Praxis Core Reading 5753

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1. The primary purpose of the passage is to

> *Human impact on the ecosystem of the Pine Barrens, which is a vast, primarily forested, region in southern New Jersey, has been heavy. A relatively small Native American population used the area in the seventeenth century, and widespread systematic burning of the forest by the Native American inhabitants has been hypothesized. Since settlement by Europeans, numerous overlapping human exploitations have had a major impact on the environment in the form of lumber and fuel-wood removal, along with the appearance of light industry, agriculture, real estate, transportation systems, and human-caused fire. In general, human population density in the area has remained low. The nearby cities of Philadelphia and New York have affected the area by providing markets for Pine Barrens resources.*

(A) discuss the ways in which Native Americans have made use of an ecosystem
(B) examine the extent of human influence on the ecosystem of one region
(C) demonstrate that an environment is an inhospitable area for humans to settle
(D) suggest that widespread burning has had the greatest impact on an ecosystem
(E) detail how small human populations can minimize negative impacts on environments