

Strongest Argument

Answer: A (Yes, marijuana targets an alternative pain pathway in the nervous system that is not affected by other painkillers.)

A is the correct answer and the strongest argument as it not only gives a reason for the use of marijuana (for treating pain), but also why other medications that are commonly used cannot achieve the same effect.

B is incorrect. This option gives a valid reason for the prescription of marijuana but is not as strong an argument as option A for the following reason: This argument does not state why marijuana, and not other painkillers, should be offered. It may be true that marijuana can help treat pain and achieve peace, but there may be other medications that can do this, and marijuana needs not be used.

C is incorrect. This is because the main issue raised here is not the restriction of medication to terminal patients - it is more the marijuana and the issues with its prescription. There are many medications that are restricted and only for specific patients who meet certain criteria. Therefore, this option is not a strong argument and misjudges the point of the posed question.

D is incorrect. This option provides a valid point against the prescription of marijuana, but does not hold as much substance as the patients in question here have a terminal illness, and the treatment of most of these patients would significantly value quality of life over substance dependence.