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- 1 Having a curfew at home can encourage rebellion. Children who are given a curfew frequently perceive it as a punishment. Curfew hours often hinder the maturation of children because they indicate a lack of trust. If parents or the community expect someone to be homebound at a certain time, there is no opportunity to acquire independence or responsibility. Curfew hours should only be given to disobedient children.

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

- A. The data to support the idea of curfews is lacking.
- B. Research shows that giving disobedient children curfew hours will cause them to rebel against their parents.
- C. Allowing children to explore will allow them to see what the real world looks like.
- D. Not having curfew hours allows children to spend more time with their friends.

- 2 The use of plastic bags is completely banned by the government. They suggest using recyclable bags instead since recyclable bags are reliable and durable; unlike plastic bags that are flimsy, you can carry more things inside a recyclable bag. Also, recyclable and reusable bags save trees. You're not only using better bags, but you're also contributing something for the betterment of the environment. The government indeed made the right decision to ban plastic bags.

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

- A. Recyclable bags cut down the amount of litter on land and in the ocean.
- B. Plastic bags are much cheaper than recyclable bags.
- C. Recyclable bags require more energy to produce and distribute.
- D. People should have the freedom to use plastic bags or recyclable bags.

- 3 Allowing toddlers to use electronics assists in the development of many skills and knowledge. According to studies, several applications can help a child's vocabulary and reasoning skills. Additionally, there is proof that iPad applications can improve language use and social engagement in children with cognitive disabilities. Toddlers are thus permitted to use gadgets for the purpose of gaining information.

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

- A. Children who use computers have been found to show larger advances in intelligence, structure understanding, problem-solving, and language skills.
- B. Children who are exposed to gadgets learn how to read faster than children who just use educational toys.
- C. Toddlers should have a time limit for their use of technology, 7 hours a day is enough for a toddler.
- D. According to a study, some toddlers who use technology frequently have trouble focusing on homework, as well as social relationships with friends and family.

- 4 Cosmetic companies are prohibited from testing their soon-to-be-released products on animals. Animal testing is not required by law. There are a lot of ways to test products like vitro methods (tests on human cells and tissues), silico models (advanced computer modelling), and human volunteers. Animal testing for cosmetics is cruel because companies can already develop unique products with hundreds of ingredients that have a long track record of safety and do not require any additional testing. Therefore, cosmetic companies are not permitted to test on animals since animal testing is unnecessary as there is no point in hurting animals, especially when there are a lot of ways to test the safety of the product.

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

- A. Animal misery and death caused by animal testing are not worth the potential human advantages.
- B. Animals are designed to handle extreme amounts of pain.
- C. Animal testing should have a limit so an animal would not have to ensure so much pain.
- D. Animal testing is necessary in order to ensure the safety of humans.

- 5 Pizzas are good food. There is no problem in eating pizza every single day because a slice of pizza contains 12 grams of protein. It has a lot of fresh vegetables that are one of the healthiest toppings. Also, the sauce is made from tomatoes, which are indeed rich in lycopene. If a person is trying to gain weight, he or she definitely needs to eat pizza everyday. Eating pizza is fine as long as it is freshly made.

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

- A. Eating freshly-made pizzas can actually help build muscles. Pizza is recommended for heavy weight lifters since it contains protein.
- B. Pizzas, whether freshly made or not, can include an unhealthy quantity of salt, fat, and calories.
- C. Cravings are often satisfied with a slice of pizza because of the combination of its ingredients and toppings.
- D. Pizzas are not unhealthy because they basically contain vegetables.

- 6 Primary school is when inclination in Science and Maths begins or stops. A pupil who does not engage in scientific study early on is unlikely to do well with the subject throughout high school and into university. Many believe that if kids aren't well-educated on Science and Maths in primary school, it's extremely difficult to get them back on track in secondary school, much alone in university.

Which among the statements, if true, best weakens the argument?

- A. About 60% of the college students found Maths and Science difficult since they did not learn their basics during primary school.
- B. A student's proficiency in a particular subject in his or her early years of education has no significant impact on their academic performance in the later years.
- C. It is not a determining factor that your academic interest rests solely during your primary school years.
- D. It is difficult to learn complex scientific and mathematical topics without learning the basics during the early years in primary school.

- 7 Reading is considered a hobby especially for kids because it is a leisure activity that is often done for entertainment. Reading can also become a habit if done on a regular basis. Too much reading can result in dreadful things like developing a terrible habit of thinking and blurring of vision. It could also damage one's health if a person stays up all night just to read. To avoid these things, kids under 10 years of age are not allowed to read for more than 30 minutes everyday to avoid making reading a habit.

