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D-3 A New York City vs. the Car

Over the years, concerns about heavy traffic and the effect of cars on air quality have led New York City officials to make various attempts to reduce traffic on the island of Manhattan. The first was a 1971 proposal by then mayor John Lindsay to ban automobiles from entering a crowded area of Manhattan's business district during the daytime. The plan, promoted as a solution to the air pollution problem, was widely applauded by citizens. Unfortunately, a recession made local businesses worry the no-car zone would keep away potential customers, so the proposal was defeated.

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● Question 32 Why was the 1971 plan to ban cars from entering Manhattan's business district never put into effect?

1 Although officials claimed it would reduce air pollution, it had little effect when tested in other neighborhoods.

2 It only covered a limited area, so critics pointed out it would fail to reduce traffic in Manhattan as a whole.

3 Although it was generally popular, there were concerns it would have a negative economic effect on the area.

4 The mayor stopped promoting it because citizens complained it would force them to shop at inconvenient times.

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