporter | C. adviser | D. helper |
| 25. | A. course | B. line | C. path | D. route |
| 26. | A. factors | B. aspects | C. causes | D. topics |
| 27. | A. put | B. see | C. keep | D. take |
| 28. | A. specify | B. identify | C. indicate | D. refer |
| 29. | A. giving | B. operating | C. reacting | D. cooperating |
| 30. | A. run | B. forward | C. move | D. make |

Questions 31-35

WASHINGTON -- A survey released Monday by the National Association for Business Economics shows that U. S. companies expect to hire and invest more over the next six months. It is another sign that the economy is improving.

More business executives and economists polled by NABE in its third-quarter industry survey reported a rise in capital spending over the previous quarter, instead of a decline. That is the first time since October 2008.

The survey is based on 78 panelists. It also showed a majority expecting their companies to add employees over the next six months rather than cutting jobs for the first time since the recession began.

Industry demand increased during the July-to-September period for the first time in five quarters, with growth seen in finance, insurance and real estate.

"NABE's October 2009 industry survey provides new evidence that the U. S. recovery is underway," said William Strauss of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

All 78 NABE panelists indicated that business decisions are being made with the expectations that the economy will expand in 2010. Some 73% of companies expect real gross domestic product to expand between 1% and 3% in 2010.

31. According to NABE's survey of 78 business executives and economists,
- Economists and executives are worried.
 - The U. S. economy is strengthening.
 - Consumer demand is soaring.
 - Business conditions are declining.
32. According to the article, when was the last time industry demand increased?
- July to September 2008
 - October to December 2008
 - January to March 2009
 - April to June 2009
33. Look at the underlined word or phrase and choose the answer that is closest in meaning. It also showed a majority expecting their companies to add employees over the next six months rather than cutting jobs for the first time since the recession began.
- all
 - none
 - few
 - most
34. "NABE's October 2009 industry survey provides new evidence that the U. S. recovery is underway," said William Strauss of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. That the U. S. recovery is underway means
- The U. S. economy will never be better than it is right now.
 - Improvement in the U. S. economy may occur in the future.
 - The U. S. economy is in the process of improving once again.
 - The number of jobs will continue to decline in the U. S. economy.
35. According to the information in the article, what is likely to happen over the next several months in the U. S. economy?
- Most companies will continue cutting jobs.
 - NABE will ask more panelists for predictions.
 - The unemployment rate will start to decline.
 - The gross domestic product will fall again.

Questions 36-40

TOKYO -- Nomura Holdings Inc. moved a step closer to becoming a global investment bank as it reported international revenue that exceeded domestic revenue for the first time. At the same time, it also reported its second consecutive quarterly profit.

Japan's largest brokerage attributed the quarter's performance to the recovery in financial markets and to the former Lehman Brothers' European and Asian businesses, which it bought out of insolvency late last year to broaden its global reach.

Nomura posted a net profit for its fiscal second quarter, which ended in September, of 27.72

