SS.7.C.2.12 Low Level of Complexity Assessment Item Explanation

Question	Who would a citizen contact about a problem with city roads?	The correct answer should identify the city official who has the power to respond to concerns about city roads.
A	the county commissioner	**Incorrect** – The county commissioner is a legislator for the county, not the city. Cities exist within counties in Florida; counties have their own governments, as do cities.
B	the president	**Incorrect** – The President of the United States is the top executive officer for the country. The president is not responsible for handling city roads.
C	the governor	**Incorrect** – The governor is the top executive for the state. The governor is responsible for handling state roads but not city roads.
D	the mayor	***Correct*** – The mayor is the elected executive official in charge of a city. The mayor would be responsible for handling problems with city roads.

SS.7.C.2.12 Moderate Level of Complexity Sample Item Explanation

Question	Shrimp and seafood industries in Florida are concerned about the freshwater supply from Georgia. If the freshwater supply is reduced, Florida's shrimp and seafood industries could be harmed. Who is responsible for resolving this dispute?	Read and analyze the scenario described in the passage. Predict how the policy issue would be resolved. The correct response should identify the level and branch of government that would handle specific disagreements between different states.
A	federal legislative branch	**Incorrect** – The federal legislature passes laws that regulate commerce between states. The dispute described here is not about commerce between states; the dispute is over how each state uses its own natural resources.
B	federal executive branch	***Correct*** – The federal executive branch has the power to solve disputes between two or more states.
C	state legislatures	**Incorrect** – One or more state legislatures lack the power to resolve disputes between two or more states. The federal executive branch handles disagreements between states while the federal legislative branch may pass laws that would instruct states on how to handle situations in order to avoid disputes.
D	state judiciary	**Incorrect** – A single state judiciary lacks the power to resolve disputes between two or more states. The federal judiciary may be asked to resolve a dispute if one state sues the other.

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SS.7.C.2.12 High Level of Complexity Sample Item Explanation

Question	Luis owns a small store in the downtown business district. He learned that at the next monthly council meeting, the mayor will propose limiting the amount of time that people can park on the streets in the business district. Luis is afraid that if the city council approves the proposal, his business will suffer. Which of the following should be Luis's final step in attempting to resolve this issue?	Read and analyze the scenario described in the passage. Predict which steps Luis would take to resolve the problem, and put those steps in the appropriate order. The correct response should describe the final appropriate action that Luis would take to fight the mayor's proposal.
A	prepare a map of the available downtown parking spaces	**Incorrect** – Preparing the map might help Luis organize a presentation to the city council, but this step alone does not communicate Luis's concerns to the council.
B	present an alternative proposal at the next council meeting	***Correct*** – After Luis has gathered information that supports his alternative proposal, his last step would be to present his ideas to the city council where council members could vote to adopt his proposal instead of the mayor's proposal.
C	call council members with concerns about the proposed policy	**Incorrect** – Luis might call council members before the city council meeting in order to get support for his alternative proposal. However, if Luis does not present the council with a clear alternative, the council members will be unable to consider his ideas.
D	survey downtown businesses to determine their thoughts on the issue	**Incorrect** – Surveying businesses can help Luis prepare his proposal, but the survey alone does not communicate Luis's concerns to the city council.