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

- A. People who read too much become lazy, drained, and feel exhausted both physically and mentally.
- B. A person is found to be less productive if he or she is an active reader.
- C. Instead of reading academic books, children often want to read more fiction books.
- D. Making reading a habit can improve brain connectivity, reduce stress and prevent cognitive decline as a person ages.

- 8 The fact that asteroids are residual debris from the formation of the inner solar system has sparked scientists' curiosity. Because some of these objects are capable of colliding with the Earth, asteroids are also significant for altering the Earth's biosphere in the past. They will do so in the future as well. Furthermore, asteroids provide a source of explosives as well as an incredibly rich supply of minerals that can be used to explore our solar system in the twenty-first century. Therefore, it is important for scientists to continue studying these things for them to discover more things that could greatly impact our views on these things.

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

- A. Studying asteroids would cost large amounts of money.
- B. There is a lot of previous researches conducted about asteroids, scientists would only waste their time in the effort because there's nothing much to learn.
- C. Studying asteroids can teach people about the Solar System's origins because they are regarded to be the planets' building components.
- D. Scientists should focus on other problems that the world is currently facing like how to solve the problem of climate change.

- 9 Stanford International School is now implementing daily examinations for their students. The administration believes that giving students daily examinations would force them to study and review their notes for the day. Examinations enable a person to have an analysis of one's abilities because the result of the examination determines the student's level of performance and knowledge. Therefore, implementing daily examinations is right and just.

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

- A. Examinations encourage students to study and have better grades.
- B. Examinations create a sense of competition which pushes the limit of a person's ability to do more and to do best.
- C. Some students need time to focus on certain lessons which hinders them from moving forward with the next lessons.
- D. Through examinations, teachers are able to identify the weak points of each student and find ways to improve them.

- 10 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.

- 11 Every vehicle on the street emits one pound of CO₂ for every mile travelled. Taking public transit instead of driving your own vehicle cuts CO₂ emissions by 45 percent, lowering pollutants in the atmosphere and increasing air quality. Public transportation in Australia is predicted to save 37 million metric tons of CO₂ per year, and even modest increases in bicycle use each year might save 6 to 14 million tons. Using public transportation is good for the environment but since we are in the middle of a pandemic, public transportation is banned to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

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

- A. More people are learning how to drive because public transportations is banned.
- B. Using your own car gives you the freedom to go to places that you want whenever you wish to go.
- C. Public transportations are permitted to continue their operations with the condition that they should follow the safety protocols at all times.
- D. Using your own car will allow you to bring all the necessary items hassle-free.

- 12 Many people believe that feeding their dog human food is acceptable. In fact, most see it as a good way to bond with their dogs. After all, any meal that is good for people must be good for dogs, right? But the thing is dogs are not allowed to be given table food because dogs can have allergies and intolerance just like humans. Human food is not allowed for dogs as some can be dangerous and have dogs develop behavioural problems.

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

- A. Once in a while, dogs should be given food like fried chicken since it is liked by most dogs.
- B. Vegetables and meat would give dogs a shiny coat and strong bones.
- C. Human food can cause digestive problems in dogs which could lead to vomiting, diarrhoea, and pancreatitis.
- D. Table food is not good for dogs if not given in moderation.

- 13 Exams are used to evaluate a person's knowledge. It can pull out the brightest minds, those with considerable knowledge, research, and a strong will to work. It empowers someone and offers them the ability to speak for themselves. Professor Mark Krimano is now giving daily examinations to his students because he wants to evaluate the knowledge of his students and if they really learned something from the previous day's lecture.

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

- A. In this way, the professor can evaluate whether he needs to reteach the lesson or if everyone really understood the topic.
- B. Exams are very easy, students shouldn't have to worry about failing if they really understood the topic.
- C. Exams are stressful for students and there are other ways to evaluate a student's knowledge about a certain topic like casual oral recitations and hands-on activities.
- D. Daily examinations are not convenient on the teacher's end because he or she would have to create a new set of questions every single day.

- 14 Because it comes into regular contact with your skin, choosing the appropriate bath soap is very crucial. The pH level of the skin is a major contributor to skin issues. We must remember that most commercial soaps have pH values between 9 and 11, which raises the pH level of the skin and causes difficulties. The wrong soap can damage the skin's acid mantle and that's the reason why it is a must to choose the right soap that best suits your skin.

