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Comprehension

SECTION B

Read the following passage and answer the questions below.

Vagrancy is becoming a major problem in Barbados and many persons have been speaking out against what they perceive as an eyesore on the Barbadian landscape.

This problem was further highlighted when a work-stoppage was staged by some of the employees at the Treasury Building in Bridgetown in protest after a colleague was attacked and robbed by a vagrant.

The National Union of Public Workers which represents most of the public sector employees, bemoaned the fact that the staff was frustrated by the lack of attention given to their numerous complaints about the situation.

The Treasury Building is seen as a popular location for vagrants where they sleep and live.

The employees at the Treasury Building feel unsafe in an environment where these vagrants seem to exist unimpeded or uninterrupted. The workers are crying out for help and for all concerned to stop their space from being invaded by these people who have no fix place of abode.

Choose one word from the passage which means the same as 'workmate'.

What part of speech is the word 'major' in line 1?

What word in paragraph 3 tells that the Treasury Building staff complained often about the problem?

Who do you think is a vagrant ?

Why did the workers feel unsafe?

What action did the workers take to point out their protest?

Name the group which represented the workers.

Explain the expression "an eyesore on the Barbadian landscape."
