

- Read the passage. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question.

Because conditions were just right, more than a foot of snow fell last night. This morning there was a lot of shoveling to do, so my sister and I decided to see whether our neighbors needed help shoveling. We looked down the street and saw that Mrs. Hartman was still snowed in. We didn't know Mrs. Hartman very well, but we decided to clear her sidewalk and driveway. After we were finished, she invited us in for a cup of cocoa. As we said good-bye, the three of us agreed that we were lucky to have had so much snow. If there hadn't been a storm, then we might not have gotten to know each other!

- 1 Why was the amount of the snowfall so great?
- A No one had a shovel.
  - B Conditions were just right.
  - C It was the biggest storm in ten years.
  - D The neighbors needed help shoveling.

**Tip**

Which answer choice describes the cause of the huge snowfall?

- 2 What was one of the effects of the snowstorm?
- F The neighbors next door borrowed a shovel.
  - G There was no school for a week.
  - H The children got to know one of their neighbors.
  - J No one had to go to work the next day.

**Tip**

Ignore answers that are not in the passage.

- 3 Which of the following does NOT signal a cause-and-effect relationship?
- A after all
  - B so
  - C because
  - D if/then

**Tip**

Which of the answer choices best signals a closing line?

