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Vinnie's

Vinnie's is a good place to visit on the weekends. That's when they have their half price sale. This means that most of their items are on sale for half price. For example, you can buy a set of dining room chairs at half price for two-hundred dollars. You can buy a new couch at half price for \$389. Why, just last week I saw a bookshelf on sale for half price at forty dollars. That's a pretty good deal, considering you have to pay at least ninety dollars to buy that somewhere else. But while Vinnie's is a good place to visit on the weekends, you should definitely stay away from there during the weekdays. Items at Vinnie's are priced way too high when they are not on sale.



- 1) Which sentence from the passage best explains why you should visit Vinnie's on the weekends?
 - A. "Vinnie's is a good place to visit on the weekends."
 - B. "That's when they have their half price sale."
 - C. "Why, just last week I saw a bookshelf on sale for \$40."
 - D. "Items at Vinnie's are priced way too high when they are not on sale."

- 2) It's Saturday and Henry wants to buy a new couch at Vinnie's. How much will it cost him?
 - A. \$89
 - B. \$289
 - C. \$389
 - D. \$778

- 3) In the middle of the passage, the author writes, "Why, just last week I saw a bookshelf on sale for half price at forty dollars." The purpose of this sentence is to
 - A. make an offer
 - B. state a conclusion
 - C. provide an example
 - D. introduce a new idea

4) Bobbie wants to visit Vinnie's sometime this week. When would the author tell him NOT to go there?

- I. Monday
- II. Thursday
- III. Sunday

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II, and III

5) Which of the following questions does this passage answer best?

- A. What is it like inside Vinnie's?
- B. Where are the best deals in town?
- C. What should Vinnie's do to improve?
- D. When is the best time to shop at Vinnie's?

6) Vinnie's is most likely a

- A. furniture store
- B. restaurant
- C. pharmacy
- D. grocery store

7) Why do you think Vinnie's charges very different prices on weekends and weekdays? Why could this be a good idea for a business? Explain your ideas.

Answers and Explanations

1) B

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

The author writes, “Vinnie’s is a good place to visit on the weekends.” In the next sentence, the author adds, “That’s when they have their half price sale.” This second sentence explains the one before it. Using this information, we can conclude that on the weekends, Vinnie’s has a half price sale. This lets us know that the statement—“That’s when they have their half price sale,” best explains why you should visit Vinnie’s on the weekends. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

The statement—“Vinnie’s is a good place to visit on the weekends.”—simply makes a claim that the question is asking us. It does not explain anything about why you should visit Vinnie’s on the weekends. This means **(A)** is incorrect.

The statement—“Why, just last week I saw a bookshelf on sale for \$40.”—is an observation. Although this sentence begins with the word, “Why,” it is only an observation, and does not best explain why you should visit Vinnie’s on the weekends. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect.

The statement—“Items at Vinnie’s are priced way too high when they are not on sale.”—gives us information about why you should not visit Vinnie’s on the weekdays, but it does not explain anything about why you should visit Vinnie’s on the weekends. This means **(D)** is incorrect.

2) C

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In this passage, the author writes, “You can buy a new couch for \$389.” This lets us know that since it’s Saturday, it will cost Henry \$389, which means **(C)** is correct.

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

3) C

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In the middle of the passage, the author writes, “Why, just last week I saw a bookshelf on sale for forty dollars.” Right after this, the author writes, “That’s a pretty good deal, considering you have to pay at least ninety dollars to buy that somewhere else.” This lets us know that the purpose of the sentence describing the bookshelf on sale for forty dollars is to provide an example of how inexpensive some of the items at Vinnie’s are. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

When someone makes an offer, they make a statement that can either be accepted or rejected by another person. The statement—“Why, just last week I saw a bookshelf on sale for forty dollars”—is an observation, not an offer. We can tell this, because you cannot accept or reject this statement

Instead, the author is simply stating something he or she observed. This lets us know that the purpose of this sentence is not to make an offer, and **(A)** is incorrect.

