

SECTION I

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FIRST GROUP?

The first job of your group is to find out what happened to the first group of explorers. Your group has landed on Nicoma and has just discovered the metal huts put up by the first group. From the outside, the huts appear to be in good condition. It is a warm day, and the sun is shining. The trees, rocks, grass, and birds make Nicoma appear like much of North America.

You and the health officer are the first to arrive at the group of huts. You call out, but you get no answer.

The health officer suggests, “*Maybe they’re all dead.*” You try to find out if he is right.

Listed below are some facts you learn. You must decide whether each fact supports the health officer’s idea *or* suggests that the health officer’s idea is mistaken—*or* neither.

For each fact, mark one of the following on your answer sheet:

- A. This fact **supports** the health officer’s idea that everyone in the first group is dead.
- B. This fact **goes against** the health officer’s idea.
- C. **Neither**: this fact does not help us decide.

Here is an example of the kind of problem in this part of the test:

1. You go into the first hut. Everything is covered by a thick layer of dust.

Is this fact **for** or **against** the health officer’s idea, or **neither**? It certainly isn’t enough to prove him right, but it does give some support. If a fact supports the health officer’s idea, you should mark **A** on your answer sheet. Mark **A** for Number 1.

Mark your answer for this next example:

2. Other members of your group discover the first group’s rocket ship nearby.

The answer is **C**. Knowing that the first group’s rocket ship has been discovered doesn’t help you decide one way or the other. Since this fact doesn’t help you decide whether the health officer is right or wrong, **C** is correct.

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