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

- A. Skin can naturally adapt to whatever is put in it. It may cause some rashes, but it will go away in a couple of days.
- B. Soaps that don't suit a person's skin can disrupt hormones, cause allergies, and can possibly increase the risk of developing skin cancer.
- C. The wrong soap can make the skin dry but there are a lot of lotions that can solve this problem.
- D. It is not advisable to wash the skin on a daily basis because it removes the natural oils in the body.

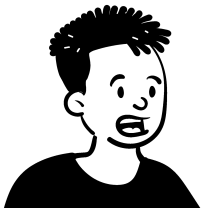
- 15 It is a requirement for people to drink lots of water everyday. Water keeps you hydrated, removes toxins from your system, transports nutrition throughout your body, and promotes digestion. Dehydration can induce headaches and a loss of attention; in fact, your hydration state has a significant impact on your brain. Furthermore, water is critical for boosting your energy levels. It doesn't matter if you drink clean or dirty water because water will always be water.

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

- A. Dirty water can cause gastrointestinal illnesses, negative reproductive effects, and chronic diseases such as cancer.
- B. The bacteria in the stomach will be able to cope with the changes inside it.
- C. A small amount of dirt is needed by the body, drinking dirty water won't make a person die in an instant.
- D. There are other ways to boost energy levels like eating sweets.

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The Young Leaders' Summit commenced just last week, and Yrlon was one of the event's invited guests. He had something to say about one of the resource speakers at that summit.



Yrlon: "Steven said that leaders must be strict and assertive in order to maintain peace and order in their communities. I don't believe in his statement about leadership since his father was jobless for most of his life."

Which of the following best expresses the flaw in Yrlon's argument?

- A. There is a gap between all the topics discussed by the resource speakers at the summit and what Yrlon is knowledgeable about.
- B. Neither Yrlon's argument nor the information presented in the summit was enough to bunk into Steven's statement.
- C. Yrlon's opinion was tightly based on an outside source that is highly unreliable.
- D. Yrlon used Steven's family background to diminish his argument, claiming that it is devoid of evidence and logical reasoning.

Johanne was attending a birthday party. She was engaging in conversations with those who were at the party. She bumped into Denise and talked about life. They suddenly went into the topic of shoe brands.

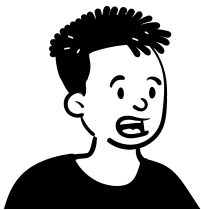


Denise: “Nike has become the most popular shoe brand to ever exist in a long time. Everyone is familiar with the said brand and most of them own a Nike shoe. It must then be the best shoe brand in the market and is definitely the best choice for those who are shopping for shoes.”

Which of the following best expresses the flaw in Denise’s argument?

- A. Denise assumed that brand popularity equates to a brand being the best among the rest.
- B. The argument from Denise distracts us with irrelevant information just to claim that Nike is the best shoe brand ever.
- C. Denise tried to indirectly attack other shoe brands to make Nike stand out.
- D. Denise falsely assumes that the popularity of Nike is closely linked to their history.

During the Australian Watch Expo, Keifer was strolling around the event hall. He met his friend Uy and talked about watches.



Uy: “Brent has been collecting Casio watches. One time, he told me that Harry Styles, a famous celebrity worldwide, also collects the same kind of watches as Brent. It would mean that these Casio watches are definitely going to be valued higher. I should definitely start collecting Casio watches too.”

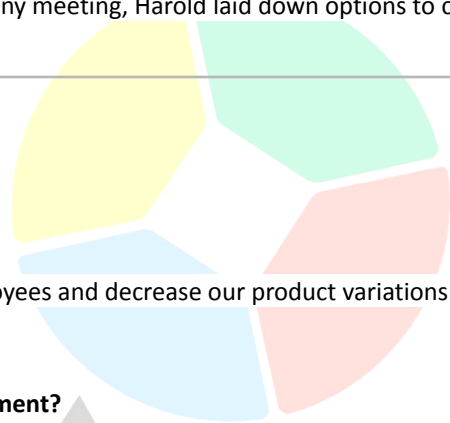
Which among the following best expresses the flaw in Uy’s argument?

- A. Uy’s argument is based on data about watches that is derived from a source that he is not familiar with. Therefore, it must be unreliable.
- B. A personal attack is made on other watch collectors to justify the value of purchasing Casio watches.
- C. The argument is deceiving because it uses the term “watches” ambiguously.
- D. A conclusion was made about the rising value of Casio watches solely based on the actions of a famous celebrity.

