**[Verbal Reasoning 9](http://borzabadi.persianblog.ir/page/9" \o "Link)**

1. Sales taxes tend to be regressive, affecting poor people more severely than wealthy people. When all purchases of consumer goods are taxed at a fixed percentage of the purchase price, poor people pay a larger proportion of their income in sales taxes than wealthy people do.

**It can be correctly inferred on the basis of the statements above** **that which of the following is true?**

(A) Poor people constitute a larger proportion of the taxpaying

      population than wealthy people do.

(B) Poor people spend a larger proportion of their income on

      purchases of consumer goods than wealthy people do.

(C) Wealthy people pay, on average, a larger amount of sales

      taxes than poor people do.

(D) The total amount spent by all poor people on purchases of

      consumer goods exceeds the total amount spent by all wealthy

      people on consumer goods.

(E) The average purchase price of consumer goods bought by

     wealthy people is higher than that of consumer goods bought by poor people.

2. The city’s public transportation system should be removed from the jurisdiction of the municipal government, which finds it politically impossible either to raise fares or to institute cost-saving reductions in service. If public transportation were handled by a private firm, profits would be vigorously pursued, thereby eliminating the necessity for covering operating costs with government funds.

**The statements above best support the conclusion that**

(A) the private firms that would handle public transportation would have experience in the transportation industry

(B) political considerations would not prevent private firms from ensuring that revenues cover operating costs

(C) private firms would receive government funding if it were needed to cover operating costs

(D) the public would approve the cost-cutting actions taken by the private firm

(E) the municipal government would not be resigned to accumulating merely enough income to cover costs

3. Y has been believed to cause Z. A new report, noting that Y and Z are often observed to be preceded by X, suggests that X, not Y, may be the cause of Z.

**Which of the following further observations would best support** **the new report’s suggestion?**

(A) In cases where X occurs but Y does not, X is usually followed by Z.

(B) In cases where X occurs, followed by Y, Y is usually followed by Z.

(C) In cases where Y occurs but X does not, Y is usually followed by Z.

(D) In cases where Y occurs but Z does not, Y is usually preceded by X.

(E) In cases where Z occurs, it is usually preceded by X and Y.

**Answer Key:** 1. B    2. B    3.A