When someone states a conclusion, they make a definitive statement about something based on multiple observations. The statement—“Why, just last week I saw a bookshelf on sale for forty dollars”—is an observation, not a conclusion. Because this sentence is only one observation that might eventually contribute to a conclusion about some larger claim or idea, we can tell that it cannot be considered a conclusion. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect.

Using the above information, we can tell that the author is writing about when items are on sale at Vinnie’s. If “just last week [the author] saw a bookshelf on sale for forty dollars,” we can tell that this statement is supporting an idea that has already been established in the passage, rather than introducing a new idea. This lets us know that the purpose of this sentence is not to introduce a new idea, so **(D)** is incorrect.

4) B

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In this passage, the author writes that on the weekends, “most of [Vinnie’s] items are on sale.” This means that the same items can be purchased for less money on the weekends. Also, the author writes, “you should definitely stay away from Vinnie’s during the weekdays.” We know that Monday is a weekday. Using this information, we can tell that the author would probably tell Bobbie not to go to Vinnie’s on a Monday, since items would not be on sale, and “[we] should definitely stay away,” on this weekday. This supports **option (I)**.

In this passage, the author writes that on the weekends, “most of [Vinnie’s] items are on sale.” This means that the same items can be purchased for less money on the weekends. Also, the author writes, “you should definitely stay away from Vinnie’s during the weekdays.” We know that Thursday is a weekday. Using this information, we can tell that the author would probably tell Bobbie not to go to Vinnie’s on a Thursday, since items would not be on sale, and “[we] should definitely stay away,” on this weekday. This supports **option (II)**.

In this passage, the author writes that on the weekends, “most of [Vinnie’s] items are on sale.” This means that the same items can be purchased for less money on the weekends. Using this information, we can tell that the would probably tell Bobbie to go to Vinnie’s on a Sunday, since Sunday is a weekend day and items would be on sale. This eliminates **option (III)**.

Therefore **(B)** is correct.

5) D

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In this passage, the author compares how much different pieces of furniture cost at different times of the week at Vinnie’s. For instance, the author writes that “Vinnie’s is a good place to visit on the weekends,” because that is when items are on sale. Next the author lists how much various items cost at different times of the week, noting the price of dining room chairs, couches, and a bookshelf.

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Finally, the author mentions that on weekdays, "Items at Vinnie's are priced way too high..." All of this information has to do with when someone should shop at Vinnie's. This lets us know that the question this passage answers best is "When is the best time to shop at Vinnie's?" Therefore **(D)** is correct.

The passage does not provide any information about the atmosphere, layout, or scene inside Vinnie's. This lets us know that the question this passage answers best is NOT "What is it like inside Vinnie's?" This means **(A)** is incorrect.

Although the passage does provide information about the price of dining room chairs, a new couch, and a bookshelf, the author does not compare these prices to those of other stores. So we have nothing to compare Vinnie's to. For this reason, we can understand that the question this passage answers best is NOT "Where are the best deals in town?" This means **(B)** is incorrect.

Although the passage does provide information about the best time to shop at Vinnie's, it does not offer any information concerning ways in which Vinnie's could improve. We can *infer*, or guess, that Vinnie's might try making their prices on weekdays more competitive, and that this might constitute an improvement. But we cannot say this for sure. For this reason, we can understand that the question this passage answers best is NOT "What should Vinnie's do to improve?" This means **(C)** is incorrect.

6) A

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

The author mentions, "you can buy a set of dining room chairs," a "couch," and a "bookshelf" that are all for sale. All of these items are pieces of furniture. Because they are for sale, we can tell that Vinnie's is most likely a furniture store. This means **(A)** is correct.

Restaurants are places of business that sell prepared food. The author never mentions that any food is sold at Vinnie's. This means that Vinnie's is not most likely a restaurant. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect.

A pharmacy is a business that sells medicine. The author never mentions that any medicine is sold at Vinnie's. This means that Vinnie's is not most likely a pharmacy, and **(C)** is incorrect.

Grocery stores sell food and ingredients for cooking. The author never mentions that food or ingredients are sold at Vinnie's. This means that Vinnie's is not most likely a grocery store. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.