Chapter 3  
MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Peter Drucker identified _____ change-based sources of opportunity that entrepreneurs should consider as they prepare to launch or grow their enterprise.
   a. 3  
   b. 5  
   c. 7  
   d. 9
   ANS:         PTS: 1    REF: p. 74    OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: C
   NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

2. Which change factor was not identified by Peter Drucker as a business opportunity source?
   a. the unexpected  
   b. the innocuous  
   c. the incongruous  
   d. demographics
   ANS:         PTS: 1    REF: p. 75    OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: D
   NAT: Analytic | Economic Environments

3. Carter Pilcher’s idea for Shorts International was based on which type of idea?
   a. TYPE A  
   b. TYPE B  
   c. TYPE C  
   d. TYPE D
   ANS:         PTS: 1    REF: p. 72    OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: A
   NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

4. Peter Drucker’s change-based sources of entrepreneurial opportunities is made up of the external factors of changes in perception, new knowledge and ______.
   a. structural change  
   b. process needs  
   c. incongruous  
   d. demographics
   ANS:         PTS: 1    REF: p. 75    OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: D
   NAT: Analytic | Economic Environments

5. The quote “Good artists borrow; great artists steal” is the principle that launched which company?
   a. Aimie’s Dinner and Movie  
   b. Apple  
   c. C and D Landscape Company  
   d. Xerox
   ANS:         PTS: 1    REF: p. 77    OBJ: 3-2 TYPE: A
   NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

6. Sherwood Forlee and Mihoko Ouchi, owners of the, sell a line of non-traditional, entertaining products that are an example of
   a. recognizing a hot trend and riding the wave.  
   b. combining two businesses into one to create a market opening.  
   c. beginning with a problem in mind.
d. considering ways to adapt a product or service to meet customer needs in a different way.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 78 OBJ: 3-2 TYPE: A
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

7. Which statement is an example of an economic trend?
   a. The Federal Reserve announces that it will decrease the interest rate charged to banks.
   b. Congress passes legislation that increases the tax rate on corporations.
   c. A new computer chip is announced which will allow for miniaturization of many electronic devices.
   d. The E.U. declares an increase in tariffs on all agricultural goods.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 81 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: A
NAT: Global Dynamics | Economic Environments

8. Which statement is an example of a political/legal trend?
   a. The Federal Reserve announces that it will decrease the interest rate it charges banks.
   b. Congress passes legislation that increases the tax rates on corporations.
   c. A new computer chip is announced which will allow for miniaturization of many electronic devices.
   d. The E.U. declares an increase in tariffs on all agricultural goods.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 81 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: A
NAT: Global Dynamics | Ethical and Legal

9. Which statement is an example of a technological trend?
   a. The Federal Reserve announces that it will decrease the interest rate it charges banks.
   b. Congress passes legislation that increases the tax rates on corporations.
   c. A new computer chip is announced which will allow for miniaturization of many electronic devices.
   d. The E.U. announces an increase in tariffs on all agricultural goods.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 81 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: C
NAT: Global Dynamics | Technology

10. An example of a Type B startup idea is
    a. a new microsponge technology allowing oils to be contained inside billions of microscopic sponges.
    b. a baby stroller that pushes more easily and is more difficult to overturn than previous designs.
    c. opening a new hamburger stand on the corner with no unique product differentiation.
    d. a new mail-order business selling a foreign-produced item never sold domestically before.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 72 OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: A
NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

11. A Type A idea involves
    a. a technically new process.
    b. performing an old function in a new and improved way.
    c. using prior work experience as a basis for starting a new business.
    d. providing customers with a product or service absent in their market but available elsewhere.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 71 OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation
12. A Type B idea involves
   a. a technically new process.
   b. performing an old function in a new and improved way.
   c. using prior work experience as a basis for starting a new business.
   d. providing customers with a product or service absent in their market but available elsewhere.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 72 OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

13. A Type C idea involves
   a. a technically new process.
   b. performing an old function in a new and improved way.
   c. using prior work experience as a basis for starting a new business.
   d. providing customers with a product or service absent in their market but available elsewhere.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 72 OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

14. What idea accounts for the largest number of startups?
   a. A technically new process
   b. Performing an old function in a new and improved way
   c. Using prior work experience as a basis for starting a new business
   d. A product or service absent in a market but available elsewhere

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 72 OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

15. An example of a Type C startup idea is
   a. a new microsponge technology allowing oils to be contained inside billions of microscopic sponges.
   b. a baby stroller that pushes more easily and is more difficult to overturn than previous designs.
   c. opening a new hamburger stand on the corner with no unique product differentiation.
   d. using satellite dish technology to form a mobile satellite transmitter and receiver business.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 72 OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: A
NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

