

Directions: Read the passage below and answer the question(s) that follow.

The Curfew

Read the following letter to the owner of Streamfield Plaza. This letter was shown in a local newspaper.

To Mr. Mark Johnson,

(1) One of the hottest topics in our small town of Streamfield is about the plaza. Should there be an early curfew for students at Streamfield Plaza? As of the first of September, the five o'clock curfew at the plaza went into effect. Anyone under eighteen needs to be with an adult, if not they will be asked to leave the plaza.

(2) Some people say that the plaza curfew is the best thing that happened in our town. They say the youth cause too much trouble for everyone around. Others say the curfew should be taken away because most kids are respectful to everyone. Whether this issue is being seriously discussed through debate or lightly nattered about through conversation, it has caused me to write this letter. As a resident of this town, I would like to share with you my feelings on this topic.

(3) The idea of a curfew is not new to this town. The Streamfield Police Department placed a ten o'clock curfew in our town for anyone under the age of eighteen. The reason this law was carried out was to protect young people. Also, parents knew that their children were being looked after. Even though this can be limiting, most citizens would agree that by keeping trouble off the streets the town is a better and safer place.

(4) On the other hand, keeping kids away from a trouble-free setting, like the plaza, is taking away something that could be good for everyone. First of all, around fifty percent of the business at the plaza comes from people under the age of eighteen. Secondly, most parents do not want to baby-sit their teenagers at the plaza.

(5) Another point is that kids need a positive place to "hang out" after school. In fact, the students who are involved in school activities usually don't leave until five or five-thirty in the evening. As a result, many students don't even get to visit the plaza because they take part in school activities.

(6) Wherever mischievous youth go, trouble will always follow. I would agree that there have been a few times at the plaza when customers were bothered by a handful of kids acting out. Even businesses, like the restaurant Bon Appétit, lost some guests that were eating their dinner because they were disturbed by some kids who were goofing off outside. However, most of Bon Appétit's customers were not bothered. Those who caused the problems should be punished. It seems as though you feel that one rotten apple spoils the barrel. Punishing everyone for someone else's mistake does not seem fair. By keeping all the unsupervised youth out of the plaza after five, you are punishing those who did nothing wrong.

(7) This curfew is taking away the only enjoyable activity for students. Please think about these points when you address this issue with the board next month.

Sincerely,

Tom Matthews

Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "The Curfew".

1 TEACHER READS:

Read and complete the task that follows.

Does Mr. Matthews' letter support the claim that the board should continue or cancel the curfew next month? Write a paragraph explaining how the author develops the argument for this claim, including the reasons and evidence used to support the claim. Use specific details from the text in your answer.

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2 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

In the passage "The Curfew", the author implies that _____.

- A. teenagers spend more money at restaurants than any other type of store at Streamfield Plaza
- B. teenagers create most of the crime in town of Streamfield
- C. parents have a hard time disciplining teenagers in Streamfield
- D. most teenagers act responsibly at the Streamfield Plaza

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Correct: **D**

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3 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

Which of the following statements from the passage is an example of an over-generalization?

- A. First of all, around fifty percent of the business at the plaza comes from people under the age of eighteen.
- B. The reason this law was carried out was to protect young people.
- C. This curfew is taking away the only enjoyable activity for students.
- D. In fact, the students who are involved in school activities usually don't leave until five or five-thirty in the evening.

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Correct: **C**

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4 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

Look at the third paragraph.

Why is it important for the author to mention the police curfew in this passage?

- A. It shows how the police department is an important part of the community.
- B. It shows that a curfew can be helpful when used fairly and in the right way.
- C. It shows how the police curfew is a bad idea as well.
- D. It shows the history and development of the curfew in the United States.

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Correct: **B**

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Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "The Curfew".

5 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

Read the following sentence from the letter.

First of all, around fifty percent of the business at the plaza comes from people under the age of eighteen.

This statement from the letter would become stronger by adding which of the following sentences?

- A. Taking away these customers will take away money out of the pockets of the business owners.
- B. The other fifty percent of people who buy things at the plaza are from people over eighteen.
- C. Springfield Plaza has over 65 stores and restaurants.
- D. The plaza is definitely the most favored place to shop for citizens of Springfield.

