SASKATCHEWAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS A30 · UNIT A · 5 QUESTIONS

Identity - Define the Individual, Negotiate the Community — Practice Test

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Reading III - The Editorial

Use this reading for questions 1 to 5.

Our town should fund the evening bus. The bus now stops at six, which means students who work after school, seniors who attend evening programs, and workers on late shifts must walk home in darkness or pay for rides they cannot afford. A town that values safety and access cannot accept a service that ends before the day does.

Critics say the cost is too high, but the cost of inaction is higher: missed classes, missed medical appointments, and workers who turn down shifts because they cannot get home. Funding one evening route would serve hundreds of residents, and it would show that our community keeps its promises to all its members, not only to those who travel by day.

1 **According to Reading III, what is the main idea of the passage?**

- **A** an editorial argues a town should fund an evening bus route
- **B** an editorial argues the evening bus should be cancelled
- **C** an editorial describes bus schedules with no argument
- **D** an editorial asks residents to stop using buses

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2 **According to Reading III, which detail is stated in the passage?**



A the bus runs all night already

B the bus now stops at six in the evening

C no residents need evening transport

D funding a route would serve no one

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3 **According to Reading III, in this passage the word inaction most nearly means**

- A generous funding
- B a bus schedule
- C failure to act when action is needed
- D a medical appointment

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4 **According to Reading III, what is the author's main purpose?**

- A to explain how buses are built
- B to announce a new bus schedule only
- C to complain about all public services
- D to persuade readers to fund an evening bus route

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5 **According to Reading III, what can the reader most reasonably infer?**

A readers are likely to consider supporting the evening route

B readers will demand the bus stop earlier

C the town will ban all evening travel

D no resident will use the evening bus

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ANSWER KEY

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

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