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that preference. 1. The primary purpose of the passage is to (A) present the results of statistical analyses and propose further studies. (B) explain a recent development and predict its eventual consequences. (C) identify the reasons for a trend and recommend measures to address it. (D) outline several theories about a phenomenon and advocate one of them (E) describe the potential consequences of implementing a new policy and argue in favor of that policy. 2. According to the passage, which of the following is true of the "factors affecting employers" that are mentioned in lines 9-10? (A) Most experts cite them as having initiated the growth in temporary employment that occurred during the 1980s. (B) They may account for the increase in the total number of temporary workers during the 1980s. (C) They were less important than demographic change in accounting for the increase of temporary employment during the 1980s. (D) They included a sharp increase in the cost of labor during the 1980s. (E) They are more difficult to account for than at other factors involved in the growth of temporary employment during the 1980s. 3. The passage suggests which of the following about the use of temporary employment by firms during the 1980s? (A) It enabled firms to deal with fluctuating product demand far more efficiently than they before the 1980s. (B) It increased as a result of increased participation in the workforce by certain demograp groups. (C) It was discouraged by government-mandated policies. (D) It was a response to preferences indicated by certain employees for more flexible working arrangements. (E) It increased partly as a result of workers reduced

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