Harold was the CEO of the Strawberry Shortcake Factory. His factory was facing a threat of being closed due to a significant decrease in its sales over the last year. During their company meeting, Harold laid down options to choose from:



Harold: "At this point, we could only either fire hundreds of our employees and decrease our product variations or we shut down the factory."



Which among the following best expresses the flaw in Harold's argument?

- A. Harold is not qualified enough to make such hasty decisions for the factory in its current situation.
- B. Harold allowed his emotions to take over him when he was making these decisions for the company.
- C. The conclusion about the factory's financial standings is based on Harold's insufficient deliberation and analysis.
- D. Harold limited his options to solve the factory's problem and failed to consider other probable courses of action.

Michael has been playing basketball all of his life and has always aspired to be just like his role model in the sport, Curry. At a basketball camp, Michael encountered Curry and asked him for some basketball tips.



Curry: "You should practise shooting the ball only 100 times every morning to improve your shooting skills. If you don't do this, your shooting stroke will get sloppy permanently, and you will never be able to shoot the ball properly again."

Which of the following describes the flaw in Curry's argument?

- A. Curry isn't the best basketball player to give any advice on shooting the ball.
- B. Curry's basketball advice to Michael was coming from an unreliable sports training source in the basketball camp.
- C. Curry's statement, without logical justification, equates the failure of shooting 100 times every morning to permanent inability to shoot a ball.
- D. Curry was trying to threaten Michael with the probable outcomes if he does not practise every morning.

Jamie was just shopping around the mall when suddenly, a guy named Poland approached him and tried to sell him a product.



Poland: “Hey! Are you looking for a way to improve your looks? The Bayley hair wax is the perfect product for you! This hair wax smells like cherries, is easy to wash, and will surely give you attention. This is not just a product. It’s a tool to fortify your soul, wherever, whenever.”

Which of the following describes the flaw in Poland’s argument?

- A. Poland’s way of selling his product attacks those who do not wear the same hair wax that he is introducing to Jamie.
- B. It is based on an analogy between hair wax and the soul which are not similar in ways that they have to be for the conclusion to be justified.
- C. The argument falsely assumes that all men are using the Bayley hair wax.
- D. The argument conflates the causes of a problem with enough analysis of its solution.

During her graduation speech, Emily talked about her struggles during the entire academic year in high school. She urged every student to continue to strive for their dreams regardless of the obstacles that come their way.

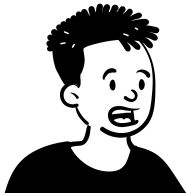


Kaitlyn: “Emily can not talk about striving for our dreams. She is mentally ill. There is no way people with mental health issues can achieve their dreams.”

Which of the following describes the flaw in Kaitlyn’s argument?

- A. Kaitlyn made her point by saying that Emily’s poverty will indeed suffice for her dreams in life.
- B. There is an inconsistency in Emily’s speech throughout the graduation ceremony.
- C. Neither the argument coming from Kaitlyn nor the happenings from the graduation ceremony are not enough to refute Emily’s speech.
- D. Kaitlyn used Emily’s mental health to diminish her argument.

During their Battle of the Bands competition at school, Jacob passed by Keith, a fellow guitar player. They had a quick chat, and Jacob had something to say about guitars.



Jacob: “Keith, did you know that Johnny Depp, a movie star and the lead actor in the Pirates of the Caribbean movie, actually owns a Fender guitar? We should definitely get one of those guitars. They’re of high quality because everything that Johnny Depp owns is top-notch.”

Which of the following best describes the flaw in Jacob’s argument?

- A. The quality of Fender guitars was concluded on the basis of a famous personality’s possession of the same guitars.
- B. Jacob’s argument on Fender guitars is purely based on information that he got from an unreliable source.
- C. Jacob tried to indirectly attack other guitar players who don’t own a Fender guitar like Johnny Depp.
- D. The argument is deceiving because it uses the term “guitars” ambiguously, making it flawed.

During their school business expo, Nicole was trying to sell notebooks to anyone that passes through their stall.

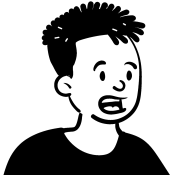


Nicole: “The best way to write essays, poems, or anything is to write with the Boba notebook! It has high-quality paper enhanced to be durable from cuts or damage. The Boba notebook is the key to unlocking your heart’s desires!”

Which of the following describes the flaw in Nicole’s argument?