16. According to a study by the National Federation of Independent Business Foundation, new product ideas for small business startups originate from all of the following except
   a. prior work experience.
   b. personal interests and hobbies.
   c. a chance happening.
   d. existing records of a business.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 72 OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Economic Environments

17. According to a study by the National Federation of Independent Business Foundation, the most common source of new product ideas for small business startups is
   a. prior work experience.
   b. personal interests and hobbies.
   c. a chance happening.
18. An example of an idea for a new startup from a hobby is
a. a coin collector, who bought and sold coins for years to build a personal collection, deciding to become a coin dealer.
b. a furniture salesperson seeing the possibility of opening a new furniture store in a different area of the city.
c. a sharpshooter, who shot holes in a pair of her boyfriend's jeans during an argument, hearing him get complimented on the way they look.
d. all of the above are examples.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 74 OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: A
NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

19. An example of an idea for a new startup from an accidental discovery is
a. a coin collector, who bought and sold coins for years to build a personal collection, deciding to become a coin dealer.
b. a furniture salesperson seeing the possibility of opening a new furniture store in a different area of the city.
c. a sharpshooter, who shot holes in a pair of her boyfriend's jeans during an argument, hearing him get complimented on the way they look.
d. all of the above are examples.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 74 OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: A
NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

20. Which segment is part of the general environment?
   a. The industry segment
   b. The global segment
   c. The information segment
   d. The human resources segment

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 81 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: C
NAT: Global Dynamics | Economic Environments

21. The increased trade between the United States and Mexico since the enactment of the North American Free Trade Agreement is related to the ____ element of the general environment.
   a. technological
   b. global
   c. ecological
   d. sociocultural

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 81 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: A
NAT: Global Dynamics | Economic Environments

22. Which factor is not specified by Michael Porter as factors that determine the nature and degree of competition in an industry?
   a. threat of new competitors.
   b. rivalry among existing competitors.
   c. industry cost/price structure.
   d. bargaining power of buyers and/or suppliers.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 83 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: C
23. Which factor determines the nature and degree of competition in an industry, as identified by Michael Porter in his book *Competitive Advantage*?
   a. The interest of small businesses
   b. Bargaining power of competitors
   c. Threat of substitute products or services
   d. The macroeconomic level of the industry

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 83 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: C

24. Which statement is an example of a global trend?
   a. The Federal Reserve announces that it will decrease the interest rate it charges banks.
   b. Congress passes legislation that increases the tax rates on corporations.
   c. A new computer chip is announced that will allow for miniaturization of many electronic devices.
   d. The E.U. declares an increase in tariffs on all agricultural goods.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 81 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: A

25. An increase in the bargaining power of suppliers
   a. increases both the attractiveness and the profitability of the target market.
   b. decreases both the attractiveness and the profitability of the target market.
   c. decreases the attractiveness and increases the profitability of the target market.
   d. increases the attractiveness and decreases the profitability of the target market.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 83 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: C

26. In analyzing the industry environment of the particular field into which Charles was about to enter in business, he found that there existed a fierce rivalry between the competitors that were currently in the business. This competition would offset the desirability of entering the industry in which way?
   a. negatively
   b. positively
   c. no effect
   d. cannot be determined

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 84 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: C

27. Substitute products
   a. reduce the attractiveness and profitability of an industry.
   b. represent those items manufactured by direct rivals within an industry.
   c. are usually cheaper than the products they can replace.
   d. are always a serious threat to rivals in an industry.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 83 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: C

28. Based on William A. Sahlman's suggestions, which question about competitors should be answered by the business plan?
   a. Are there ways to co-opt potential or actual competitors by forming alliances?
   b. How easily can new competitors enter the industry?
c. Do small businesses have special advantages when competing in the industry?
   d. What is the average size of competitors?

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 84 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Economic Environments

29. According to Peter Drucker, _____ is the means by which the entrepreneur either creates new wealth-producing resources or endows existing resources with enhanced potential for creating wealth.
   a. creativity
   b. innovation
   c. capital spending
   d. collaborating with competitors

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 74 OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Economic Environments

30. Which term is one of the seven sources of opportunities in the environment recognized by Peter Drucker?
   a. The unbelievable
   b. The undeniable
   c. The incongruous
   d. The new

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 75 OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

31. An increase in the rivalry among existing competitors in a target market
   a. increases both the attractiveness and the profitability of the target market.
   b. decreases both the attractiveness and the profitability of the target market.
   c. decreases the attractiveness and increases the profitability of the target market.
   d. increases the attractiveness and decreases the profitability of the target market.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 83 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Economic Environments

