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1	<p>As the need for alternative protein sources develops, Australians are seeking for healthier, more sustainable, and ethically-produced solutions. Researchers developed a "protein roadmap" at Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) to help steer investments in a wide variety of innovative products and components. Plant-based patties, lab-made beef, and insects are just a few of the items people anticipate that will be in Australian refrigerators by 2030. The blueprint lays the groundwork for a future in which customers have more options and Australian farmers have better outcomes in all forms of protein. Australians believe that following the roadmap would be effective in sustaining protein sources.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument above?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Research shows that restaurants that offer plant-based patties have lower sales compared to those restaurants that offer real beef patties.</li><li>B. Most plant-based patties contain 20 grams of protein per serving. These patties are indeed healthier but still taste and look like real beef.</li><li>C. Following the roadmap could lead to too much protein intake which would then result in weight gain, kidney damage and heart disease.</li><li>D. These alternative products are good for the people but not everyone can afford them. People might stick to other solutions like consuming fish and chicken.</li></ul>
2	<p>Schools are not as important as they seem because going to school does not ensure a successful life. It's true that a lot of things are learned in school like basic skills, communication skills, and how to be responsible but some things that are taken up in school aren't necessary in real life. Also, there are a lot of things that school doesn't prepare you for. In fact, there are drop-outs who have become successful in life because of hard work. Therefore, going to school should not be mandatory since it does not ensure a successful life.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Research shows that people who graduated from private schools tend to be more successful than those who graduated from public schools.</li><li>B. Schools are important because, in school, students can socialise and communicate with other people.</li><li>C. The founder of the Bank of America dropped out of high school but still managed to become a multimillionaire because of his dedication to his work.</li><li>D. School is the foundation from which a child's knowledge is built and being knowledgeable is what helps people make the right decisions in life.</li></ul>
3	<p>Large wild aquatic species like manatees, barracudas, and dolphins are hunted and traded all throughout the world, especially in the tropics and subtropics. In West Africa, there are pieces of evidence that prove the use of cetaceans for food, shark bait, and traditional medicine. Some people do this for a living and if they won't be caught, a few years from now, these aquatic animals will be extinct. It is very important to preserve the life of these animals to avoid extinction.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Manatees help keep vegetation from overgrowing by eating water hyacinth and other invasive species, which improves the health of the ecosystem.</li><li>B. Capturing these aquatic animals should be allowed as long as there is a limit in order to prevent extinction.</li><li>C. In Nigeria, manatees are used as traditional medicine but not a lot of people benefit from it.</li><li>D. Cetaceans should be consumed but only in moderation because there are a lot of nutrients from these aquatic animals that could prevent a lot of diseases.</li></ul>

4 Social media enables a person to do a lot of things. A person can communicate with other family members and friends around the world anytime. There are also strangers that could possibly be good friends as they could share similar interests and ambitions that could also influence a person to grow. Not only that, a person can learn and be aware of a lot of things all over the world since the scope of social media is very wide. Social media can offer all these wonderful things therefore, a child should be introduced to social media at a young age in order to learn a lot.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?**

- A. Kids under the age of 15 are not allowed to have access to social media as it ensures their safety and keeps them away from scammers and predators.
- B. Parents should limit their child's screen time and the websites that they can access.
- C. People are able to earn money from social media so if kids would be introduced, they can start making money while they are young.
- D. Parents should not allow their children to use social media since it can make their eyes red and blurry after hours of browsing.

5 Artificial intelligence has had a largely good impact on society thus far, making advances that have made life easier for us humans, from being able to properly store and analyse data across many industries to improving our daily routines with virtual and home assistants to weaponry. If AI is poorly structured, mishandled, or corrupted, it may pose a threat to human safety. Humans may lose control over modern weaponry if AI weapons, for example, are misused. So, it is very important to ensure the safety and security of AI weapons in order to avoid losing control over it.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?**

- A. Professionals believe that AI is very safe to use even without supervision because it has already been pre-programmed in the computer.
- B. Because of AI, people are now able to do a lot more things since they don't have to spend so much time doing a single task.
- C. People are losing their jobs because businessmen would rather invest their money in robots rather than hire people.
- D. The military people are known to ensure the safety of all AI weapons by frequent observations and checking and testing its sensors and algorithms on a weekly basis.

