Part 4: Inference

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Mariam's Work Experience

Mariam was thrilled to work at her uncle's environmental company. She studied Natural Sciences and was interested in protecting the environment. She believed that introducing some of her ideas would help reduce unnecessary water use at the company.

On her first day, she walked confidently into the building. Her uncle, Salem, introduced her to the team. They all greeted her and Salem showed her to her desk. She found that she was very familiar with the company computer systems and she began to work but, after a while, Mariam heard the employees whispering and felt they were staring at her. When she tried to talk to them, they just smiled and walked away.

Mariam's first task was to answer phone calls. When her uncle told her that he wanted her to learn communication skills, she paused for a second, raising her eyebrow, but she reluctantly agreed. A few weeks had passed, and Mariam was still handling customers' calls. Although she had made many good contacts with customers, she was losing interest slowly, especially after the employees hadn't been supporting her. However, she kept quiet and continued doing her work.

Mariam wasn't happy with her work situation and the company's management style, so she had a meeting with her uncle. In just three weeks, Mariam was taking on many tasks a day and was consumed by passion for the job! Salem was pleased to see Mariam work with enthusiasm and started taking her to management meetings. She really wanted to prove she could handle bigger tasks and made good contacts with some senior managers. However, Mariam secretly wished she had help from the team.

Mariam frequently asked the team if they needed help with their work, but they would always refuse and never showed up for meetings. Then, Mariam would end up staying late at work because her team failed to meet deadlines. Mariam would end up with more work because she had to cover for everyone. The team also rejected all her ideas, despite the fact that they could reduce waste and help the environment.

Mariam had been getting headaches for days, so she went to the hospital for a checkup. Her blood pressure was high, and the doctor advised Mariam to rest for a week, which was a better solution than taking medicine. Mariam thought about all the effort she had put it in, and all those long hours she had spent finishing the team's work. She was frustrated.

"I won't tell my uncle anything. I will manage the team myself when I go back next week! I'll show them I can handle anything!" she said with a confident smile. Mariam had a master plan, and she couldn't wait to go back to work.

Part 4: Inference Question

Write your answer below. Use full sentences.

What was Maryam's plan?

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Part 4: Justification Question

Write your answer below. Use full sentences.

Why is your answer to the inference question the best answer?
Use the information in the text above to support your answer.

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