32. A(n) _____ exists when multiple resources are integrated and then deployed to the firm's advantage.
   a. networked resource
   b. common intangible
   c. capability
   d. industry edge

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 85 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Economic Environments

33. Resources are best described as
   a. those basic inputs that a firm uses to conduct its business.
   b. only those features that are visible and easy to quantify.
   c. the firm's lending capacity.
   d. capabilities that can be exploited.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 85 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Economic Environments

34. A SWOT analysis can be described best as
   a. a means of assessing the firm's industry situation.
   b. an assessment of the internal strengths and weakness of the firm.
c. a dynamic analysis of the firm's current situation.
d. a concise overview of the firm’s strategic situation.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 86 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

35. Observations about the external environment and organizational potentials can be brought together by means of
a. an alignment strategy.
b. the in-and-out assessment.
c. a SWOT analysis.
d. common sense critique.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 86 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Economic Environments

36. Generally speaking, a strategy is
a. an action plan that guides resource investments.
b. a formal statement of what the firm intends to do.
c. an expanded description of the firm's mission statement.
d. most effective when it is designed to reflect the tactics that are common within an industry.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 88 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Economic Environments

37. The two broad strategies for building a competitive advantage are the _____ strategies.
a. cost-based and differentiation-based
b. price-advantage and cost-advantage
c. marketing-advantage and price-advantage
d. focus-advantage and marketing-advantage

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 89 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

38. A company that is the lowest-cost producer within the market will have what type of strategy?
a. Price-based
b. Marketing-based
c. Efficiency-based
d. Cost-based

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 89 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

39. Marketplace Farms is a regional cooperative of apple and orange growers. In order to compete against larger regional growers, the company relies on lower cost labor instead of machines and inexpensive packaging processes. Marketplace Farms is relying on what type of strategy?
a. price-based
b. marketing-based
c. efficiency-based
d. cost-based

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 89 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: A
NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

40. A differentiation-based strategy requires that a firm
a. be the lowest-cost provider in an industry.
b. emphasize the uniqueness of its product or services.
c. achieve the highest resource efficiency in an industry.
d. be the lowest-priced competitor in an industry.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 89 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

41. *Containers Etc.* manufactures household containers. In contrast to traditional market designs, all of the products are microwaveable, child-proof and come in an assortment of 35 colors. Accordingly, *Containers Etc.* is pursuing a _____ strategy.
a. product-based  
b. differentiation-based  
c. concept-based  
d. efficiency-based

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 90 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: A
NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

42. Mark is the owner of *Delectable Delights*, a specialty store offering chocolates, candies, and fruit baskets. After a recent analysis of the competitive environment, Mark concluded that three distinct consumer segments exist for his products - A, B, and C consumers. In an effort to maximize the effectiveness of its strategy, Mark has decided to focus on fulfilling the needs of A consumers. He is employing a _____ strategy.
a. multisegmentation  
b. selective  
c. focus  
d. concentration

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 91 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: A
NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

43. A focus strategy is best described as
a. an attempt to compete directly with industry giants.
b. a domestic marketing strategy.
c. a strategy that isolates the firm from market forces.
d. targeting the high end of a market.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 91 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

44. Carol runs *Technographics*, a company that designs greeting cards for computer users. What type of strategy would be expected?
a. a focus strategy.
b. an unsegmented strategy.
c. a multisegmentation strategy.
d. a marketing mix strategy.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 91 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: A
NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

45. Which description does not indicate a focus strategy?
a. Strict concentration on a single subset of customers  
b. Concentration on a single product  
c. Concentration on multiple products for the total market
d. Restriction to a single geographical region

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 91 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

46. An entrepreneur’s choice that affects the nature of a small firm and its basic direction is known as a
   a. market-based decision.
   b. tactical decision.
   c. strategic decision.
   d. focus-based decision.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 92 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

47. According to Michael Porter, a focus strategy can erode when
   a. the strategy is protected.
   b. the target segment’s differences from other segments narrow.
   c. new firms reconstruct the industry.
   d. demand for the product grows and thus attracts new competitors.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 94 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

48. Which action is a cause for erosion of a small firm’s focus strategy?
   a. Consumer demand grows.
   b. New firms reconstruct the industry.
   c. Differences between segments grow larger.
   d. The focus strategy is imitated.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 94 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

49. A computer technician recognizing a need for more atheistically pleasing computers would be said to have entrepreneurial _____.
   a. technology
   b. alertness
   c. strategy
   d. rivalry

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 69 OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: A
NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

50. _____ refers to the way entrepreneurs identify new products or services that may lead to promising businesses.
   a. Focus-based decisions
   b. Elasticity
   c. Opportunity recognition
   d. Cost-benefit analysis

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 69 OBJ: 3-1 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

