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1.CORRECT TEXT

The following appeared as a letter to the editor from the owner of a skate shop in Central Plaza.

"Two years ago the city council voted to prohibit skateboarding in Central Plaza. They claimed that skateboard users were responsible for litter and vandalism that were keeping other visitors from coming to the plaza. In the past two years, however, there has been only a small increase in the number of visitors to Central Plaza. and litter and vandalism are still problematic. Skateboarding is permitted in Monroe Park, however, and there is no problem with litter or vandalism there. In order to restore Central Plaza to its former glory, then, we recommend that the city lift its prohibition on skateboarding in the plaza."

Write a response in which you discuss what questions would need to be answered in order to decide whether the recommendation and the argument on which it is based are reasonable. Be sure to explain how the answers to these questions would help to evaluate the recommendation.

Answer:

The given letter describes in detail the recommendation of the owner of a skate shop in the central plaza. The letter mentions that the city council had prohibited and imposed restrictions on the usage of skateboard in the central plaza.though the argument in the letter seems to be possible, there are various illustrations and dearth of facts that makes the argument placed in the letter to be weak and it is also subject to be undermined.

Firstly, the number of other factors have not been considered or taken into account. there must be simple and logical solution stated for the menace stated by the authorities. The owner has not stated or even refuted the argument of the council which makes the argument to be flawed. The other factors have to be questioned and the reasons on how to stop them in future need to be introspected.

Secondly, comparative statement about the other park has been stated in an ambiguous manner and the owner has failed to mention clear and concrete illustrations, paradigm question needs to be. if both the parks are of the same kind and the same nature. They should also be in a position to answer the question pertaining to the prohibitive mechanism and also the differences between the parks. I would also like to question if both the plazas follow the same protocol and litter control norms.

Thirdly, failed to mention on how the the factor of lifting the band and restriction would be advantageous for the general public and the city council. This argument is also not supported. There might be several other reasons except the prohibition that causes only a small increase in the number of clientele. For instance, the local population.;! better plaza nearby.

2.CORRECT TEXT

No act is done purely for the benefit of Claim: others

All actions—even those that seem to be done for other people—are based on self-interest.

Reason-Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.

Answer:

We live in an altruistic world where being selfish and self centred have become commonplace It is human nature to be selfish and think for one self as stated in the claim, at times even when we tend to act for the wellbeing and goodness of others it is hidden and implied there would be a reason for the action I strongly agree with the given claim and also the reason on which the claim is based upon

Firstly, every action that is being done by humans, the highest and most evolved form of animals tend to have certain primitive features still attached. The simple act of placing oneself and then close ones in priority when in terms of decision making. For example, people always make sure that they have fulfilled

their own needs and sometimes they ensure that their wants are also fulfilled. This trait of humans would never change and it would be the same even in the future Even in the dystopian literature and the novels that I have come across humans have never been projected as a selfless creature.

Secondly, the plight of the reason is imperative to be understood. The claim is being bolstered and strengthened through the reason The word' All actions" might sound a bit hyperbole and may be exaggerated but in general most for he actions done by people for the welfare of the others would have a significant and crucial feature in the their own wellbeing. To illustrate, my friend used to teach us certain chapters and concepts in high school later he revealed tat teaching us helped him to understand the concepts and even remember them even better As stated above, the claim is certainly true to a greater extent, however the reason might be blown out of proportion. Just as how selfishness is a human triat so is selflessness.

To conclude, human life is filled with balances always, people tend to be good for the others and might expect certain benefits for themself This inherent trait at least keeps the sense of helping tendency alive. Hence I would agree that even when people act for the other it would have some tangible or intangible benefit for oneself.

3.CORRECT TEXT

Colleges and universities should require their students to spend at least one semester studying in a foreign country.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with (lie claim. In developing and supporting your position- be sure to address the most compelling reasons and or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Answer:

Educational institutions have played a vital role in forming the basis and the foundation for any student. Many places of study nowadays encourage students to travel and explore new places of study and also explore the possible learning experiences across the globe. I personally agree with the given statement that each individual should be encouraged to travel and study from various places which would improve not just their knowledge but also enhance their exposure to the various cultural and anthropological features in the foreign place.

I have always been inquisitive and eager to know about the eastern culture and the tradition and even many of the languages. If I get the opportunity to travel and study I will be fortunate to experience the nuances of the culture first hand. To add on. in person experience leaches a student about the inclusive nature of the individual in a new environment. It would also show them the various ideas and theories about their field of study.

For example, my friend who studied architecture went to japan for a semester and he was amazed by the kind of buildings and the kind of patterns the people had used. It helps us to understand the various possibilities and the various horizons that we might not even be exposed to if we do not travel.