6 Responsibility is something that every kid should learn. Responsibilities are an important part of life. It is the fulfilment of necessary jobs, chores, and responsibilities that permits life to proceed in an orderly manner. One way of instilling responsibility to a child is by allowing them to cook their own meals. In this way, they would have the chance to be responsible enough to do a simple chore that would greatly impact their daily life. For this to happen, parents are not allowed to cook for their kids who are already above 10 years of age.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?**

- A. Annually, around 20,000 fire incidents are caused by children which is why the Bureau of Fire protection discourages kids from cooking unsupervised.
- B. Allowing children to cook for themselves will allow them to eat whatever food they like which could then lead to obesity.
- C. The chances of becoming a chef are higher when a child learns how to cook at an early age.
- D. If kids know how to cook at an early age, they can make food for their parents who are exhausted from work.

7 COVID has been a major concern for the elderly and frail since 2020. Vaccines have significantly increased disease protection, but because COVID poses a low risk to children and younger people, they have stayed at the bottom of the vaccination list. Parents around the country are strongly supporting the COVID-19 vaccines for children now that the health secretary has approved it for children aged 5 and up. They don't want their children to become ill and suffer the severe effects of COVID. The chances of their children contracting COVID are slim, but it's still a possibility.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above passage?**

- A. Research suggests that the vaccine is 91% effective in preventing COVID-19 in children ages 5-12.
- B. There is no point in getting your child vaccinated because aside from the fact that some children are scared of needles, children are not allowed to go outside anyway.
- C. A news report features that a child has a brain blood clot a few days after getting the COVID vaccine.
- D. The effects of COVID to children are not extreme so even if they are not vaccinated, they will survive.

8 Vegetables provide energy, vitamins, antioxidants, fibre, and water to children. A healthy diet includes a variety of vegetables as well as food from the other major food groups. However, some children do not want to eat vegetables, and forcing children to eat fosters bad eating habits like eating when they aren't hungry or wiping their plates when they are. Poor eating habits can be reinforced by rewarding a child for eating, punishing a child for not eating, or forcing a child to eat. Experts believe that parents are not allowed to force a child to eat vegetables if the child does not want to.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?**

- A. Parents play the biggest role in a child's health development as they help children to be healthy and free from diseases.
- B. Forcing children to eat weakens the bond between the child and the parent and this will affect their relationship in the long run.
- C. Children would eat vegetables when they see that their friends are doing the same because children tend to imitate what they see.
- D. Teachers should be the ones to encourage children to eat vegetables since they have more authority than parents.

9 The ability to think critically about what you see, read, and hear is referred to as media literacy. It assists us in analysing data from a number of perspectives. With so many sources of information available today, critical thinking skills can assist people in identifying trustworthy sources and filtering through the clutter to find the truth. Fake news is one of the many negative impacts of a lack of media literacy. That is why it is important to teach media and information literacy in school to ensure that students are media literate.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?**

- A. Children and teenagers should just ask their parents about the latest news to avoid fake news.
- B. According to a Stanford graduate school study, most young people have poor comprehension of the difference between fake and authentic news.
- C. Adding media and information literacy in school would make students learn, but they would have to spend more time in school and less time with family.
- D. Streamers and gamers are examples of media-literate people.

