

READING: SLO #1: Identify main ideas, details, purpose, and audience in written and spoken texts

SLO #4. Infer basic points of view and attitudes

Instructions: Read the text “Tele-Health Means Better Health Care” and answer the questions below

Read the text:

Tele-Health Means Better Health Care



In the past, if you lived in a rural area, you couldn't always count on having access to the most modern health care. Many people with treatable conditions died because they were too far from health centres, or because their doctors weren't trained in the latest techniques. Today, the development of “tele-health,” or telemedicine, is changing that situation for the better.

Tele-health makes improved health care possible in a number of different ways. First, technology such as videoconferencing and streaming video makes it possible for health care professionals to receive training from experts who are thousands of kilometres away. These technologies can also be used to provide patients with health education, which permits them to manage their own care.

Being able to access specialists, such as cancer specialists or eye doctors, via tele-health technology means that small hospitals do not need to have these medical professionals on staff. This saves money; it also means that patients do not have to travel long distances to receive treatment. In addition, doctors can monitor some patients with diseases in their homes, using mobile devices and apps that send their information over the Internet.

Of course, telemedicine isn't free. Hospitals, doctors, and patients need to have the devices and technology they need in order to be connected to health care providers at a distance. The good news is that there is often support available from governments or other organizations that can provide the resources that are needed to bring health care to even the most distant rural area.

Highlight the best answer for each question:

- 1. According to the article, what often happened in the past to people living in rural areas if they got sick?**

They died from their illnesses.

They got medical advice through their relatives.

They moved to the city.

- 2. What is another way to say “tele-health”?**

medical training

telemedicine

specialized techniques

3. Why are patients able to monitor their health better with telemedicine?

They are able to speak to other patients with the same condition.

They are able to arrange for transportation to a hospital.

They can get health advice and information even if they live far away.

4. How can doctors get advanced training using telemedicine?

They can work on patients with rare medical conditions.

They can participate in videoconferences.

They can access a variety of medical resources.

5. How do hospitals in small towns save money as a result of using tele-health technology?

They can build smaller buildings.

They don't need to have specialist doctors on staff.

They can see fewer patients every year

6. How could a doctor monitor a patient using telemedicine?

by talking to other doctors who have similar patients

by using an app that sends patient data

by using the Internet to make a phone call to the patient

7. What does a community need to invest in if they want to have a telemedicine program?

special devices and technology

medical research facilities

skilled doctors and nurses

8. Where is it possible to find money for starting a telemedicine program?

the government and other organizations

the patients and their families

technology companies

9. What is the purpose of the text?

Inform

Entertain

persuade

10. What is the intended audience?

11. What is the author's attitude towards tele-medicine?

12. Write those words or phrases that appear in the passage that indicate or show the attitude of the author you described in questions 11.