**[Verbal Reasoning 7](http://borzabadi.persianblog.ir/page/7" \o "Link)**

1. Ross: The profitability of Company X, restored to private   
             ownership five years ago, is clear evidence that   
             businesses will always fare better under private than   
             under public ownership.

  Julia:  Wrong. A close look at the records shows that X has   
            been profitable since the appointment of a first-class           
            manager, which happened while X was still in the           
            pubic sector.

**Which of the following best describes the weak point in Ross’s claim on** **which Julia’s response focuses?**

 (A) The evidence Ross cites comes from only a single observed case,

       that of Company X.

 (B) The profitability of Company X might be only temporary.

 (C) Ross’s statement leaves open the possibility that the cause he cites

      came after the effect he attributes to it.

 (D) No mention is made of companies that are partly government owned

      and partly privately owned.

 (E) No exact figures are given for the current profits of Company X.

2. While Governor Verdant has been in office, the state’s budget has

    increased by an average of 6 percent each year. While the previous

    governor was in office, the state’s budget increased by an average

    of 11.5 percent each year. Obviously, the austere budgets during

    Governor Verdant’s term have caused the slowdown in the growth

    in state spending.

**Which of the following, if true, would most seriously weaken the** **conclusion drawn above?**

(A) The rate of inflation in the state averaged 10 percent each year during the previous governor’s term in office and 3 percent each year during Verdant’s term.

(B) Both federal and state income tax rates have been lowered considerably

      during Verdant’s term in office.

(C) In each year of Verdant’s term in office, the state’s budget has shown

      some increase in spending over the previous year.

(D) During Verdant’s term in office, the state has either discontinued or

      begun to charge private citizens for numerous services that the state

      offered free to citizens during the previous governor’s term.

(E) During the previous governor’s term in office, the state introduced

      several so-called “austerity” budgets intended to reduce the growth in

      state spending.

3. There are far fewer children available for adoption than there are people

      who want to adopt. Two million couples are currently waiting to adopt,

      but in 1982, the last year for which figures exist, there were only some

      50,000 adoptions.

**Which of the following statements, if true, most strengthens the author’s claim that there are far fewer children available for adoption than there are people who want to adopt?**

(A) The number of couples waiting to adopt has increased significantly

      in the last decade.

(B) The number of adoptions in the current year is greater than the number

      of adoptions in any preceding year.

(C) The number of adoptions in a year is approximately equal to the

       number of children available for adoption in that period.

(D) People who seek to adopt children often go through a long process

      of interviews and investigation by adoption agencies.

(E) People who seek to adopt children generally make very good parents.

**Answer Key:**

1. C    2. A    3. C