**10** You are your own boss and have the ability to ultimately control your own future when you establish a business and work for yourself. In terms of money, whether you see yourself establishing a business as a need or a way to increase your income, you may discover that it creates a new stream of revenue. However, owning a business also has its downsides like paying for rent, materials, and other things to keep the business running. So, it is better to work for someone than to earn very little from the small business that a person can put up.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?**

- A. Nothing compares to the stress that a person gets from opening a business and there is no guarantee that the business will be successful.
- B. In the long run, having a business will allow you to have a passive stream of income and will let you buy things you want.
- C. In order to have more profit, the business owner should give his employees only half of their salary.
- D. Some employees steal from their bosses, so it is not advisable to open a business if you don't want people stealing from you.

**11** Building confidence, creating a stronger emotional bond between family members, improving communication skills, improving school performance, and reducing behavioural issues are just a few of the advantages of spending time with family. It also allows you to create memories based on fun, laughter, and togetherness. Eating, jogging in the park, reading a book, telling stories, and playing video games are just some activities that families can do to spend time together. The bond between family members is important. That is why families are highly encouraged to spend time together everyday.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?**

- A. Spending time with family means less time for hanging out with friends, which leads to poor socialisation skills.
- B. Children who always spend time with their family are better at sharing their thoughts and opinions with other people.
- C. Because of long school hours, children do not have much time to spend with their families.
- D. Eating out is a great way to spend time with family but it is very costly.

**12** Sports can help a person reach his or her fitness goals and maintain a healthy weight. It allows a person to gain the satisfaction of developing his or her fitness objectives. Sports also have hidden health benefits such as lowering the chance of osteoporosis or breast cancer later in life. But the thing is, sports take up a lot of time and energy and it also distracts student-athletes from schoolwork. Therefore, children are not allowed to engage in sports while they are studying.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?**

- A. Sports require memorisation, repetition and learning — skill sets that are directly relevant to classwork.
- B. Student-athletes tend to be late in class because their bodies need more time to rest, which prompts them to wake up late.
- C. Study shows that student-athletes have higher chances of failing a class.
- D. Taking vitamins and eating healthy food is also one way to prevent improving memory retention, a skill that's helpful while studying.

**13** To be able to obtain a good job, a university education is required. If a person has a college diploma, a lot of doors would open, which could then provide a better salary. Without a diploma, a person's capacity to market himself in a competitive economy is limited, his personal growth and health may be restricted, and society is affected. Therefore, it is necessary to have enough funds for education because college tuition fees are expensive and are always increasing.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?**

- A. Some students work part-time jobs in order to save money to pay for the school fees.
- B. High school and college drop-outs can also be successful in life as long as they are hardworking and determined.
- C. Some employers do not mind if a person has a college diploma or if he or she is a college graduate.
- D. Poverty would be lessened if people have actual jobs.

**14** Eating sweets on a daily basis does have positive effects. Sweets can actually do a lot of things like produce energy and protein, and it also enhances a person's mood immediately. Sweets are important to a person's body because it has glucose that provides the energy needed so a person can have the required energy to perform day-to-day activities. Also, when sweets are consumed, the dopamine hormone is activated and this hormone is responsible for enhancing the mood. Therefore, there is no problem with consuming sweets on a daily basis.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?**

- A. Some sweets include all of the fibre, antioxidants, and vitamins that the body needs.
- B. Eating a bar of chocolate before taking an exam would make a person feel more alert.
- C. Consuming sweets on a daily basis increases the risk of developing chronic inflammations and could also weaken one's immune system.
- D. Kids should be given sweets on a basis because they need it so they would have enough energy for the day.

**15** Although many scientists say that cloning will treat both common and unusual deadly diseases in humans, such as diabetes and degenerative brain diseases, it has a very low success rate, and there are serious problems that must be addressed. Cloning an adult would be impossible because cloning requires the production of a child, and an adult cannot be cloned unless they are cloned at birth. Even though it is not yet legal, the government has outlawed human cloning. It is a risky and flawed method that does not generate a replica of an individual and it is impossible to create someone with the same attitudes, beliefs and characteristics.

