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Use the material to work through each task. Show the requested response.

Two invented research notes

Invented practice data or scenario; not a report of a real study.

Note A: In one fictional school, 30 volunteers used a planner for four weeks. Twenty reported feeling more organized. The note does not compare them with nonusers.

Note B: A fictional interview with six teachers describes benefits of planning but says workload, reminders and motivation differ across students. Neither note measures long-term achievement.

1. What outcome does Note A actually report?

2. Why does Note A not establish that planners caused higher achievement?

3. What shared, limited conclusion do the notes support?

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4. Write a defensible thesis based on the two notes.

5. Critique: Planners guarantee better grades for every student.

6. Suggest a further research question and what evidence it would need.
