
Question 1:

Online classes are clearly easier than face to face classes. Students can log in whenever they want, and they do not have to show up to class or listen to lectures. I am going to take as many online classes as possible so I can breeze through my degree.

Which of the following, if true, most weakens the argument?

- (A) Online courses require students to log in five days a week.*
- (B) Face to face classes only meet twice a week.*
- (C) Online courses require students to participate in the discussion by posting to a discussion board at least three times during the week, and also require a major research paper at the end of the course.*
- (D) Many upper level courses are not offered online.*
- (E) There is a higher faculty/student ratio in online courses.*

Correct Answer:

(C) Online courses require students to participate in the discussion by posting to a discussion board at least three times during the week, and also require a major research paper at the end of the course.

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Question 2:

A major natural grocery chain wants to help address the problem of urban food deserts. It decides to build stores in three of the city's most impoverished neighborhoods. These neighborhoods have not had their own grocery stores in many years, leading residents to live on diets of fast food and convenience foods. The grocery chain feels that building the stores in these neighborhoods will encourage people to eat more healthy foods.

Which of the following, if true, most weakens the argument?

- (A) People in poverty prefer quick, easy food.*
- (B) The prices at the natural food store are 10-20% higher than the prices at the convenience stores and fast food restaurants.*
- (C) The grocery store chain will give classes on how to cook with natural foods.*
- (D) The grocery store chain's other stores are in wealthier neighborhoods.*

(E) Most people in the impoverished neighborhoods use food stamps.

Correct Answer:

(B) The prices at the natural food store are 10-20% higher than the prices at the convenience stores and fast food restaurants.

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Question 3:

A recent study of heart disease interviewed people about what they had eaten for the past month. Researchers found that people who regularly ate pickles had lower rates of heart disease than people who ate them only infrequently. Therefore, eating pickles regularly must help prevent heart disease.

The above statement represents which kind of logical fallacy?

(A) Ad Hominem

(B) Confusing cause and effect

(C) Post Hoc

(D) Bandwagon

(E) Genetic Fallacy

Correct Answer:

(B) Confusing cause and effect

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Question 4:

My uncle is a big supporter of off-shore drilling for oil as a solution to the nation's energy crisis. But of course he would say that. He works for one of the nation's biggest oil companies.

The above is an example of which kind of logical fallacy?

(A) Post Hoc

(B) Bandwagon

(C) Genetic Fallacy

(D) *Ad Hominem*

(E) *Burden of Proof*

Correct Answer:

(C) Genetic Fallacy

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Question 5:

With the possible exception of Kristeva, all French feminist philosophers are incredibly anti-male.

If the above statement is true, which of the following can you infer?

(A) *English feminist philosophers are anti-male.*

(B) *French feminist philosophy is entirely without merit.*

(C) *If someone is a French philosopher they are anti-male.*

(D) *Kristeva's work is not overtly anti-male.*

(E) *Men cannot be feminist philosophers.*

Correct Answer:

(D) Kristeva's work is not overtly anti-male.

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Question 6:

My history professor is recognized as an expert on the Kennedy assassination. He said in class that there had to be a second shooter on the grassy knoll. Therefore, there had to be another shooter, meaning Oswald was framed.

This argument falls prey to which type of logical fallacy?

(A) *Ad Hominem*

(B) *Confusing cause and effect*

(C) *Post Hoc*

(D) *Bandwagon*

(E) Appeal to Authority

Correct Answer:

(E) Appeal to Authority

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Question 7:

Researchers have noted that African Americans have higher rates of sickle cell anemia than do white Americans. They have also noted that people in some regions of Africa have high levels of the sickle cell trait, which is believed to help protect people from malaria. Therefore, the majority of African Americans must be descended from people from the regions of Africa that have high levels of sickle cell trait.

Which of the following, if true, most weakens the argument?

- (A) *The areas of Africa with high levels of sickle cell trait were heavily involved in the slave trade.*
- (B) *Slaves in the American South were exposed to malaria at high levels.*
- (C) *People with sickle cell trait are less likely to die from malaria than those without this trait.*
- (D) *The areas of Africa with high levels of sickle cell trait were not areas of heavy slave traffic.*
- (E) *It is impossible to tell from DNA analysis what someone's ancestry is.*

Correct Answer:

(A) The areas of Africa with high levels of sickle cell trait were heavily involved in the slave trade.

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Question 8:

In 2003, Alan used a new type of pesticides in order to increase the net yield of his crops. Because of these new pesticides, the net yield of his crops doubled which made him really happy and he decided to continue which these pesticides. For next four years, the yield of his crops increased consistently compared to the previous years. In 2008, the yield of his crops decreased exponentially, which caused severe financial problems for Alan.

Which of the following statements explains the reason for the drop in net yield this year?

(A) Significant and consistent increases in the net yield of the crops from previous years eventually lead to the exhaustion of essential nutrients from the soil.

