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Compared to other countries, Norway has a low level of crime. The crimes that are committed are mostly thefts and don't involve violence. In August 2014, fewer than 4,000 of the country's five million people were in prison. **[I]** When prisoners in Norway are released, on average only about 20% of them reoffend, while in the USA the same figure is about 75%. What makes the level of crime so low in Norway? The answer seems to be that Norway's justice system is based on the belief that restoring the harm caused by crime is more important than punishing people for what they have done. **[II]** To achieve this, every step is taken to ensure that offenders return to the community as better members of society when they're released. Nowhere can this be seen better than in Norway's Halden Prison. **[III]** 'The architecture is not like other prisons,' says Are Holdal, the prison governor. 'We felt it shouldn't look like a prison. We wanted to create normality.'

Inside Halden, it is light and bright. Stylish, colourful furniture and paintings stand out against the white walls. Every cell has its own window without bars, toilet, modern TV and shower with soft, white towels. **[IV]** There are more members of staff (including teachers and healthcare workers) than prisoners. They're friendly and supportive, ensuring that no prisoner is released without having a home and a job to go to. Halden has been compared to a luxury hotel, but the one thing its prisoners don't have is freedom. As Holdal says, 'It is this building that makes softer people.' That surely must be a positive thing for society as a whole.

Question 1: What does the furniture in Halden look like?

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Question 2: What do all the prisoners have in their cells?

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Question 3: What are the members of staff like?

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Question 4: What do prisoners have when they leave?

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Question 5: Where in the passage does this sentence best fit?

Prisoners have their own fridges, desks and cupboards.

A. I B. II C. III D. IV

Question 6: What is the best title for the passage?

A. The success of Norway's prison system

B. Comparing Prison Systems Around the World

C. The Rise of Crime Rates in Norway

D. Halden Prison: A Model for Change

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