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- 13** There has been a great deal of research into the use of placebos and, whilst it remains unclear why they work, the research clearly shows that placebos can have a powerful effect. Placebos present in some cases an ideal therapy; they are cheap and have few or no side effects. Those who argue that the prescription of a placebo represents a breach of patient-doctor trust should recognise that whilst placebos may not contain any active ingredients, a doctor may prescribe one in the genuine hope that this will offer their patient a real therapeutic benefit. In the interests of providing the most desirable outcomes, it is clear that placebos should be used as a treatment offered by the NHS.

Which one of the following principles can be best used to support the above argument?

- A** Doctors should use only treatments that they know will work.
- B** Doctors should not use treatments that cause harm to their patients.
- C** Doctors should not mislead their patients.
- D** Doctors should offer treatments on the basis of the outcome for the patient.
- E** Doctors should use only treatments that are proven.



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- 28 In an effort to make children understand where their food comes from many schools are now keeping chickens and other livestock on school grounds. Whilst this does help children to learn about the realities of the origins of their dinner, this is an unwise policy from which schools should refrain. It seems that many children and their parents are unprepared for the harsh, yet obvious reality that this will eventually mean the slaughter of these animals. There have been parental complaints in some cases and reports that some children have opted to become vegetarian when faced so cruelly with this outcome. Whilst some point to the apparent hypocrisy of eating meat yet not wanting to see where it comes from, it seems that many children are simply not ready to face this reality at such a young age without damaging consequences.

Which one of the following is a principle that could give support to the above argument?

- A Schools should educate their students about the realities of life, however unpleasant.
- B Parents and schools should educate children about matters of life and death.
- C Realities, however harsh, should be acknowledged.
- D Children should be protected from harm.