MASSACHUSETTS ENGLISH 11 · UNIT 3 · 5 QUESTIONS

Argumentative Writing — Practice Test

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Source I - Fund Summer Reading Programs

Use this reading for questions 1 to 4.

Every town should fund a summer reading program for students. During the long summer break, many students lose reading skills they gained during the school year, and this loss hits younger and lower income students hardest. A free, well staffed program gives every child books, guidance, and a reason to keep reading.

The results are clear. Towns with summer reading programs report that participating students return to school reading at or above their spring levels, while nonparticipants often fall behind. The programs also give families a safe and welcoming place to gather, and they cost far less than summer school classes for students who fall behind.

Critics say towns cannot afford another program. Yet the cost of doing nothing is higher: tutoring, repeated classes, and lost learning time all cost money too. A modest investment in books and staff now saves larger costs later and keeps every child on track. Towns should fund summer reading programs this year.

1 **According to Source I, what is the author's main claim?**

- **A** Towns should close libraries in summer.
- **B** Summer school should replace all reading programs.
- **C** Only older students need summer reading.
- **D** Every town should fund a summer reading program for students.

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2 **A teacher reads aloud to children sitting on the grass. According to Source I, which group is hit hardest by summer reading loss?**



A Retired teachers

B Town council members

C Younger and lower income students

D College professors

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3 **According to Source I, what evidence supports the program?**

- A Summer school is free for everyone.
- B Participating students return reading at or above spring levels.
- C All students read the same books.
- D Libraries are open every day of the year.

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4 **According to Source I, how does the author answer the cost objection?**

- A The program costs nothing at all.
- B Towns should raise taxes sharply.
- C The author ignores the cost question.
- D Doing nothing costs more through tutoring and repeated classes.

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The author's mention of a safe and welcoming place for families is mainly an appeal to what?

A Logos, or statistics alone

B Ethos, or the author's degrees

C Humor alone

D Pathos, or emotion and values

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ANSWER KEY

1. D
2. C
3. B
4. D
5. D

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