



Preparation Manual Journalism 7–12 (256)

**Overview and Exam Framework
Sample Selected-Response Questions
Sample Selected-Response Answers and Rationales**

Answer

Option D is correct because the best way to approach the issue is to invite the parents to see firsthand the educational value of the trip. In addition to allowing parents to understand what their children will be asked to do over the course of the year, the experience will be successful in getting parental support throughout the school year. **Option A is incorrect** because this practice is likely to alienate students. Also, the goal of the trip is to generate interest, not create barriers between students and their newspaper. **Option B is incorrect** because although parents may be able to voice their doubts, it will not help them understand the tasks involved in producing a newspaper or build their interest in it. Getting parent feedback is a good idea, but it does not fully solve the situation. **Option C is incorrect** because it fails to fully address the situation with parents, and it keeps students from enjoying a valuable experience.

32. A middle school yearbook staff is at a loss about how to plan for the distribution of their books. Which of the following is the best suggestion the adviser can provide about how to begin?

- A. Making a list, because compiling receipts and names will make the process run more smoothly
- B. Gathering the necessities, because reserving the room and supplies is important to any distribution
- C. Finding reinforcements, because the more help that the staff receives from teachers and parents the better
- D. Looking at the book, because taking time to enjoy the product will help get the staff motivated

Answer

Option A is correct because a distribution list is essential to any kind of distribution. The students will be able to sign off that they received a book, and the staff can keep track of who has picked up a book. This will also help in case of a discrepancy, or if a student has left the school or is absent on the day of distribution. **Option B is incorrect** because reserving the room and supplies should not be the first step in organizing distribution. The staff might later decide that the distribution will occur during a class period, so reserving the gym or cafeteria may not be necessary at all. **Option C is incorrect** because finding reinforcements should be one of the last steps in the distribution process. Other decisions must be made before assisting teachers and parents can be told of their roles. **Option D is incorrect** because, although looking through the book and taking time to enjoy the product is essential to any kind of creation and distribution process, it will not help a confused staff. Although this step may motivate the staff, enjoyment of the product will not bring clarity to the situation.