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TÀI LIỆU ĐI KÈM BÀI GIẢNG

THI ONLINE : PART 7: ARTICLES (1)

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Question 1-4 refer to the following article.

Glass Containers to Be Banned

March 23 - The Wynnedale City Council voted to enact a proposal that would ban glass containers at public beaches and parks. — [1] —. The measure, brought forward by Andrew McDowell, seeks to reduce injuries from broken glass, and it contained recommendations to fine those who disobey the ban up to \$500 for the first violation. This original fine was considered excessive by many council members and was reduced to \$100 before the final vote was taken.

Although the proposal received widespread support, it is not without its opponents. —[2] —. Ellen Jacobs voted against the proposal because she believed that it could disproportionately affect those living on the streets. Others raised concerns that the local police force does not have the manpower to make sure that people are following the regulation. This is because most discarded glass containers come from individuals or very small groups. Large-scale events such as concerts and festivals do not usually contribute to the litter problem. — [3] —.

The council plans to launch a public awareness campaign on April 3 to inform residents about the new regulation, which will go into effect the following month. — [4] —. It will include posting notices on the city's Web site, running public service announcements on the radio, and putting up signs in public places to spread the news.

1. What is indicated about Mr. McDowell's proposal?

- (A) It will mainly apply to businesses.
- (B) It will go into effect sometime in April.
- (C) It was altered before receiving approval.
- (D) It was unanimously supported by the city council.

2. What problem did Ms. Jacobs anticipate regarding the proposal?

- (A) It could be applied unfairly to the homeless.
- (B) It will cost too much to publicize the change.
- (C) It would not result in cleaner public streets.
- (D) It will be difficult for the local police to enforce it.

3. What is NOT a method that will be used in the public awareness campaign?

- (A) Radio announcements
- (B) Newspaper advertisements
- (C) Online messages
- (D) Publicly posted signs

4. In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?

“These require a detailed cleanup plan before a permit is issued.”

- (A) [1]
- (B) [2]
- (C) [3]
- (D) [4]

Question 5-8 refer to the following article.

Pate Takes New Approach to OntMusic

TORONTO (June 8) — Pop star Leila Pate has posted a message on her personal Web site declaring a split from OntMusic, the leading online music seller.

Ms. Pate recently became a co-owner of vSaroto, an up-and-coming rival music store. — [1] —. Her message explained that she and Saroto’s other co-owners, who are also musicians, intend to “give power back to artists” by ensuring that they earn a larger share of the total profits from digital sales of their music. Similarly, she believes Saroto’s users benefit from the greater technical sophistication of its platform. “We are improving the experience of buying music online,” she claimed. — [2] —.

However, Ms. Pate also made it clear that she will not completely sever ties with OntMusic. “In appreciation of our long and mutually beneficial relationship, my previously-released songs and videos will continue to be sold on OntMusic,” Ms. Pate wrote. — [3] —. “Nonetheless, my future albums will only be made available there three months after their original release dates.” Music lovers who want to buy them before that time will have to use Saroto.

OntMusic has not yet made a public statement about the change. — [4] —. Purchases made through its store, one of the first entrants into the online music market, account for more than half of all digital music sales in Canada. Still, some warn that Saroto may be its most serious challenger to date.

5. According to the article, what is one reason for Ms. Pate’s decisions?

- (A) She wants to promote lesser-known musicians.
- (B) She is concerned about falling album sales.
- (C) She plans to retire from the music industry.
- (D) She supports a technologically superior option.

6. What will OntMusic no longer do?

- (A) Feature Ms. Pate on its main page
- (B) Offer Ms. Pate’s entire past catalog
- (C) Sell Ms. Pate’s new music immediately
- (D) Allow Ms. Pate’s works to be streamed for free

7. The phrase “account for” in paragraph 4, line 5, is closest in meaning to

- (A) justify
- (B) calculate
- (C) represent
- (D) perceive

8. In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong? “In the past, the company dismissed concerns about similar situations by citing its market domination.”

- (A) [1]
- (B) [2]
- (C) [3]
- (D) [4]