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government ceased to regulate major industries. (D) Unions conducted wage negotiations for employees. (E) Employee-owners agreed to have their wages lowered. 3. It can be inferred from the passage that the author considers labor disruptions to be (A) an inevitable problem in a weak national economy (B) a positive sign of employee concern about a company (C) a predictor of employee reactions to a company's offer to sell shares to them (D) a phenomenon found more often in state-owned industries than in private companies (E) a deterrent to high performance levels in an industry

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