The passage as a whole suggests that becoming a ["citizen of the world"](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/prep/reading/read01Answer.html#citizen) (line 17) might best be characterized as

* **(A)**   a worthwhile endeavor
* **(B)**   a painful reality
* **(C)**    a modest achievement
* **(D)**   **an unrealistic goal**   **CORRECT ANSWER**
* **(E)**   an uncommon ambition

**Explanation:**

Early in the passage, the author tells us that as a child, her "fantasy" was to be a "citizen of the world." But later, after she traveled to China and tried to pass for a "local," she learned that this was not an easy thing to do. "Real Chinese," upon talking to her, immediately realized that she was a "foreigner" and avoided her. This led the author to her "epiphany": she didn't "fit into Chinese society" and "could never be accepted there." So the passage as a whole suggests that becoming a "citizen of the world" is an "unrealistic goal."