**Which of the following statements, if true, strengthens the above argument?**

- A. No person is exactly the same as the other because people are defined and shaped by the environment they grew up in and the experiences they have throughout their lives.
- B. Individual uniqueness is important because no person would want to be the same as others.
- C. Human cloning should be allowed especially when it is ethical.
- D. Allowing scientists to clone humans would allow them to discover more treatments that would surely be beneficial especially to people who need medication.

**16** Because our hands transfer infections, handwashing is essential. In countries worldwide, it has been shown to reduce respiratory and diarrhoeal disorders. When you eat without washing your hands before eating, the bacteria on your hands enter your mouth. Germs can cause infections such as sore throats and stomach sickness. Hand washing is a tried-and-true, scientifically validated preventive approach that lowers the risk of viral and bacterial disease transmission.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?**

- A. Aside from soap and water, hand sanitisers can also be used before eating to ensure that the hands are clean.
- B. Researchers found that hand washing reduced diarrhoea cases by 30%, this is because it prevented bacteria from being transmitted from faeces to the mouth.
- C. When preparing meals, it is important to wear gloves.
- D. Wearing a mask can also protect a person from infections like Coronavirus.

**17** Solar panels collect energy from the sun for human consumption. Solar panels are divided into two types: those that gather heat (thermal) and those that generate power (electrical) (photovoltaic). In regions of Asia, solar panels have become far less expensive to use than oil, petrol, and liquefied natural gas. Solar energy will soon overtake fossil fuels as the primary source of energy, which is a good thing because solar electricity is a far more efficient resource.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?**

- A. Solar panels have been utilised in space exploration and are currently being developed for use in automobiles.
- B. Money that would be spent on electricity bills can be allotted for other necessities.
- C. People should prefer gas over solar energy because gas emits fewer amounts of toxic chemicals such as nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxide.
- D. Gas-powered cars are better than electric powered cars because gas-powered engines are designed for efficiency.

**18** CLAYGO, or "Clean as you go," is a method used by several school cafeterias, fast-food restaurants, and other public locations to reduce hygiene, health, and safety issues. This strategy encourages us all to include cleaning in our everyday routines. Ensuring that the surfaces, tables, and/or other equipment are clean, hygienic, and clutter-free would mean a lot not just to the environment but also to other users.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?**

- A. The CLAYGO practice is a little way of showing how people care for the environment.
- B. Sheila always brings a plastic bag or a paper bag where she can put trash.
- C. After eating her lunch at the school cafeteria, Mariam cleaned the table she used and threw the trash in the proper bin.
- D. After eating his lunch at the school cafeteria, Marco chose to leave his trash on the table because he saw that the cleaner was walking and cleaning around.

**19** Waste segregation is crucial for recycling and disposal. The lack of segregation, collection, and transportation of mixed trash to landfills has an environmental impact. Improper waste disposal affects the environment as it contaminates the soil, air, and water. Experts believe that it is best to segregate wastes so they can be properly dealt with and avoid the negative environmental impacts.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?**

- A. When hazardous waste is separated and treated separately, pollution in both air and water is greatly reduced.
- B. Henri placed 2 large bins at the back of his house for easier waste segregation.
- C. Effective segregation of wastes means that less waste goes to landfills which makes it cheaper and better for people and the environment.
- D. Mica refuses to segregate the biodegradable from non-biodegradable because she never faced any issues from not doing it, thus it's not a problem.

**20** Transportation is an essential component of modern society, providing individuals with access to goods and services, employment opportunities, and social connections. However, transportation can also have negative impacts on the environment, such as contributing to air pollution and climate change. Despite these challenges, the development of sustainable transportation options can help mitigate these negative impacts while still providing individuals with access to the benefits of transportation.

**Which of the following, if true, most strengthens the argument?**

- A. The majority of transportation-related emissions come from personal vehicles rather than public transportation.
- B. Electric vehicles have been shown to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions compared to traditional gasoline-powered vehicles.
- C. Many cities around the world have implemented bike-sharing programs, providing residents with a sustainable and healthy mode of transportation.
- D. The expansion of highways and roads has been shown to increase economic growth and job opportunities in local communities.

