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Analyze How Two Authors Writing on the Same Topic Present Information

Read these two accounts of the same incident and answer the questions that follow.

Police Report

Officer Valdez

September 27

When I first arrived at the scene, it was evident that the car had been abandoned. The vehicle had two flat tires and thick layers of dirt covering the windows. One of the windows was broken and there were animals living inside. In addition, the registration of the license plates was expired by 14 days.

As a result of these observations, it was clear to me that the vehicle had been abandoned, and I called the towing service to remove the vehicle to the police impound lot.

Citizen's Complaint

Mr. Edwards

The Maplewood Police Department improperly towed and impounded my car while I was away on vacation. The car was parked in a legal parking space in front of my house. I renewed my registration two months ago and never received the stickers.

I understand that my car was dirty because the tree in my front yard drips sap on it in the fall. Also, the tires lose some of their air every couple of weeks. These are not crimes, however.

When I collected the car from the impound lot, the window was broken and animals were living inside my car. I expect more from the Maplewood Police Department, and expect to be fully repaid for the damage to my car.

1. Officer Valdez' and Mr. Edwards' accounts of the incident are all in agreement **except** for _____.
 - A. the car having a broken window before it was towed
 - B. the car having two flat tires before it was towed
 - C. the car having expired registration stickers before it was towed
 - D. the car being dirty before it was towed
2. Given both of these men's accounts of the incident, it is impossible that both of them are correct. One of them must be lying.
 - A. False
 - B. True
3. Based on both men's account of the incident, what **most likely** happened to Mr. Edwards' car?
 - A. The window was broken while Mr. Edwards was away on vacation, which is why Officer Valdez assumed it was abandoned.
 - B. Both Officer Valdez and Mr. Edwards are running a scam in which they file false reports and collect the insurance money.
 - C. Officer Valdez was simply wrong about the broken window and was too embarrassed to admit it.
 - D. Mr. Edwards' window was already broken and he filed a false complaint to try and get the Police Department to pay for it.

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Read these two passages on the same topic and answer the questions that follow. The first is a campaign ad from an environmental group. The second is from an oil company.

Fracking: Is It Really Worth the Risk?

On behalf of the Pine Ridge Green Party, I would like to urge you to vote NO on Proposition 17, which would open up thousands of acres of pristine wilderness for oil companies to use hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, to extract oil and natural gas from deep underground. Fracking is not only destructive to the environment, but dangerous to Pine Ridge citizens as well.

Fracking involves pumping large amounts of water, sand, and chemicals into the ground to break up the bedrock, releasing hard to reach oil and natural gas. These chemicals—which the oil companies are not required to disclose—then seep into the groundwater and poison our drinking water. Also, each frack well uses over 35 million gallons of freshwater, water from our lakes and streams and aquifers which is crucial to the lives of everyone.

I know the economy isn't doing so well, and times are tough for everyone out there, but we simply can't let some greedy oil companies flush our future down the toilet to make a quick buck. Vote NO on Proposition 17!

Fracking: Can We Really Afford Not To?

We here at FrackTech have a long history of working with communities to ensure sensible, responsible ways of providing you with energy. You've probably heard a lot about fracking by now, a lot of it bad, but I'm here to tell you that there's nothing to be afraid of. Fracking is just another way of drilling for oil and natural gas, something we've done for decades with no problems. The deposits of oil and natural gas are far beneath the water table, so there is almost no risk to your drinking water.

And now for the good stuff. Did you know that fracking will provide hundreds of new, well-paying jobs for the community and revitalize the local economy? Or that, with each deposit of oil and gas we discover, the less dependent we are on foreign oil from unstable dictatorships in Asia and the Middle East? Or that, using natural gas to heat our homes is much cleaner than coal, and would provide a perfect "bridge" solution for our energy problems until we can harness wind, solar, and hydroelectric power on a mass scale? There's probably a lot you don't know about fracking. If you did, you would definitely vote YES on Prop. 16. Can we really afford not to?

1. Where do the environmental group and the oil company's interpretation of the issue differ **most**?

- A. on the idea that fracking poses a threat to the water supply
- B. on the idea that fracking extracts oil and natural gas from the ground
- C. on the idea that natural gas is cleaner than coal
- D. on the idea that the economy needs a boost

2. Select which side **best** supports its claims with evidence and why.

- A. The environmental group does, because they provide statistics on how much water fracking uses.
- B. The oil company does, because they are willing to provide jobs to the community.
- C. The environmental group does, because they say exactly what chemicals the oil company uses and why they are dangerous.
- D. The oil company does, because they say that natural gas is better for the environment than coal.