It is significant and important for every person to travel to the new places in order to explore about the learning options and also to learn about themselves. Universities are the place where on get sthe opportunity to learn as much as and even make any errors as they are a student. Learning possibilities and options are open and they get to learn and explore as much as possible.

To conclude. I have alwasY believed that a student is someone who has been boundaries or borders for learnign and he ought to explore as much as possible beyond the geographical barriers.

4.CORRECT TEXT

The following appeared in a letter to the editor of a Batavia newspaper

"The department of agriculture in Batavia reports that the number of dairy farms throughout the country is now 25 percent greater than it was 10 years ago. During this same time period, however, the price of milk at the local Excello Food Market has increased from \$1.50 to over \$3.00 per gallon. To prevent farmers from continuing to receive excessive profits on an apparently increased supply of milk, the Batavia government should begin to regulate retail milk prices. Such regulation is necessary to ensure fair prices for consumers."

Write a response in which you discuss what questions would need to be answered in order to decide whether the recommendation is likely to have the predicted result. Be sure to explain how the answers to these questions would help to evaluate the recommendation.

Answer:

The letter states a proposal to act as a solution for a given problem. It states that milk producers have increased the price of milk in spite of an increase in the supply, which enables them to receive excessive profits. The given suggestion is that government intervention might be a possible solution for addressing this issue. The proposal has given only a subjective view but has failed to prove how the government intervention might help them reach the required outcome through valid evidences.

Firstly, The letter has failed to address the population growth in the region of Batavia. In the event of considering the supply and demand in a place, it is crucial to take into consideration the population of the place, the equal proportion of the growth in the number of dairy farms. This might lead to many reasons and it could also dissolve the issue if the population outburst might have happened.

Another major issue that the letter has failed to address is the impact of the general price inflation. It is to be understood that in any economy it is imperative that there would be an increase in the price of products and services over a period of time. There could even be an increase in the raw materials, fodder, and medical expenses incurred by the dairy farm owners and milk manufacturers.

The third arbitrary assumption made by the letter would be that the profits are being solely taken by the manufacturers, the labor wages, cost of production and even the cost incurred doing the delivery might have substantially increased. If various such factors are to be considered then the appropriate solution cannot be just the government intervention and there might be a need for a more comprehensive solution. To conclude, the letter might appear to have addressed the issue but in reality it has failed to view it from the different dimension and ultimately fails to give a clear responsive view with valued evidences and supportive data.

5.CORRECT TEXT

The following appeared in a memo from the president of Bower Builders, a company that constructs new homes.

"A nationwide survey reveals that the two most-desired home features are a large family room and a large, well-appointed kitchen. A number of homes in our area built by our competitor Domus Construction have such features and have sold much faster and at significantly higher prices than the national average. To boost sales and profits, we should increase the size of the family rooms and kitchens in all the homes we build and should make state-of-the-art kitchens a standard feature. Moreover, our larger family rooms and kitchens can come at the expense of the dining room, since many of our recent buyers say they do not need a separate dining room for family meals."

Write a response in which you examine the stated and/or unstated assumptions of the argument. Be sure

to explain how the argument depends on these assumptions and what the implications are for the argument if the assumptions prove unwarranted.

Answer:

The memo discusses in detail about the statement s made in order to suppose a suggestion that might get more profits for the firm. It is essential that the statements need to be supported by proper data and facts. The given statement is unsupported and is built upon a basic premise of an expected possibility in the future. The memo states that a change in the manner or pattern in which the house is built will probably be helpful for the company to improve its nature and also profit.

The company believes that they would be able to improve the profit by replacing the dining room space with more space for living room and kitchen, they also focus on state of the art kitchen facilities. It is impertaive that the company states the various assumptions and the basis on which these assumptions would be stated. The company has failed to show and prove any given data or fact that ought of lead to the evidence that there might be possible increase in the profits.

The preferential choices of the people have also not been stated any where in the passage. The random generalization only weaknes and undermiens the statement. the statement has to be supported with survey from the people or the purchasers which might provide better insights to the given statements. It is essential for the company to consider the other factors and look into the sales for the holistic perpoective rather that from a profit oriented angle.

The type of assumptions made in the memo are subjective and inclined towards a great extent. which might be flawed in the event of not proving any lsubslantial evidences.

To conclude. I think that it is essential for the company to substantiate the views and assumptions with better data and facts, failing which it would remain to be flawed. Any assumptions needs to be places on valid and reasonable ideas without which the core of the premise would hold no good.