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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/127/2021_2022_GMAT_E8_8 0_83_E8_AF_95_c89_127381.htm 32. In order to determine whether advertisements reflect a nations ideas, it is necessary to determine whether advertisements present real ideas at all, and, if so, whose ideas they actually reflect. On both counts, it appears that advertisements fail to accurately mirror a nations ideas. Indisputably, advertisements inform us as to a nations values, attitudes, and priorities what activities are worthwhile, what the future holds, and what is fashionable and attractive. For instance, a proliferation of ads for sport-utility vehicles reflects a societal concern more for safety and machismo than for energy conservation and frugality, while a plethora of ads for inexpensive on-line brokerage services reflects an optimistic and perhaps irrationally exuberant economic outlook. However, a mere picture of a social more, outlook, or fashion is not an "idea"it does not answer questions such as "why" and "how"? Admittedly, public-interest advertisements do present ideas held by particular segments of societyfor example, those of environmental and other public-health interest groups. However, these ads constitute a negligible percentage of all advertisements, and they do not necessarily reflect the majoritys view. Consequently, to assert that advertisements reflect a nations ideas distorts reality. In truth, they mirror only the business and product ideas of companies whose goods and services are advertised and the creative ideas of advertising firms. Moreover, advertisements look very much the same in all

countries. Western and Eastern alike. Does this suggest that all nations have essentially identical ideas? Certainly not. In sum, the few true ideas we might see in advertisements are those of only a few business concerns and interest groups. they tell us little about the ideas of a nation as a whole. 100Test 下载频道开通,各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com