**21** The cafeteria in the Academy School of Technology is no longer selling bottled mineral waters to lessen plastic consumption and to encourage students to drink from the tap. Tap water is generally the better option. It is cheaper, more environmentally friendly since less plastics would be used, and less likely to contain microplastics that could greatly affect and harm the different areas of the body.

**Which of the following statements, if true, strengthens the above argument?**

- A. Most students prefer bottled water because the quality and taste of the water is better and the cleanliness is guaranteed.
- B. Bottled waters that are sold in school cafeterias are convenient especially when you don't have a water jug with you since it is cheap and can be bought anywhere.
- C. Microplastics that are found in plastic water bottles could cause DNA damage, inflammation, and oxidative stress when taken by humans.
- D. Microplastics are harmful to the body but if it is not taken in great amounts, it would not significantly affect a person's health and body.

**22** Extracurricular activities in school include sports, dance, theatre, crafting, debate, cooking and other activities that could help enhance a child's abilities. Joining these activities could also widen a child's social circle, expand their interest, and build leadership skills. These activities are conducted after school hours and kids could join in 2 activities at max. But even though these are fun and enjoyable for kids, some parents do not want their kids to participate in extracurriculars because then, children will have less time to study and do their homework.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?**

- A. The stand of some parents regarding extracurricular activities is correct because they can also add pressure on the students.
- B. Extracurricular activities in school only take 30 mins to an hour in order to allow students to do their academic work.
- C. Staying in school for long hours can make children feel exhausted.
- D. Kids need time to play and playing could also improve a child's social skills but if he or she would join extracurriculars, then there would be no time to play with other kids.

**23** Less garbage ends up in landfills and incineration plants when people recycle more. People can save money and energy by reusing aluminium, paper, glass, plastics, and other household materials, as well as lessen the negative effects of material extraction and processing on the environment. That is why Cherbourg, a town in Queensland, is requiring people to recycle their garbage and if they fail to do so, they will be penalised. But the people do not agree with this because not everyone knows how to recycle and has the time to recycle their garbage.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?**

- A. Recycling is easy, even kids can help in recycling materials and it does not take a lot of time to accomplish and all time spent will surely be worth it for the environment.
- B. People should not be required to recycle because they have jobs to do and chores to attend to.
- C. The money from people who have been penalised will only go to waste because of the corrupt government officials.
- D. Lesser garbage in landfills prevents pollution that can harm people's health and the environment.

**24** Fast food appeals to most children because of its taste, low price, and ease of preparation, it does not involve any cooking or preparation. Because most children do not understand how this type of food affects their health, it can be highly addictive. The principal of Legacy of Wisdom School Inc. ordered all fast food stalls like Subway, McDonald's, and KFC in the school cafeteria to be removed because they offer food that contains high levels of salt, sugar, calories and preservatives that are not good for the body, especially for kids.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?**

- A. Fast food stalls found inside the school cafeteria should not be removed because they are convenient, especially for kids who have busy parents who are unable to cook for them.
- B. The accessibility of fast food to children exposes them to a higher risk of obesity, digestive issues, and various heart diseases.
- C. Removing fast food stalls would also mean people would lose their jobs.
- D. Other cooked meals are also available in the school cafeteria, thus removing the fast food stalls won't make much of a difference.



**25** People can use social networking platforms to develop their interests and connect with others who share the same interests as them. They can help people learn about new things and concepts while also deepening their appreciation for existing hobbies. It also allows people to be informed of events taking place not only in their own country but around the world. Therefore, some parents are allowing their children access to social media in order for them to experience all of these things as well as connect with individuals who live in other parts of the world.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?**

- A. Social media gives people an opportunity to talk about what they want to know and what they want to be known for.
- B. Allowing a child to use social media can make him or her realise that there are a lot of things that can be done on social media and that people can earn money from it.
- C. Allowing a child to use social media is distracting and instead of focusing on their hobbies and studies, they tend to focus more on things that are not suitable for them.
- D. Children who are exposed to social media are found to mature faster than those who are not.