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Correct: A

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Directions: Read the passage below and answer the question(s) that follow.

Sports Club Application Process

1. Apply for a new club in the Office of Student Activities (OSA).
 - Pick up the Sport Club Application from the OSA and fill it out.
 - Send application to Sport Club Office in Recreation and Wellness Center.
 - Meet with Sport Club Assistant (Recreation and Wellness Center, 555–589–0058)
 - The Sport Club Assistant considers the feasibility of accommodating the new sport club.
2. Appear before the Sport Club Council Executive Board for discussion.
 - The Executive Board considers the club's compliance to the listed criteria.
 - The Executive Board presents a recommendation to the Sport Club Assistant, the RWC Associate Director, and the Sport Club Council.
3. Present club in front of the Sport Club Council (with RWC approval).
 - Final vote made by all members of the Sport Club Council.
 - A new club will need 2/3 approval vote from the Council.

6 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

Who considers whether the club complies with the criteria of the Office of Student Activities?

- A. the Sports Club Assistant
- B. the RWC Associate Director
- C. the Executive Board
- D. the Sports Club Council

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Correct: C

7 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

According to the passage, to apply for a new sports club, who would you have to be in contact with first?

- A. Office of Student Activities
- B. Recreation and Wellness Center
- C. Sport Club Council
- D. Sports Club Office

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Correct: A

Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "Sports Club Application Process".

8 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

What is the THIRD step one would take to apply for a new club in the Office of Student Activities (OSA)?

- A. Meet with Sport Club Assistant (Recreation and Wellness Center, 555-589-0058).
- B. Present club in front of the Sport Club Council (with RWC approval).
- C. Pick up the Sport Club Application from the OSA and fill it out.
- D. Send application to Sport Club Office in Recreation and Wellness Center.

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Correct: A

Directions: Answer the following question(s).

9 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

Read the following article on the use of technology in schools.

A recent survey indicates that teachers believe that students' constant use of digital technology is the leading cause of diminishing attention spans of our students. Therefore the use of technology in our schools seems counterproductive in producing students who are able and willing to learn. Many teachers believe that the focus in the classroom needs to be on learning, and adding technology to the mix only creates a distraction from the learning that is supposed to be occurring. Many teachers agree that adding additional resources to the classroom would be ideal; however, if they are preventing students from learning then the benefits do not outweigh the risks. These teachers believe there should be strict monitoring on how technology is being used within the classroom.

Which of the following sentences would best support the claim being made within the article?

- A. Many studies suggest that technology in the classroom actually distracts from learning and could be the cause of a classroom less focused on learning.
- B. Technology within the classroom allows for students to express themselves in new and unique ways.
- C. The additional resources that technology could provide would make up for the potential loss of learning.
- D. Technology in the classroom provides students with new and fun ways of learning, which enhances students' ability to learn by engaging students in their learning.

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Correct: A

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10 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

Read the following article on video games and violent behavior.

More and more of today's video games feature violent acts and weapons. Video games require gamers to pay close attention to the game because if you look away for a second, it could mean game over. As gamers become active participants in the game, some researchers believe that they begin to identify with the violent characters that they are portraying. Some researchers have found that this identification increases the gamer's ability to learn aggressive behaviors. Researchers argue that excessive exposure to violent video games may increase violent behaviors. A recent survey determined that over 70% of violent video games reward violence. If we think about behaviors, many are learned through reward. We teach our animals how to do certain behaviors by rewarding them; couldn't the same be true of gamers? We could argue that we are teaching gamers that violent behavior is good by rewarding the behavior. Either way, there certainly seems to be a connection between violence and video games.

Which of the following provides evidence to support the article's claim that video games reward violent behavior?

- A. Video games are one of the leading causes of attention deficit disorder.
- B. Video games have been shown to increase a player's response times.
- C. While doing a study on video games, it was found that a large percentage of violent video games reward violence.
- D. Violent video games are becoming more popular than ever.

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Correct: C

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