The Noon Agenda

Track clues before each new detail appears.

12.P.EICC.3.e "Make and track predictions about the events and information likely to come next. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that hint at what will happen or be revealed next. Write 1, 2, and 3 beside three likely developments in the order you expect them, then use later details to check your predictions.

Route 8

1. At 7:15 on Tuesday morning, Noor Patel, editor of the Harbor High newspaper, opened an email from the city transit office. Attached were monthly spreadsheets showing that the last Route 8 bus had arrived late on twenty-three evenings. The email also noted that the transportation board would post Thursday's meeting agenda at noon. Noor remembered complaints from classmates who used Route 8 after late shifts at the grocery store. She highlighted a line in the spreadsheet showing sharply higher fuel costs, then searched the board's recent budget discussions for clues about what the agenda might contain.

2. Before noon, Noor found a draft budget memo in the board's online records. It described a $2.4 million shortfall and recommended suspending Route 8's final two trips, beginning in January. The memo called the change temporary, but it provided no replacement service for riders working after 10 p.m. Noor emailed the transit director, asking whether the draft would appear on the agenda and how the city would measure the effect on workers. The director replied that the board would release a statement after the agenda appeared. Noor began a chart comparing the late-bus data with the number of students and workers who had reported depending on the route.

3. At noon, the posted agenda included the suspension proposal exactly as the memo had described it. It also scheduled a public hearing before any vote, and the director's statement said staff would collect rider comments and examine alternatives. Noor's article explained that the proposal had not yet ended the late trips, but it could do so in January if the board approved it. By afternoon, three Route 8 riders had agreed to be interviewed, and a neighborhood group announced plans to attend the hearing. Noor added the meeting time to the article and left space for the board's eventual decision.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. After paragraph 1, what was a reasonable prediction about the meeting agenda? Give two clues that support it.

2. After paragraph 2, what could you predict the posted agenda would reveal? What later detail confirms that prediction?

3. If the board approves the proposal, what effect could Noor predict for some Route 8 riders? Use a passage detail.

4. At the end of the passage, what is most likely to happen before the board makes its decision? Explain your prediction.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a 75-95 word follow-up news brief set one week after the hearing. Predict two likely developments, and explain which passage details support each prediction.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 12 · 12.P.EICC.3.e

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline details that hint at what will happen or be revealed next. Write 1, 2, and 3 beside three likely developments in the order you expect them, then use later details to check your predictions. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	After paragraph 1, what was a reasonable prediction about the meeting agenda? Give two clues that support it.	**The agenda would likely include a cost-cutting change to Route 8, possibly reducing late service. Clues include the higher fuel costs and the focus on late Route 8 buses.**
2	After paragraph 2, what could you predict the posted agenda would reveal? What later detail confirms that prediction?	**It would likely include the plan to suspend Route 8's final two trips. Paragraph 3 confirms that the agenda included the suspension proposal exactly as the memo described it.**
3	If the board approves the proposal, what effect could Noor predict for some Route 8 riders? Use a passage detail.	**Students and workers who rely on the final buses could lose late transportation, because the proposal provides no replacement service after 10 p.m.**
4	At the end of the passage, what is most likely to happen before the board makes its decision? Explain your prediction.	**A public hearing will occur, where riders can give comments and staff can consider alternatives, because the hearing is scheduled before any vote and a neighborhood group plans to attend.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

One week after the hearing, the board will probably delay a final vote while staff reviews the comments collected from Route 8 riders. This prediction follows from the director's promise to examine alternatives and the proposal's description as temporary. Noor will likely report a proposed replacement late trip, since workers and students have documented their dependence on the route. If no alternative appears, she will instead explain how a January suspension would affect those riders.

Accept other reasonable predictions when students support them with specific passage details. Students should distinguish predictions confirmed in paragraph 3 from predictions about events still likely to occur after the passage ends.