51. Focus strategies can be implemented in any of the following ways except
   a. emphasizing a single product or service.
   b. limiting the market to a single geographic area.
   c. restricting focus to a single subset of customers.
d. ensuring that the venture is the lowest-cost provider in the market.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 91 OBJ: 3-4 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

52. When conducting an outside-in analysis, one should consider the _____ environment followed by the _____ environment.
   a. general; industry
   b. general; natural
   c. industry; natural
   d. industry; political

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 81 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Economic Environments

53. Analyzing the internal potentials of a business is conducting a(n) _____ analysis.
   a. regulatory
   b. political
   c. inside-out
   d. outside-in

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 85 OBJ: 3-3 TYPE: D
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

54. Alyson and Andrea, country artists, realized that their love of classic rock was also popular with their fans. Their change to their show to incorporate more rock songs with a country flavor is an example of
   a. recognizing a hot trend and riding the wave.
   b. combining two businesses into one to create a market opening.
   c. beginning with a problem in mind.
   d. finding a way to adapt a product or service to meet customer needs in a different way.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 79 OBJ: 3-2 TYPE: A
NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

55. Julie, owner of a bed and breakfast inn, had been asked repeatedly to cater events. Once she realized her kitchen was not being used during the later part of the day, she started the company. This change is an example of
   a. recognizing a hot trend and riding the wave.
   b. combining two businesses into one to create a market opening.
   c. beginning with a problem in mind.
   d. considering ways to adapt a product or service to meet customer needs in a different way.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 77 OBJ: 3-2 TYPE: A
NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

56. When Sally realized her vintage clothing pieces were being bought by the local college students and not just their parents, she started adding more vintage pieces to her inventory. Sally is
   a. recognizing a hot trend and riding the wave.
   b. combining two businesses into one to create a market opening.
   c. beginning with a problem in mind.
   d. considering ways to adapt a product or service to meet customer needs in a different way.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 78 OBJ: 3-2 TYPE: A
NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation
57. A feasibility analysis is
a. a preliminary assessment of a business idea that gauges possible success.
b. used to correct a fatal flaw.
c. completed after the business plan.
d. for the identification of possible sellers.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 95 OBJ: 3-5 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

58. An evaluation of the general environment
a. is done before the feasibility analysis.
b. helps identify a trend that could be used for a possible startup idea.
c. will clarify the unique value of the startup idea.
d. will be the primary determinant for a possible startup idea.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 96 OBJ: 3-5 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Economic Environments

59. Entrepreneurial success consists of all of the following elements except
a. a preliminary assessment of a business idea that gauges possible success, the capability of
   an individual or the suitability of a team.
b. a market with potential.
c. a business plan.
d. an attractive industry.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 95 OBJ: 3-5 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

60. According to the feasibility analysis framework, an entrepreneur who has a vision of a multi-unit
company will
a. be satisfied with an attractive niche so the company can gain market share.
b. check to see if the health of the micro-market is strong enough for future macro-market
growth.
c. desire a healthier micro-market potential growth over the health of the macro-market.
d. be satisfied with an attractive niche if it would serve as a point of entry for long-term
potential.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 95 OBJ: 3-5 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Value Creation

61. According to Mullins, which characteristic is not needed for strong new venture leadership?
   a. The venture must fit the leader’s mission, aspirations, and level of comfort with the risk.
b. The venture must be in an attractive industry with market potential with which the leader
   is knowledgeable.
c. The leader must grasp factors that are critical to the success of the enterprise and his or her
   ability to execute on these factors.
d. The leader must have a strong connection to suppliers, customers, investors, and others
   who will be essential to making the venture work.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 97 OBJ: 3-5 TYPE: C
NAT: Analytic | Dynamics

62. A diversification strategy is illustrated by
   a. an event planner deciding to purchase rental space.
b. a restaurant owner adding a gift shop inside the restaurant.
c. an upscale clothing store starting a boutique shoe store.
d. a car wash who adds a pick up service.

ANS: PTS: 1 REF: p. 77 OBJ: 3-2 TYPE: A
NAT: Reflective Thinking | Value Creation

63. Jesse would like to start a landscaping company that concentrates on using native plants. The feasibility study showed a need for $100,000 to start the company (she has $10,000), competition of three other companies (one concentrated on using native plants), and buyers who were predominantly 60 years or older (who loved yard work). Which statement is true?
   a. This plan shows fatal flaws with financing, competition, and market as none of these flaws could be fixed.
   b. The plan has a fatal flaw with financing and competition as the market might have an interest in her specialty.
   c. The plan has a fatal flaw with financing but competition might not be as much of an issue if the native plant landscaping is growing with the buyers.
   d. The plan could be fixed if an investor went into business with her.