

Questions 168-171 refer to the following article.

A Very Fruity Idea

Our cities are filled with trees, and the vast majority of those trees produce edible fruits. — [1] —. But with no one to collect and process them, most simply fall to the ground and rot, wasting a potentially excellent source of nutrition.



One new organization wants to change that. — [2] —. Fresh From The Tree is a non-profit group that aims to collect as much fruit as possible from the city's trees, and then make it into delicious snacks that can be sold at low prices to local residents.

“We have been doing a survey of the locations of all the fruit trees in town,” says co-founder Michaela Anderson. “Once we have identified a promising tree, we contact the homeowners and ask if we can pick the fruit for them. — [3] —. They usually don’t have time to manage it themselves.”

After the volunteers collect the fruit, they give half of it to the owners of the residence, and keep the other half to turn into fruit pies, jams, sorbets, and other tasty but healthy desserts. The group only has a handful of volunteers at the moment but are hoping to recruit more in the coming months. — [4] —. They are also negotiating with the city to collect fruit from trees on government property.

168. What is the article mainly about?

- (A) The establishment of a firm
- (B) The opening of a fruit orchard
- (C) The management of public land
- (D) The work of an organization

169. What does Fresh From The Tree do with the fruit it collects?

- (A) Sells it to local restaurants
- (B) Turns it into snacks
- (C) Donates it to a charity
- (D) Transports it to City Hall

170. According to the article, what do homeowners receive from Fresh From The Tree?

- (A) A small payment for the food
- (B) Some of the collected produce
- (C) Recognition at a public event
- (D) Free baked goods

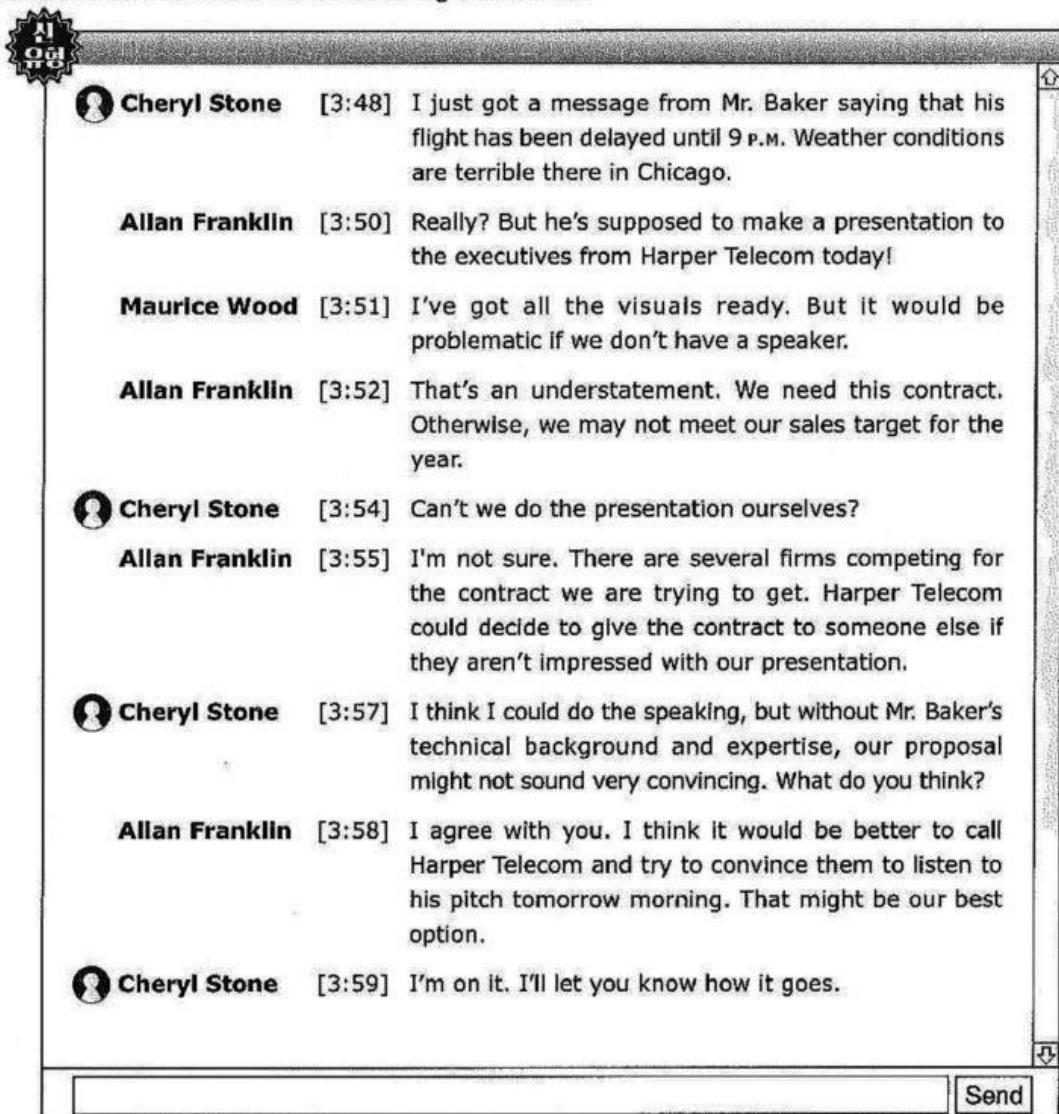
171. In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?

