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more vigorous scrutiny (审视) for cultural bias than the Longman publication because the latter does not hesitate about viewing the rest of the world from the cultural perspectives of the English-speaking world. The cultural objectives of the BBC dictionary are in turn more distinct still. Based on an analysis of over 70 million words recorded from the BBC World Service and National Public Radio of Washington over a period of four years, their 1,000 brief encyclopedic entries are based on people and places that have featured (占显著地位) in the news recently. The intended user they have in mind is a regular listener to the World Service who will have a reasonable standard of English and a developed skill in listening comprehension. In reality, though, the BBC dictionary will be purchased by a far wider range of language learners, as will the other two dictionaries. We will be faced with a situation where many of the users of these dictionaries will at the very least have distinct socio-cultural perspectives and may have world views which are totally opposed and even hostile to those of the West. Advanced learners from this kind of background will not only evaluate a dictionary on how user-friendly it is but will also have definite views about the scope and appropriateness of the various socio-cultural entries.

21. What feature sets apart the three dictionaries discussed in the passage from traditional ones?

A) The combination of two dictionaries into one  
B) The new approach to defining words  
C) The inclusion of cultural content  
D) The increase in the number of entries

22. The Longman dictionary is more likely to be criticized for cultural prejudice because .

A) its scope of cultural entries goes

beyond the culture of the English-speaking worldB) it pays little attention to the cultural content of the non-English-speaking countriesC) it views the world purely from the standpoint of the English-speaking peopleD) it fails to distinguish language from culture in its encyclopedic entries 23. The BBC dictionary differs from Oxford and Longman in that .A) it has a wider selection of encyclopedic entriesB) it is mainly designed to meet the needs of radio listenersC) it lays more emphasis on language than on cultureD) it is intended to help listeners develop their listening comprehension skills 24. It is implied in the last paragraph that, in approaching socio-cultural content in a dictionary, special thought should be given to .A) the language levels of its users B) the number of its prospective purchasersC) the different tastes of its usersD) the various cultural backgrounds of its users 25. What is the passage mainly about?A) Different ways of treating socio-cultural elements in the three new English dictionaries.B) A comparison of peoples opinions on the cultural content in the three new English dictionaries.C) The advantages of the BBC dictionary over Oxford and Longman.D) The user-friendliness of the three new English dictionaries. 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](http://www.100test.com)