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Here are two suggestions for "out of office" messages that furloughed federal employees can use in their e-mails or on voice mails:

1 "I am currently out of the office on unpaid temporary leave. Please contact Congress for assistance. They are also not working but still getting paid for it."

2 "I'm currently out of the office on furlough as required by Congress. If you don't understand what this means, please go to your bank, take out 20 percent of your last paycheck and burn it."

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- 1p 39 Which of the following reflects the writer's opinion of furlough?
- A Congress should only allow diligent members of staff to go on furlough.
 - B Federal employees do not deserve furlough because they hardly do any work.
 - C Furlough is an unacceptable means used by Congress to temporarily take employees off the payroll.
 - D It is a disgrace that federal employees can take time off with money provided by hard-working people.
 - E The term furlough is ambiguous and therefore Congress should adopt a more suitable term.
- 1p 40 How can the tone of the article be described best?
- A advisory
 - B condescending
 - C derisive
 - D vindictive