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Yesterday, our teacher asked us when people could be considered old. David said people could be considered old when people got wrinkles (皱纹). However, Mary didn't 21. She thought people might gain wrinkles at an earlier age because of their 22 work. Then Lily said that those 23 their 60s or more could be called old people. This time, Emily expressed her doubt (怀疑). She said that some old people might 24 be full of energy and working on their dreams, which made them appear 25. The class was over and the teacher asked me to continue to 26 it after class. The question 27 me of a famous saying of J. Barrymore: a man isn't old 28 he is pursuing (追求) something.

My grandma is such a woman who 29 her dream even when she's 70 now. She has been keeping her dream of being a painter since she was a little child. 30, because her family was poor, she had to 31 her dream. She had to work to raise money so as to 32 her family. Though she had never forgotten her dream, she could hardly find any 33 to make it come true because of the tough work. Fortunately, a(n) 34 came when she retired from her work. She 35 taking painting lessons even though she was already old. At first, I was 36 her idea of attending school at such an old age, but after seeing her paint happily and enjoyably, I began feeling it is a good 37. She looks fine and seems 38.

So if we have our dreams and try to 39 them, we aren't old. If we don't know what we want and let regrets be the 40 point of our lives, then we can be considered old.

21. A. agree      B. move      C. understand      D. answer
22. A. common      B. hard      C. old      D. exciting
23. A. having      B. repeating      C. arriving      D. reaching
24. A. almost      B. hardly      C. still      D. sometimes
25. A. young      B. smart      C. interesting      D. attractive
26. A. look for      B. refer to      C. turn to      D. think about
27. A. found      B. reminded      C. puzzled      D. prevented
28. A. as if      B. so that      C. as long as      D. even if
29. A. follows      B. knows      C. finds      D. remembers
30. A. Also      B. But      C. Besides      D. However
31. A. search for      B. put aside      C. return to      D. give up
32. A. protect      B. leave      C. support      D. communicate
33. A. person      B. place      C. road      D. way
34. A. chance      B. excuse      C. helper      D. success
35. A. considered      B. liked      C. began      D. stopped
36. A. for      B. against      C. with      D. on
37. A. dream      B. task      C. purpose      D. choice
38. A. energetic      B. wealthy      C. poor      D. kind
39. A. express      B. change      C. realize      D. satisfy
40. A. bottom      B. center      C. side      D. tip

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