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Milarchs' ideas have hit a sentimental spot in the hearts of people everywhere. Tree enthusiasts began contacting them, eager to volunteer in any way they could.

Now the group has a more vital mission than preserving American history: saving the planet. Knowing that trees can't easily reproduce surrounded by concrete as they would in nature, the Champion Tree Project decided to **turn over a new leaf** and focus on planting sturdy champion trees in urban settings to guard against global warming.

The Milarchs might have easily turned their brainchild into a private money-making venture, but David never even considered it. Instead, content with the soul-satisfying projects, they feel they are the richest family in America.

(Source: *Advanced English Magazine*, 2004)

Question 31: Where in paragraph 1 does the following sentence best fit?

“We need better trees, Dad. Why don't we clone those big, old trees and grow them?”

- A. [I] B. [II] C. [III] **D. [IV]**

Question 32: According to paragraph 3, which of the following is NOT a challenge the Milarchs faced?

- A. The cloning process for older trees was untested.
B. The Milarchs had to collect buds from a variety of champion trees.
C. The Milarchs lacked funding to begin their project.
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Question 33: The word **"flourished"** in paragraph 4 mostly means _____.

- A. failed **B. grew successfully** C. withered D. became less popular

Question 34: Which of the following best summarizes paragraph 5?

- A. The Milarchs' project led to public recognition and interest in their work.**
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