(B) Alan was diagnosed with diabetes in 2006 and he didn't put in equally good effort this time to increase the yields.

(C) Other farms also started using the same pesticides which led to a decreased efficiency of these pesticides.

(D) As a result of economic recession, the market size for the crops which Alan's farm produced shrank significantly.

(E) The region where Alan's farm was located experienced a historic drought two years ago which led to decreased overall yield.

Correct Answer:

(E) The region where Alan's farm was located experienced a historic drought two years ago which led to decreased overall yield.

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Question 9:

Our company wants to ensure that all employees are honest. One of the questions we ask each new job applicant is if he or she has ever stolen from an employer. We are confident that this will help weed out dishonest people.

Which of the following, if true, exposes the major flaw in the argument?

(A) It is illegal to ask people if they have ever committed a crime.

(B) People who have stolen from a former employer are unlikely to admit this to a prospective new employer.

(C) Just because someone has never stolen before doesn't mean he or she might not steal in the future.

(D) Just because someone has stolen in the past doesn't mean he or she will steal again.

(E) People lie when they really want a job.

Correct Answer:

(B) People who have stolen from a former employer are unlikely to admit this to a prospective new employer.

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Question 10:

Diane does not think that gay people should get married. She argues that, if gay couples are allowed to get legally married, the next step will be to legalize polygamy and child marriage. Clearly, if we are going to save American society, we must not legalize gay marriages.

Which logical fallacy does Diane's argument employ?

- (A) *Red Herring*
- (B) *Post Hoc*
- (C) *Bandwagon*
- (D) *Confusing cause and effect*
- (E) *Slippery Slope*

Correct Answer:

(E) Slippery Slope

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Question 11:

Jewelry is an accessory used by members of all classes including watches, necklaces and earrings.

Which of the following is the correct revision of the sentence?

- (A) *Jewelry is an accessory used by members of all classes including watches, necklaces and earrings.*
- (B) *Jewelry, including watches, necklaces and earrings, is an accessory used by members of all classes.*
- (C) *Jewelry, including watches, necklaces and earrings, are an accessory used by members of all classes.*
- (D) *Jewelry is accessorized by members of all classes including watches, necklaces and earrings.*

Correct Answer:

(B) Jewelry, including watches, necklaces and earrings, is an accessory used by members of all classes.

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Question 12:

There are many reasons to see I Heart Huckabees. Jason Schwartzman's performance being one reason.

Which of the following is the correct revision of the sentence?

- (A) *Huckabees, Jason Schwartzman's performance being one reason.*
- (B) *Huckabees, Jason Schwartzman's performance is only one of them.*
- (C) *Huckabees; Jason Schwartzman's performance, for one.*
- (D) *Huckabees, the performance of Jason Schwartzman is one of them.*
- (E) *Huckabees, including Jason Schwartzman's performance.*

Correct Answer:

(B) *Huckabees, Jason Schwartzman's performance is only one of them.*

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Question 13:

Fraternities are a great way to make friends and learn important lessons of loyalty and compassion.

Which of the following is the correct revision of the sentence?

- (A) *are a great way to make friends and*
- (B) *is a great way to make friends and*
- (C) *will be a great way to make friends however*
- (D) *are a great way to make friends and*
- (E) *is a great way to make friends however*

Correct Answer:

(A) *are a great way to make friends and*

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Question 14:

Lindsey knows that the reason people dislike her is because of her being a Philadelphia Phillies fan.

Which of the following is the correct revision of the sentence?

(A) *is because of her being a*

(B) *is because she is a*

(C) *is that she is a*

(D) *is her being a*

(E) *is that of her being a*

Correct Answer:

(B) *is because she is a*

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Question 15:

Sports commentators often provide informative and witty insight during games that enhance the sports-watching experience.

Which of the following is the correct revision of the sentence?

(A) *enhance the sports-watching experience.*

(B) *enhance the experience.*

(C) *enhances the sports-watching experience.*

(D) *enhances the sports-watching experience for fans.*

(E) *enhances the sports-watching experiences for fans.*

Correct Answer:

(C) *enhances the sports-watching experience.*

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Question 16:

A shockingly indelible moment, I remember exactly where I was and what I was doing when I found out that Kurt Cobain had died.

Which of the following is the correct revision of the sentence?

(A) *A shockingly indelible moment.*

(B) A shocking, indelible moment;

(C) It was a shocking and indelible moment.

(D) Shocked and indelible,

(E) Shocking and I will never forget it.

Correct Answer:

(B) A shocking, indelible moment;

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Question 17:

Since the work force is becoming increasingly competitive in light of technological advances and outsourcing, therefore, it is even more basic for students to complete high school and attain at least a bachelor's degree.

Which of the following is the correct revision of the sentence?

(A) therefore, it is even more basic for students to complete high school and attain at least a bachelor's degree.

