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## Attention Residents:

Beginning on Friday, August 17, Highway 151 will be closed for repairs near the town of Springfield. The road will be closed for five miles. The purpose of these repairs is to mend the large cracks and potholes created last winter.

During this time, two alternate roads will be available. People who are driving within Springfield can use Main Street to drive through town. People who are driving to places in the county outside Springfield can use Interstate

7. It is located just two miles east of Highway 151. The fastest way to get to Interstate 7 from Springfield is Slate Road.



The repairs are expected to last at least two weeks but no more than four weeks. We will post updates to the Burns County website ([www.burnscountynews.com](http://www.burnscountynews.com)) as the roadwork progresses. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to make Highway 151 safe again.

- 1) On August 20, James needs to drive to Springfield Hospital in town. Which road will he take to get there?
  - A. Highway 151
  - B. Interstate 7
  - C. Slate Road
  - D. Main Street
  
- 2) How many miles of Highway 151 will be closed?
  - A. two
  - B. four
  - C. five
  - D. seven

3) In paragraph 1, the author writes, "The purpose of these repairs is to mend the large cracks and potholes created last winter." Which of the following is an example of something that needs to be **mended** in the same way that the cracks and potholes do?

- A. the broken wheel on a farmer's tractor
- B. the branch that fell off a tree in the storm
- C. an old puzzle with missing pieces
- D. a new building that is unfinished

4) Where can Burns County residents go to find updates about the road work progress?

- A. [www.burnscountyupdates.com](http://www.burnscountyupdates.com)
- B. [www.burnscountyroads.com](http://www.burnscountyroads.com)
- C. [www.burnscountyadvisor.com](http://www.burnscountyadvisor.com)
- D. [www.burnscountynews.com](http://www.burnscountynews.com)

5) Who do you think wrote this notice? How do you know?

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## Answers and Explanations

1) D

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In paragraph 1, we learn that “beginning on Friday, August 17, Highway 151 will be closed for repairs near the town of Springfield.” In the final paragraph, the author writes, “The repairs are expected to last at least two weeks....” This tells us that James will not be able to take Highway 151 on August 20. In paragraph 2, the author tells us that “two alternate roads will be available. People who are driving within Springfield can use Main Street to drive through town.” Since James needs to drive to the hospital in the town of Springfield, he will be driving within Springfield. This means that he will take Main Street to get to the hospital. Therefore **(D)** is correct.

In paragraph 1, we learn that “beginning on Friday, August 17, Highway 151 will be closed for repairs near the town of Springfield.” In the final paragraph, the author writes, “The repairs are expected to last at least two weeks....” This means that James will not be able to take Highway 151 on August 20. This eliminates **(A)**.

In paragraph 2, the author writes, “People who are driving to places in the county other than Springfield can use Interstate 7.” Since James needs to drive to the hospital in the town of Springfield, he will not be driving to places in the county outside Springfield. He will be driving within Springfield. This means **(B)** is incorrect.

In paragraph 2, the author writes, “The fastest way to get to Interstate 7 from Springfield is Slate Road.” James needs to drive to the hospital in the town of Springfield, not to Interstate 7, so he will not take Slate Road. This makes **(C)** incorrect.

2) C

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

To answer this detail question correctly, we need to find where the author discusses the closing of Highway 151 in the passage. A good way to do this is to scan the topic sentence of each paragraph, since this sentence will likely tell us what information can be found in the rest of that paragraph. The topic sentence of paragraph 1 reads: “Beginning on Friday, August 17, Highway 151 will be closed for repairs near the town of Springfield.” This lets us know that the details we are looking for can likely be found in paragraph 1.

In paragraph 1, the author writes, “Beginning on Friday, August 17, Highway 151 will be closed for repairs near the town of Springfield. The road will be closed for five miles.” This tells us that five miles of Highway 151 will be closed. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

**3) A**

Core Standard: **Craft and Structure**

**mend** (*verb*): to make something broken or damaged usable again; repair.

In paragraph 1, the author writes, "The purpose of these repairs is to mend the large cracks and potholes created last winter." Since the large cracks and potholes need to be repaired, we can understand that they need to be fixed so the road can be used again. This means that mend means to repair something so it can be used again. The broken wheel on a farmer's tractor is something that needs to be repaired, so we can understand that it is something that needs to be mended.

Therefore **(A)** is correct.

Although the branch that fell off a tree in the storm is broken, it cannot be repaired or reattached to the tree. This means it is not something that needs to be mended. This eliminates **(B)**.

While an old puzzle with missing pieces is no longer usable, it cannot be repaired if the pieces are missing. This means it is not something that needs to be mended. This makes **(C)** incorrect.

While a new building that is unfinished needs to be completed, being unfinished is not the same thing as being broken or damaged. This means it is not something that needs to be mended.

Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

**4) D**

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In the final paragraph, we read, "We will post updates to the Burns County website ([www.burnscountynews.com](http://www.burnscountynews.com)) as the roadwork progresses." Therefore **(D)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, or **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.