**26** Air pollution is Australia's single most serious environmental health threat, linked to heart disease, stroke, lung disease, and lung cancer. Noise pollution from transportation and industry can cause discomfort, sleep disruption, and an increased risk of hypertension and cardiovascular disease. Improving the environment's quality in important areas including air, water, and noise can help to avoid disease and promote human health.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best strengthens the above argument?**

- A. A healthy brain and body function, growth, and development are all aided by a clean atmosphere.
- B. The problem regarding noise pollution is hard to fix because it is impossible to stop people from using their cars.
- C. Sleeping pills and vitamins are available in drugstores, and these pills can help prevent sleep disruption.
- D. To prevent inhaling polluted air, face masks can be used.

**27** A balanced diet is important for children's health and nutrition since it protects them against a variety of diseases. Students who eat healthy meals have been linked to higher grades, improved memory and alertness, and faster information processing. Dietitians are important in school meal programs because they have the nutrition knowledge and abilities to establish a healthy food environment in the cafeteria that encourages children to not only eat healthily but also to develop healthy behaviours. However, because schools face too many demands, they can no longer afford to hire a dietitian for the school cafeteria and the principal also said that dietitians are no longer needed because the people who cook are knowledgeable enough.

**Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the above argument?**

- A. Dietitians are no longer needed because anyone can distinguish whether a food is healthy or not.
- B. Students know which food to buy from the cafeteria because most parents suggest delicious meals that they can order.
- C. Dietitians are essential because they know which foods have the optimum nutrients that can assist a student to learn and focus better in class.
- D. The Department of Health should be the ones shouldering the fees needed to pay for the school dietitian.

<b>28</b>	<p>The internet has been made widely accessible to almost every person around the world. Information and data can easily be gathered with just a simple search. There is no doubt that our ability to utilise the internet is the best thing that has ever happened in the time where information and technology are both crucially important.</p> <p><b>Which among the statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The accessibility of information online benefits students on their <u>homeworks</u> and subject reviews.</li><li>B. The internet is prone to the spread of misinformation and fake <u>news</u> which crucially endangers people online.</li><li>C. Most individuals rely on the fast and reliable dissemination of news on the internet.</li><li>D. Making use of websites online could potentially bring malware and viruses to computers, cellphones, and the like.</li></ul>
<b>29</b>	<p>Television shows are often consumed in different parts of the globe. Most people complain that <u>television</u> has become addicting for viewers, young or old alike. Given this concern, television shows are not necessary for everyone's consumption.</p> <p><b>Which of the following statements, if true, best weakens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Watching TV with regulated hours should not pose <u>too much danger</u> for viewers.</li><li>B. People should instead look for other activities to <u>keep themselves occupied</u> and avoid boredom at home.</li><li>C. Although there are TV shows for entertainment, some of these shows are informational and educational.</li><li>D. No children must television without proper parental guidance.</li></ul>
<b>30</b>	<p>Some gases in the Earth's atmosphere, like the <u>glass roof</u> and <u>walls</u> of a greenhouse, trap heat from the Sun. These greenhouse gases keep the planet warm enough to sustain life. However, human actions such as forest deforestation and fossil fuel combustion produce additional greenhouse gases that increase the planet's temperature rapidly.</p> <p><b>Which among the following statements, if true, best strengthens the argument?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The lack of sustainable and renewable energy alternatives prevents us from combating the rise of greenhouse gases in our planet's atmosphere</li><li>B. Humans are capable of <u>reducing carbon emissions</u> with technology.</li><li>C. Greenhouse gases provide <u>moderate damage</u> towards our planet earth's climate and to the people worldwide.</li><li>D. Pollutive activities allow even <u>more of the Sun's heat</u> to be trapped in our atmosphere which leads to more natural calamities brought upon by global warming.</li></ul>