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## Reflection Questions

Rapid adulteration detection of cold pressed oils with their refined versions by UV–Vis spectroscopy

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1. What led Dr. Simona POPA to pursue a career in chemical engineering?
  - a) An early interest in the exact sciences: mathematics, physics, chemistry
  - b) Participation in competitions and Olympiads
  - c) Encouraging high school teachers
  
2. What is the main result of Dr. Simona POPA's research regarding the adulteration of crude oils with their refined versions?
  - a) Does it make oil quality analysis faster and more accurate?
  - b) Does it contribute to ensuring consumer protection?
  - c) Demonstrate to the students the practical dimension of applied research?
  
3. How can research help improve your personal consumption habits?
  - a) Does it demonstrate the importance of purchasing a food product after a sensory analysis regarding color, taste, smell, texture, aroma, etc.?
  - b) Can the results lead us to change our consumption habits?
  - c) Following the efforts of the authorities for consumer protection and analyzing product labels?



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