- A. Nicole tries to use an analogy on notebooks and the heart, which are completely unrelated to each other.
- B. Nicole tries to insult those who are using other kinds of notebooks that are not the ones she is selling.
- C. Nicole’s argument tries to link the human heart to the reason why most people buy Boba notebooks.
- D. Nicole is arrogant with the way she sells her notebooks during the entire business expo.

During the Luke University Student Career Program, Erwin and his friends went together to the event venue. While walking, they each discussed their future aspirations in life. Erwin shared his sentiments with the group.



Erwin: "I am aspiring to be a lawyer and I want to go to law school. However, my brother, who also wanted to attend law school, is now currently working as a janitor at McDonald's. Therefore, if I try to take the exam, I will also work at McDonald's."

Which of the following best describes the flaw in Erwin's argument?

- A. Erwin implies that he actually prefers working at McDonald's rather than trying to get into law school.
- B. Erwin's argument draws from a sample situation that doesn't represent everyone's opinion.
- C. The argument is based on the assumption that a correlation between two events is proof that one is the cause of the other
- D. This conclusion is based on the concept that the origins of a person, an idea, an institution, or a theory establish its worth.

- 26** From an evolutionary perspective, sibling rivalry is about resource competition. In extreme circumstances, human sibling rivalry can also become highly violent. However, fighting among siblings is a common occurrence that is expected as children develop. As a result, kids can settle their differences amicably and learn how to negotiate with their siblings, resolve conflicts, and control their emotions for each other.

Which of the following statements best concludes the argument?

- A. Sibling rivalry strengthens familial bonds and social skills.
- B. Sibling rivalry enhances critical thinking skills in real-life scenarios.
- C. Sibling rivalry allows for the development of a competitive mindset.
- D. Sibling rivalry stops the stagnant behaviour of children.

- 27** The pace of recent climate change outturns is expected to maintain in the future. However, these effects are actually escalating quickly. For instance, compared to the previous 30 years, the frequency of extreme heat worldwide increased by 90-fold in the last ten years. It is therefore crucial that risk assessments avoid underestimating the toll of climate change in order to, at the very least, enable sectors to prepare and take action to minimise damages.

Which of the following statements best concludes the argument?

- A. Proper disaster management is crucial to mitigate or prevent the aftermaths of calamities.
- B. Climate disasters call for a collective action amongst every individual to ensure safety.
- C. People and animals alike are deeply affected by the effects of flooding.
- D. Global warming contributes to the increasing rate of natural calamities.

- 28 Prisoners with disabilities may require assistance with physical or mental duties. Most people felt that those with disabilities should be housed in jail facilities designed specifically for their needs. However, not all prisons have these units. Therefore, those with disabilities are usually kept in regular jail sections. Risks associated with these circumstances include being victimised by other prisoners or having worsened symptoms.

Which of the following conclusions can be drawn?

- A. Jail inmates become abusive towards prisoners with disabilities.
- B. There is a severe uprising of complaints from detainees that have health conditions.
- C. Police and staff are crucial in the handling of prison jails for the handicapped.
- D. Handicapped prisoners experience the worst conditions with the poor resources of jails.

- 29 Because of the pandemic, online fitness programs and wellness apps saw a spike as some people decided to add exercise to their daily routine. However, a study comparing activity levels between the first and second waves of COVID in Victoria found that most people reported a reduction in their physical activity levels during the second wave due to lack of motivation, suggesting that the earlier motivation to exercise may have been fleeting for many.

Which of the following statements best concludes the argument?

- A. The pandemic has led to increased rates of laziness amongst people.
- B. No one wants to do physical activities in their personal space at home.
- C. The pandemic has made people become less incentivised to engage in exercise over time.
- D. People nowadays have been struggling to keep up with the current trends in physical health.

- 30 More clothing is produced today compared to the preceding years. Rather than human need, the main motivator for this production growth is economics. The phrase "circular economy," has become commonplace in the fashion business over the past ten years. However, we haven't seen as much recycling in the fashion industry as we have in other sectors. The fundamental reason for this is the challenge of recycling garments to apparel.

Which of the following statements best concludes the argument?

- A. The difficulty in recycling garments slows down the profitability of the fashion industry.
- B. The sophisticated processes involved in recycling garments make it difficult for the fashion industry to practise recycling.
- C. The circular economy model has not yet been fully implemented in the fashion industry due to the challenges of recycling garments.
- D. Unless the fashion industry finds an efficient way of recycling garments, the production of clothing will not continue to have a negative impact on the environment.