

The upper paragraph argues that universal health care gives doctors the opportunity to focus on care over insurance concerns while the bottom argues that doctor flexibility is decreased in such a system due to intrusive government policy.

The upper paragraph argues that universal health care gives everyone the opportunity for regular checkups, no matter the cost while the bottom argues that such a system forces the healthy to subsidize benefits for those needing care due to smoking or obesity.

Ultimately, each author supports his claim with effective reasoning.

As you read, make sure you understand the claims that the author is trying to make.

PRACTICE

Let's take some time to practice a few of things we just went over.

Click "Continue" to begin a series of multiple choice questions which will help test the skills you just learned.

Best of luck!

What is the main idea of paragraph 1?

"Digital piracy is not killing the music industry. History has shown that formats shift and change depending on consumer preferences. LPs and cassettes have been phased out to make room for CDs. With the current shift from physical to digital, consumers have the freedom to purchase individual tracks instead of whole albums, a move that explains the drop in album sales and as a result, overall profits."

- a) As a result of piracy, overall album sales dropped
- b) Consumers prefer digital media over physical media
- c) Digital piracy is not killing the music industry
- d) LPs and cassettes have been phased out to make room for CDs

(Answer is at the end)

What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

"When a consumer product in some way has a negative impact on society, governments often move to place high taxes on those products to discourage use, for example high taxes on cigarettes and alcohol. Obesity should be viewed in the same light. With the high availability of soft drinks and junk food at an affordable low price, consumers are all but discouraged from eating healthy. A tax on such products would discourage mass purchasing and positively impact our society by curbing obesity rates."

- a) High taxes on a product discourage use
- b) Low prices and high availability of junk foods results in an increased obesity rate
- c) Taxes on healthy food items should be reduced