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PART 2

Reading Comprehension

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SITUATION 1

You are looking for a job and notice this ad on the internet. Read it carefully and answer questions 1, 2 and 3.

Special Needs Workers

Location: Montreal, Qc

Job Category: Care Giving, Healthcare Support, Medical

Montreal Health Sciences is an academic health sciences centre whose primary role is health care delivery. Our hospital is one of the largest in Quebec operating four sites and employing approximately 8,000 staff members. Through our partnership with McGill University, we promote continuous learning and improvements through innovative education and research.

Special Needs Services is affiliated with Montreal Health Sciences through the Child and Family Program.

Applications are being accepted from qualified individuals for entry level positions to work with developmentally and/or physically challenged individuals in their homes. Special Needs Workers will provide life skills training, socialization experiences and family support.

Wages starting at \$9.00 per hour with flexible schedule.

Qualifications:

Pursuing or completion of any of the following certificate/diploma programs:

- Personal Support Worker
- Child & Youth Worker
- Social Services Worker
- Disability Support Worker
- Educational Assistant
- Early Childhood Education
- Recreation Leadership Program

Related Experience:

- Suitable candidates will have a balance of academic education and practical experience
- Candidates dealing with Special Needs population

Preference will be given to people with training and experience in dealing with various disabilities and/or behavioural difficulties.

Read questions 1, 2 and 3.

Choose A, B, C or D.

1. Where will the special needs workers work?
 - a) in a hospital
 - b) in four different sites
 - c) in the special needs department
 - d) at the patients' home

2. Which of the following statement is true?
 - a) the special needs worker will work with handicapped people
 - b) the special needs worker will work split shifts
 - c) the hospital employs 8,000 employees specializing in healthcare
 - d) the applicant must have graduated to be considered for the position

3. Which benefit is offered in this ad?
 - a) Family support program
 - b) Pension plan
 - c) Working hours suited to your needs
 - d) Working out of your own home

SITUATION 2

Read the following text and answer questions 4 and 5.

Privacy watchdog slam growing database

By ALLISON LAWLOR
Globe and Mail Update

Seven provincial privacy commissioners have fired off a letter to Revenue Minister Elinor Caplan disapproving of the federal government's plan to expand a database that stores details of the air travel of Canadians.

Having previously expressed their concerns to the federal government, the commissioners said they are particularly worried about the plan to "expand the database even further to include personal information on individuals who arrive in Canada by other means, such as trains, ships and buses".

Colette Gentes-Hawn, spokeswoman for the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency in Ottawa, said there are no plans to make immediate changes.

"There is nothing concrete yet," Ms. Gentes-Hawn told globeandmail.com on Wednesday, adding the earliest changes might be implemented would be 2004.

It still has to be determined how federal officials could collect information from people travelling, for example by bus. When you buy a bus ticket you don't have to give your name whereas if you travel by ship you do, she said.

The Canada Customs and Revenue Agency's database is "overly broad and unnecessarily targets innocent Canadians for surveillance by the state", the commissioners said in their letter.

The letter is signed by privacy commissioners or representatives in Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, and the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

When the database was publicly announced in September, Ms. Caplan maintained that it would be a powerful weapon in the war against terrorism and will help catch criminals and tax cheats.

But the announcement raised concerns from the civil liberties groups as well as federal privacy commissioner George Radwanski.

"The information contained in the database can be used for purposes unrelated to anti-terrorist security".

"Rather than collecting and retaining the personal information of a small number or targeted air travellers, as originally planned, the database is far greater in scope and now is slated to expand," the letter says.

Canada Customs was given the power to collect the information from airlines in antiterrorism legislation passed after Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The Liberal government had insisted the data would only be used to check incoming passengers for criminal records or terrorism threats and would be destroyed within 24 hours.

But customs officials informed Mr. Radwanski in June that all information on air passengers would be kept in a computer database for six years. The privacy commissioner argues the database will violate the Privacy Act and Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The provincial privacy commissioners echoed the concerns of their federal counterpart saying they are worried that the RCMP will be allowed to use passenger information for general law enforcement, not just national or aviation security.

While acknowledging the heightened security concerns, they said that the fight against terrorism "cannot be used as an excuse to expand the powers of the police or other agencies of the state, for other purposes."

They have asked the Revenue Minister to reconsider the initiatives and have asked for a response to their letter.

Read questions 4 and 5.

Choose A, B, C or D.

4. It can be inferred from the text that...
- a) The government collects information on most Canadians traveling abroad.
 - b) All individuals traveling to and from Canada are under surveillance.
 - c) The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 triggered a worldwide panic in plane users.
 - d) The Canada Customs and Revenue Agency wants to use surveillance cameras in all Canadian airports, train and bus terminals.
5. Why are provincial privacy commissioners against the federal government's plan?
- a) Because collecting so much information on Canadians would cost millions of dollars.
 - b) Because terrorists are no longer a threat to Canada or any other country.
 - c) Because they are afraid that the information will be used for other purposes than protecting Canadians against terrorism.
 - d) Because there were only seven provinces that protested out of ten.

SITUATION 3

You would like to go on a second honeymoon trip with your spouse. You want it to be special. A friend has told you about this special resort where you would both enjoy their cozy accommodations, gourmet meals and fun summer and winter activities. Write a letter requesting information about the following:

- vacancies
- types of accommodations
- packages
- activities for your favorite season

Write your letter to:

Gunflint Lodge
143 S. Gunflint Lake
Grand Marais, MN 55604

5 points

SITUATION 4

A new business complex including a major shopping mall, restaurants, bars and offices is going to open soon. All types of jobs openings are offered. Use the included application form to apply on the position of your choice.

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