“Most of the residents accept the offer with pleasure.”

- (A) [1]
- (B) [2]
- (C) [3]
- (D) [4]

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Questions 172-175 refer to the following online chat.



Cheryl Stone [3:48] I just got a message from Mr. Baker saying that his flight has been delayed until 9 p.m. Weather conditions are terrible there in Chicago.

Allan Franklin [3:50] Really? But he's supposed to make a presentation to the executives from Harper Telecom today!

Maurice Wood [3:51] I've got all the visuals ready. But it would be problematic if we don't have a speaker.

Allan Franklin [3:52] That's an understatement. We need this contract. Otherwise, we may not meet our sales target for the year.

Cheryl Stone [3:54] Can't we do the presentation ourselves?

Allan Franklin [3:55] I'm not sure. There are several firms competing for the contract we are trying to get. Harper Telecom could decide to give the contract to someone else if they aren't impressed with our presentation.

Cheryl Stone [3:57] I think I could do the speaking, but without Mr. Baker's technical background and expertise, our proposal might not sound very convincing. What do you think?

Allan Franklin [3:58] I agree with you. I think it would be better to call Harper Telecom and try to convince them to listen to his pitch tomorrow morning. That might be our best option.

Cheryl Stone [3:59] I'm on it. I'll let you know how it goes.

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172. What is suggested about the presentation?

- (A) It targets a company based in Chicago.
- (B) It is scheduled for tomorrow morning.
- (C) It is going to be uploaded to a Web site.
- (D) It is aimed at securing a contract.

173. What can be inferred about Harper Telecom?

- (A) They are unsatisfied with a presentation.
- (B) They are considering offers from several businesses.
- (C) They want Mr. Baker to participate in the presentation.
- (D) They will not be available at a different time.

174. What is mentioned about Mr. Baker?

- (A) He is preparing to go to Chicago on business.
- (B) He is proficient in technical matters.
- (C) He previously worked at Harper Telecom.
- (D) He produced all of the presentation materials.

175. At 3:59, what does Ms. Stone mean when she writes, "I'm on it"?

- (A) She will call Harper Telecom.
- (B) She will give a presentation tomorrow.
- (C) She will wait for Mr. Baker's flight to arrive.
- (D) She will contact her absent colleague.

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Questions 176-180 refer to the following notice and letter.

CITY OF GRIGGSTON PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

A city hall meeting has been scheduled to discuss proposed plans for two road improvements, specifically the extension of Marigold Street from Route 103 and the road hazard repairs on Hartford Street. The first project on Marigold Street will be conducted over two weeks while the latter is expected to take five days. The Griggston Office of Transportation Planning has provided funding for both projects.

The work is expected to cause some disruption to traffic and some disturbances to homes and businesses in the area. The city has already put together a traffic rerouting plan for the duration of both projects and will allow the usage of noisy machinery during daytime hours.

Please note the meeting details below.

Date: Tuesday, January 10

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: Griggston City Hall, Room 5A in basement level one
This room is fully-accessible for persons with disabilities.

Representatives from the Office of Transportation Planning, along with project contractors and consultants, will present an overview of the roadwork while providing the opportunity for questions from the audience. Should you have any inquiries about this meeting or comments regarding either project, they may be directed to our senior city planner Lois Oliveira at l.oliveira@griggstoncity.gov.

Griggston City Hall

100 West Lorry Road
Griggston, TX 76645
Office of Transportation Planning

February 15

Shawn Davis
Walnut Creek Contracting
58 Lilac Terrace
Fort Worth, TX 76120

Dear Mr. Davis,

I am sending this letter as an expression of my gratitude for the excellent work your contracting company did on the Marigold Street construction work. You and your 10 crew members were a pleasure to work with and were always timely, professional, and knowledgeable.

Already, there have been a lot of positive reactions about the work you've done from residents and business owners in the vicinity. There have been many positive remarks about the beautiful brick sidewalks that were installed.