(B) moreover, it is even more basic for students to complete high school and attain at least a bachelor's degree.

(C) but, it is even more basic for students to complete high school and attain at least a bachelor's degree.

(D) so it is even more basic for students to complete high school and attain at least a bachelor's degree.

(E) it is even more basic for students to complete high school and attain at least a bachelor's degree.

Correct Answer:

(A) therefore, it is even more basic for students to complete high school and attain at least a bachelor's degree.

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Question 18:

Study the ancient fighting art of Hapkido and you will learn to avoid directly matching your strength against your opponent's.

Which of the following is the correct revision of the sentence?

- (A) *your strength against your opponent's.*
- (B) *yours against your opponent.*
- (C) *your strength against your opponent.*
- (D) *your strength with your opponent.*
- (E) *your opponent's strength against one's own.*

Correct Answer:

(A) your strength against your opponent's.

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Question 19:

Plenty of high school students spend their time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.

Which of the following is the correct revision of the sentence?

- (A) *spend their time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.*
- (B) *spend his time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.*
- (C) *spend one's time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.*
- (D) *spend their time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.*
- (E) *spend their time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.*

Correct Answer:

(A) spend their time involved in the community by working with peers, young children and also helping senior citizens.

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Question 20:

McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States state department.

Which of the following is the correct revision of the sentence?

(A) *McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States stat.*

(B) *McCarthyism was an ideology, an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century, targeted communists in the United States state depa.*

(C) *McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States stat.*

(D) *McCarthyism will be an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States.*

(E) *McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States Stat.*

Correct Answer:

(A) McCarthyism was an ideology and an applied pursuit that arose in the middle of the twentieth century and targeted communists in the United States stat.

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Question 21:

The author's comments in the third paragraph (lines 36-56) suggest that her research project resembles more conventional research in its

(A) *attention to the details of everyday life in certain communities*

(B) *use of written public materials as a starting point*

(C) *adoption of family memories of past events as data*

(D) *reliance on church and state records to test new theories*

(E) *assumption that conventional sources are accurate but incomplete*

Correct Answer:

(E) assumption that conventional sources are accurate but incomplete

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Question 22:

In what sense are "census reports, church records, directories" (line 38) inadequate?

- (A) They place too great a reliance on political factors.
- (B) They blur the distinction between the political and the religious realm.
- (C) They are not of sufficient accuracy to be of use to historians.
- (D) They do not tell the human side of the story.
- (E) They are often too difficult to obtain.

Correct Answer:

- (D) They do not tell the human side of the story.

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Question 23:

The "gap" referred to in line 43 can best be described as the distance between the

- (A) politically motivated view of reality and the personally motivated view of reality
- (B) abundance of concrete facts and the shortage of scholarly interpretation of them
- (C) pictures presented by traditional historical sources and by subjective personal accounts
- (D) information contained in libraries and the information that has been lost
- (E) story of one person and the history of a nation as a whole

Correct Answer:

- (C) pictures presented by traditional historical sources and by subjective personal accounts

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Question 24:

In line 59, "place" most nearly means

- (A) home
- (B) duty
- (C) role

- (D) *appropriate moment*
- (E) *geographical location*

Correct Answer:

- (C) *role*

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Question 25:

What is the effect of the question in lines 59-62?

- (A) *It suggests that sharing ethnicity and language might not be enough to make one an insider.*
- (B) *It eliminates the distinction between insider and outsider.*
- (C) *It refutes the claim that being an outsider is an important criterion for doing research.*
- (D) *It suggests that only those with an outsider's perspective can see things objectively.*
- (E) *It suggests that human sympathy is more important than ethnicity or language.*

Correct Answer:

- (A) *It suggests that sharing ethnicity and language might not be enough to make one an insider.*

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Question 26:

Which statement most accurately presents the author's sense of the relationship between the "spoken word" (line 64) and the "theories and models of the social sciences" (lines 64-65)?

- (A) *Theories and models must come first in order to make sense of the spoken word.*
- (B) *The spoken word makes general theories and models unnecessary.*
- (C) *Theories and models cannot account for quantitative data as well as the spoken word can.*
- (D) *The spoken word is more likely to introduce errors into the historical record than are theories and models.*
- (E) *The spoken word makes general theories and models relevant to the historical record.*

Correct Answer:

- (E) *The spoken word makes general theories and models relevant to the historical record.*

Question 27:

The author indicates that the "concepts" mentioned in lines 69-70 originate in

- (A) informal records and information provided by ordinary people*
- (B) comments of senior members of a community on the ways the community has functioned*
- (C) patterns of social behavior that have been exhibited by previously studied cultures*
- (D) personal experiences of historians who have interviewed many people*
- (E) systematic categories devised by historians for various types of sources*

Correct Answer:

- (A) informal records and information provided by ordinary people