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For questions 31 – 40, read the text below and for each gap choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

The History of the Croissant

Have you ever wondered where the croissant comes from? Instinctively we think of this buttery, flaky pastry as having its origins in France but the Austrians claim to have been making a version of the croissant since the thirteenth century. However, it wasn't until 1683 that the croissant got its distinctive shape from bakers in Vienna; or so they maintain. The Hungarian bakers of Budapest would (31)_____ that it was them who created the first croissant. Even the Egyptians declare that it was their invention. And this is where the story (32)_____ down, because really and truly, crescent pastries are ancient. Humans seem to (33)_____ moon-shaped cakes for centuries. The croissant itself only became a part of French life in the 19th century, when August Zang, an Austrian baker, opened a pastry shop in Paris and introduced France to the pastry that would one day be its most (34)_____ export. But it's not just the origins of the croissant that have caused controversy. For almost as long as this sweet confectionary (35)_____, people have been arguing about it. In 2017, a baker from Nice was reported as launching a campaign to save the authentic French croissant from (36)_____. He claimed that three-quarters of the croissants (37)_____ in France are manufactured on a mass industrial scale and no longer in bakeries by hand. In 2013 in New York, the public outrage which surrounded the introduction of a croissant/doughnut hybrid pretty much (38)_____ for itself. Making a good croissant is very time-consuming, a fact that probably goes a long way to explaining the mystery that surrounds the process. Broadly speaking, the seemingly endless process begins with a sticky dough, which is mixed, left to rise, kneaded and formed. The laborious task of rolling, folding and chilling ensues until (39)_____ they are baked. The trouble is that the day or so that croissants take to prepare stands in stark contrast to the seconds it takes to devour them. We have to question whether croissants are really worth the (40)_____ involved and in reality, making croissants is probably something to try once and then leave to the professionals.

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| 31. | A. resist | B. contend | C. oppose | D. dispute |
| 32. | A. collapses | B. breaks | C. comes | D. backs |
| 33. | A. be making | B. make | C. have made | D. have been making |
| 34. | A. describing | B. representing | C. defining | D. revealing |
| 35. | A. has existed | B. has been existing | C. exists | D. existed |
| 36. | A. extraction | B. extinguishing | C. extermination | D. extinction |
| 37. | A. absorbed | B. utilised | C. consumed | D. conserved |
| 38. | A. tells | B. stands | C. talks | D. speaks |
| 39. | A. soon | B. gradually | C. eventually | D. initially |
| 40. | A. effort | B. value | C. while | D. risk |