This was now the fifth time for us to hire your company and I am delighted that your business and the

City of Griggston have continued our ongoing partnership. I have wired the payment for your contracted services to your company's bank account as per our regular agreement.

Also, I would like to let you know that my office is working on a similar project for Rosedale Avenue. Nothing is confirmed as of yet, but I should have more details in a few weeks. I would also like to consider your company for this task. It would take approximately the same amount of time as the work on Marigold Street did and would possibly begin at the end of April. Let me know if you might be interested.

Thank you again, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Lois Oliveira
Senior city planner

176. What is indicated about the City of Griggston?

- (A) It has city hall meetings once every month.
- (B) It had some issues with its road conditions.
- (C) It has hired contractors for building renovations.
- (D) It will increase property taxes to pay for upcoming projects.

177. What does the notice state about the city's projects?

- (A) They will not create much noise.
- (B) They will end three weeks after a city council meeting.
- (C) They will cause traffic to be detoured.
- (D) They will be voted on by the public.

178. According to the notice, how can residents provide feedback on the roadwork projects?

- (A) By calling Lois Oliveira's personal assistant
- (B) By sending an e-mail to a city official
- (C) By visiting project contractors
- (D) By posting on the city's online forum

179. What can be inferred about Mr. Davis?

- (A) He asked for extra money to cover unexpected costs.
- (B) He suggested using bricks for the city's pedestrian walkways.
- (C) He organized the transportation office's meeting.
- (D) He supervised a group of 10 workers on a project.

180. What is indicated about Walnut Creek Contracting?

- (A) It only accepts service payments by check.
- (B) It presented building plans during a recent public meeting.
- (C) It submitted a contracting bid for the Hartford Street project.
- (D) It may do some roadwork on Rosedale Avenue for two weeks.

Questions 181-185 refer to the following brochure and e-mail.

Are the countertops in your home or workplace worn or outdated? Let Carlson Counters give your kitchen, office, bathroom, or reception area a brand-new look!

We offer a vast assortment of styles, colors, and materials to choose from! And our prices are some of the best in town:

Laminate	Starting at \$80 per square meter
Tile	Starting at \$90 per square meter
Granite	Starting at \$130 per square meter
Marble	Starting at \$150 per square meter

All countertops listed above are available for customization at increased rates if requested at least 15 days in advance. In such cases, Carlson Counters charges \$120 per square meter for laminate and tile customization and \$190 per square meter for specialized orders in granite or marble. Carlson Counters does require a 50 percent deposit for any custom order.

All you have to do is call us at 555-4933 or send an e-mail to rogcarl@carlsoncounters.com to request an on-site visit. Owner Roger Carlson will visit your space to get rough measurements and discuss installation options with you. He will also describe the various materials we sell and provide you with cost estimates for the different countertops you can choose. Once you have made your selection, Mr. Carlson will immediately schedule the work and let you know how long it will take.

So, contact Carlson Counters today and find out how we can give your space a new and contemporary look!

TO: Roger Carlson <rogcarl@carlsoncounters.com>
FROM: Blaire Thomson <bomson@gotomail.com>
SUBJECT: Countertops
DATE: May 29, Thursday

Dear Mr. Carlson,

Thank you for coming by my home this afternoon to check out my kitchen. I appreciate the information you provided as it confirmed what your brochure said.

I have discussed the materials you suggested with my husband. Both of the recommendations are attractive, but after talking about it, we have agreed that we should go ahead with the marble option for our countertops. Please send us the total cost estimate for the project when you have time.

You also mentioned during your visit that custom countertops like the one we're requesting need to be specially ordered and may require additional time for delivery. So, could you let us know how long it will take to arrive?

I hope to hear from you soon, and thank you for your excellent service.

Regards,

Blaire Thomson

181. What is indicated about Carlson Counters?

- (A) It provides services for residential spaces only.
- (B) It accepts visit requests through multiple channels.
- (C) It is situated in a central part of the town.
- (D) It is currently offering a service at a discount.

182. In the brochure, the word "rough" in paragraph 4, line 2, is closest in meaning to

- (A) forceful
- (B) general
- (C) coarse
- (D) uneven

183. According to the brochure, what information will NOT be provided during an on-site visit?

- (A) The date of a delivery
- (B) Descriptions of materials
- (C) Prices of products
- (D) The duration of a project

184. How much will Ms. Thomson have to pay for the new countertops?

- (A) \$90 per square meter
- (B) \$120 per square meter
- (C) \$150 per square meter
- (D) \$190 per square meter

185. What most likely did Ms. Thomson do before Mr. Carlson's visit to her home?

- (A) Discarded an old countertop
- (B) Looked through an informational leaflet
- (C) E-mailed size specifications for an installation
- (D) Visited a branch for a free consultation

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