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MAKING JUDGEMENTS

Read the passage below. Use it and your background knowledge to answer the questions that follow.



The people of San Salvador take pride in their community. They believe that it is the most beautiful island in The Bahamas. However, there is an **eyesore** in the community. It is the local playground. The swings are broken, slides are faded and worn, and the jungle gym looks like it really does belong in a jungle.

For months now, the Family Island Administrator has received numerous calls, emails and letters complaining about the condition of the playground. The residents just want somewhere safe for their children to play. The Family Island Administrator, Mr. Cole has assured them that he will **renovate** the playground as soon he receives money from the government. The residents trust that Mr. Cole is a man of his word and they patiently wait for the new playground equipment.

When the day arrives for Mr. Cole to purchase the necessary items for the park, he receives news that the main road in the neighbouring settlement has developed huge potholes as a result of the downpour of rain from a storm the day before. Mr. Cole must make a decision. He has money for just one project. Should he repair the park or the roads? What a **conundrum**! After much thought, Mr. Cole decides to repair the roads instead of the playground.

1) What is the item that the residents want repaired? (1 mark)

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| a) playground equipment | b) road |
| c) a school | d) the local clinic |

2) Identify **TWO** ways in which the people of San Salvador communicated with their Family Island Administrator. (2 marks)

3) Match the words in the box with their meanings below. (1 mark)

conundrum **renovate** **eyesore**

- a) Something that is unpleasant to look at _____
- b) To repair _____
- c) A challenging problem _____
- 4) Which statement is a reasonable conclusion that can be drawn from the passage?
- a) Mr Cole has no interest in repairing the playground.
- b) The residents do not know how to take care of playground equipment.
- c) Mr. Cole is not liked by the people of San Salvador.
- d) Mr. Cole is respected by the people of San Salvador.
- 5) Which word best describes the people of San Salvador? (1 mark)
- a) annoying b) concerned
- c) unreasonable d) brave
- 6) Do you agree with the decision Mr. Cole made? Explain why or why not using evidence from the passage. (2 marks)

