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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/204/2021_2022__E8_80_83_E7_A0_94_E5_80_92_E6_c73_204402.htm Text 3 Being the founder of the Internet ' s largest encyclopedia means Jimmy Wales gets a lot of bizarre e-mail. There are the correspondents who assume he wrote Wikipedia himself and is therefore an expert on everything like the guy who found vials of mercury in his late grandfather ' s attic and wanted Wales, a former options trader, to tell him what to do with them. But the e-mails that make him laugh out loud come from concerned newcomers who have just discovered they have total freedom to edit just about any Wikipedia entry at the click of a button. Oh my God, they write, you ' ve got a major security flaw! As the old techie saying goes, it ' s not a bug, it ' s a feature. Wikipedia is a free open-source encyclopedia, which basically means that anyone can log on and add to or edit it. And they do. It has a stunning 1.5 million entries in 76 languages-and counting. Academics are upset by what they see as info anarchy. Loyal Wikipedians argue that collaboration improves articles over time, just as free open-source software like Linux and Firefox is more robust than for-profit competitors because thousands of amateur programmers get to look at the code and suggest changes. It ' s the same principle that New Yorker writer James Surowiecki asserted in his best seller *The Wisdom of Crowds*: large groups of people are inherently smarter than an é lite few. Wikipedia is in the vanguard of a whole wave of wikis built on that idea. A wiki is a deceptively

simple piece of software (little more than five lines of computer code) that you can download for free and use to make a website that can be edited by anyone you like. Need to solve a thorny business problem overnight and all members of your team are in different time zones? Start a wiki. In Silicon Valley, at least, wiki culture has already taken root. Inspired by Wikipedia, a Silicon Valley start-up called Socialtext has helped set up wikis at a hundred companies, including Nokia and Kodak. Business wikis are being used for project management, mission statements and cross-company collaborations. Instead of e-mailing a vital Word document to your co-workers and creating confusion about which version is the most up-to-date you can now literally all be on the same page: as a wiki Web page, the document automatically reflects all changes by team members. Socialtext CEO Ross Mayfield claims that accelerates project cycles 25%. “ A lot of people are afraid because they have to give up control over information, ” he says. “ But in the end, wikis foster trust. ”

31. Why do many people think that Wikipedia has a “ major security flaw ” ? [A] It has lots of bugs. [B] Because they don ’ t understand the concept of a wiki. [C] Because Jimmy Wales is not a computer expert. [D] Because a wiki is a simple computer code.

32. Why are many academics unhappy with the idea of a Wikipedia? [A] Because they don ’ t trust online encyclopaedias. [B] Because all information in Wikipedia is inherently unreliable. [C] Because they believe that certain information should not be available on the internet. [D] Because anyone can add or change the information in it.

33. Which of the

following is NOT given as an advantage of a wiki? [A] You can choose who edits it. [B] Wiki software is free. [C] Any bugs in the code can be changed easily. [D] It ' s easy to use. 34. Why do “ wikis foster trust ” ? [A] Because the people who use it need to trust the information other users post on it. [B] Because they are used in business contexts. [C] Because they can be used in a wide variety of situations. [D] Because only trustworthy people use them. 35. What kind of reader is the article aimed at? [A] Computer specialists. [B] Academics who don ' t like wikis. [C] Computer science students. [D] The general reader with an interest in computing. 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