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Quiz: Super Bowl of Welfare

Directions: Select the answer that best completes the sentence.

1) Subsidies are _____.

- A) loans from banks and other financial institutions that have to be repaid
- B) budgets that determine how much it will cost to build a sports stadium
- C) government money or tax breaks designed to help people or businesses
- D) federal expenditures to pay for weapon systems and other defense department items

2) The concept of concentrated benefits and dispersed costs explains _____.

- A) why the recipients of taxpayer subsidies are more motivated to lobby for subsidies than opponents of taxpayer subsidies are motivated to lobby against them
- B) why governments and politicians generally oppose subsidies to individuals and businesses
- C) why farm subsidies are important to people who purchase and consume farm-grown food
- D) how corporate welfare actually benefits consumers

3) One real problem with taxpayers subsidizing sports stadiums is that _____.

- A) they are taxed on the interest payments they make on the loans to the professional team
- B) many taxpayers are not sports fans yet are forced to help pay for the stadiums
- C) the team owners still do not make money from their professional sports franchise
- D) too many people are selfish and complain about it

4) When John Stossel discussed the seen and unseen costs, what did he mean?

- A) People often see the jobs created by the stadium, but not that taxpayers have less money to spend on themselves and their families.
- B) No one sees the benefits from taxpayer subsidized stadiums; but all people look at the negative side.
- C) It is unfair that some fans don't get to attend the games because they cannot afford the ticket prices.
- D) We do not realize how much money government actually has to give away.

5) The main point of this video is that _____.

- A) taxpayers should subsidize sports stadiums because those stadiums benefit everyone in that community, whether they are fans of the team or not
- B) it is a legitimate role of government to support professional sports teams
- C) subsidies to businesses prevent poorly run businesses from going bankrupt
- D) giving taxpayer money to build sports stadiums is unfair to taxpayers and a bad investment

Super Bowl of Welfare – Answer Key:

1. C
2. A
3. B
4. A
5. D