SASKATCHEWAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS B30 · UNIT C · 5 QUESTIONS

Informational Composition - Position and Comparative Writing — Practice Test

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Reading III - Two Towns, One River

Use this reading for questions 1 to 5.

Two towns share one river, but they use it differently. Uptown draws drinking water from the river and guards its banks carefully, while Downton uses the river mainly for recreation and festivals. Uptown fears pollution, Downton fears restrictions, and each town sees the other as the problem.

A comparison of the two towns shows that both depend on the same water, and both suffer if it is harmed. The comparison therefore argues for joint management: shared testing, shared rules, and shared costs. Neither town can protect the river alone, and neither town can enjoy it alone if the other pollutes it.

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

- **A** comparing two towns shows only Uptown needs the river
- **B** comparing two towns proves Downton should pollute freely
- **C** comparing two towns shows both depend on one river and need joint management
- **D** comparing two towns shows rivers need no management

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



A Uptown uses the river only for festivals

B Downton draws all drinking water from the river

C neither town depends on the river at all

D Downton uses the river mainly for recreation and festivals

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

A rules that limit what people may do

B festivals by a river

C shared testing

D drinking water

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

A to describe two towns with no comparison

B to argue for joint management of a shared river through comparison

C to persuade readers to pollute rivers

D to list festival dates in two towns

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

A readers will support pollution by one town

B the towns will never cooperate

C readers will likely support joint management of the shared river

D the river will need no protection

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ANSWER KEY

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

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