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Clues Behind Events

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Then answer the multiple-choice questions. Circle the letter of the best option (A-D) that explains the hidden or implied causes behind events in the story.

Carlos walked into class just as the bell rang, his hair sticking up in every direction. He fumbled through his backpack, only to discover that he had forgotten his homework at home again. His teacher sighed and handed him a late slip, reminding him this was the third time in two weeks. During the group activity, Carlos yawned so loudly that his classmates laughed. When asked to read a passage aloud, he stumbled over the words and rubbed his eyes. At the end of class, he leaned against the wall in the hallway, looking as if he could fall asleep standing up.

1. What is the most likely hidden cause behind Carlos forgetting his homework repeatedly?
   A. He doesn't understand the assignments.
   B. He doesn't want to do homework at all.
   C. His teacher didn't remind him often enough.
   D. He may be staying up too late or not managing his time well.
2. What best explains why Carlos is yawning and stumbling over his reading?
   A. He is nervous about reading in front of others. He seems very tired, which affects his focus and performance.
   B. He is distracted by the laughter of his classmates.
   C.
   D. He does not enjoy the subject being taught.
3. How might Carlos's messy hair connect to the other events in the passage?
   A. It shows he doesn't care about his appearance.
   B. It suggests he overslept or rushed to school, linking to his tiredness.
   C. It proves that he forgot to bring a comb to class.
   D. It has nothing to do with the other details in the passage.
4. Which cause-and-effect chain best explains what might be happening in Carlos's life?
   A. Carlos doesn't like school → He refuses to do homework → He is punished by his teacher → He decides to drop out.
   B. Carlos has too many chores → He skips meals → He struggles in school → He becomes hungry in class.
   C. Carlos stays up late → He oversleeps and rushes to school → He forgets homework and looks unprepared → He feels tired in class → His tiredness leads to mistakes.
   D. Carlos plays sports → He gets injured → He misses school → He struggles to catch up on work.

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