SASKATCHEWAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 10 · UNIT C · 5 QUESTIONS

Social Agency - Justice, Voice and Action — Practice Test

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Reading III - The Garden Vote

Use this reading for questions 1 to 5.

The school garden had been empty for two years, a patch of weeds behind the gym where old tools rusted in a shed. When the student council proposed turning it into a vegetable garden, some students wanted flowers instead, and others wanted a quiet reading space. Rather than letting the loudest voices decide, the council held a vote, with each student choosing one plan and the results counted in public.

The vegetable garden won by a small margin, and the students who had wanted flowers were invited to plant a flower border around the beds. By June, the air smelled of soil after rain and fresh herbs, and the garden fed the school lunch program twice a week. The vote had not made everyone get exactly what they wanted, but it had given everyone a fair say, and that fairness made the shared work feel like it belonged to the whole school.

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

- **A** students let the loudest voices decide without any vote
- **B** students use a fair vote to decide the future of a school garden and then work on it together
- **C** students abandon the garden and lock the shed forever
- **D** students vote to close the school lunch program

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2 **According to Reading III, which word best describes the main character?**

A dishonest

B careless

C impatient

D fair minded

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3 **The students tend a school garden. According to Reading III, which detail is stated in the passage?**



A the garden was paved over for a parking lot

B the vote results were kept secret from students

C the garden fed the school lunch program twice a week by June

D students who wanted flowers were sent home

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4 **According to Reading III, in this passage the word margin most nearly means**

A a type of garden tool kept in a shed

B the small difference between two amounts in a vote

C a secret meeting held after school

D a rule that forbids all voting

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

A students will destroy the garden out of anger

B the garden will never be used by anyone again

C fair votes always make everyone fully happy

D students will likely take care of the garden because they had a fair say in its future

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ANSWER KEY

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

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