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The Bigger Picture

Directions: Read each passage carefully. Think about the bigger message or lesson the story teaches. Circle the letter of the best answer (A, B, C, or D) that states the underlying **theme**.

1. When Leo's little sister accidentally broke his favorite toy car, he felt angry. He wanted to yell at her, but he noticed her eyes were already filled with tears. Instead of shouting, he hugged her and told her it was okay. Later, his father helped him fix the car, and Leo's sister brought him a drawing she made to say sorry. Leo realized his choice had made both of them feel better.

- A. Toys are easy to fix.
- B. Anger is the best way to solve problems.
- C. Forgiveness can heal hurt feelings.
- D. Sharing toys is important.

2. Nina wanted to learn how to play the piano, but at first, the keys felt confusing under her fingers. She stumbled over notes and often grew frustrated. Instead of giving up, she practiced a little each day. Slowly, the songs began to sound smoother, and eventually, she played her favorite piece in front of her class. The applause made her beam with pride.

- A. Music is the most difficult subject.
- B. Practice and persistence lead to success.
- C. Teachers are the best piano players.
- D. Playing piano requires talent only.

3. Arjun found a wallet on the sidewalk while walking home from school. It was filled with money and had an ID card inside. He thought about keeping the money but remembered how upset he would be if he lost his own wallet. He brought it to the police station, where the grateful owner later thanked him. Arjun felt proud of his decision.

- A. Always buy a strong wallet.
- B. Honesty and doing the right thing bring pride.
- C. Police stations are safe places.
- D. People often lose money.