

AUTHOR'S POINT, REASONING, AND EVIDENCE

Read the following passages, and identify the point that the author is trying to make.

You should try hiking. When you hike, you get to gaze at the beautiful scenery and see amazing wildlife, and it's a great way to keep in shape.

To begin with, when you hike, you get to see lovely scenery. I like to hike at Red Rock Canyon because I can see clearly across the valley. I also see streams, caves, and rock formations. I really like hiking in the spring when there are beautiful flowers and in the fall when the leaves change colors. Of course, all this scenery is perfect for taking pictures, so don't forget your camera when hiking! The amazing scenery is definitely something I love about hiking.

Another reason to try hiking is the opportunity to see animals. I've seen many different kinds of birds while hiking. I always encounter cottontail rabbits, ground squirrels, and lizards when I hike. They often dart across the path. A few times, I've been fortunate enough to come across a group of bighorn sheep. Make sure to keep your camera handy. If you love wildlife, you'll love hiking!

Most of all, you should try hiking because it is a fantastic way to stay healthy. People who don't like exercising can make sure they stay fit by engaging in hiking, which is much more fun than working out. When you hike, you walk many miles and go up and down the hills. Thus, you build stamina, strength, and balance. It is so much fun that you don't even realize that you are exercising.



A What is the point of the above passage?

B What are the reasons that support the points of the text?

C Identify the evidence that supports the reasons.

