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#### **QUESTION**

1

Gary and his friends went on a mountain trip to celebrate the Christmas holidays. They were pondering what they would want to try out on the trip. Gary was trying to persuade his friends to go bungee jumping with him, though. He tried to convince all of his friends by saying that it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and that they should not miss out on the thrill.



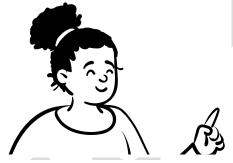
Gary: "If you don't go bungee jumping now, you'll regret it. You are going to have a boring life."

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Gary's statement?

- A. Gary exaggerates the consequences of not going bungee jumping.
- B. Gary did not consider that his friends might have different interests and preferences.
- C. Gary assumed that not going bungee jumping would lead to an undesirable life..
- D. Gary did not provide any evidence to back up his claim.

2

Rachael and her friends were discussing where to go for their next vacation. After strolling through social media platforms and blogs, added to the YouTube summer videos she just watched, Rachael finally had an idea as to where they should spend their vacation. Rachael suggested going to Hawaii because she had read and heard that it was a popular destination and had always wanted to visit.



Rachael: "Everyone is going to Hawaii, we should too. We don't want to be left behind."

# Which among the options best describes the flaw in Rachael's statement?

- A. Rachael assumed that her friends would have the same preferences as her.
- B. Rachael reasoned the presence of many people for them to go to Hawaii.
- C. Rachael did not consider that Hawaii might have too many tourists.
- D. Rachael did not provide any evidence that Hawaii was the best destination.

Jack always wanted to buy a new car for his birthday. He wanted the brand new Nike Tesla Supreme 2000. The car just recently went on sale at the nearest car dealership store near Jack's home. He wanted his sister, Janine, to buy the car for him. Jack tried to convince Janine by saying that the car he wants has been publicly endorsed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).



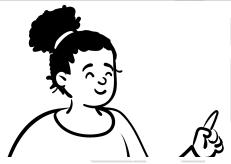
Jack: "The NHTSA has approved this car, it's safe and reliable. You should trust them, they know a lot about cars."

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Jack's statement?

- A. Jack reasoned that NHTSA's involvement to pressure his sister into buying the car.
- B. Jack was unable to notice that his sister might have different preferences when it comes to cars.
- C. Jack did not provide any evidence that the car was safe and reliable.
- D. Jack did not consider that the NHTSA might not be the only authority responsible for cars.

4

Julie is a cashier at a local grocery store. She noticed that there has been a shortage of cash recently. Julie pursued an investigation by herself. She tried observing her coworkers. She then noticed that her coworker, David, had been coming in late to work every day.



**Julie:** "I bet it's David who's been stealing the cash. He's always coming in late and he's the only one who could have done it."

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Julie's statement?

- A. Julie did not consider that David might have a valid reason for coming in late.
- B. Julie did not investigate further to see if there were other suspects.
- C. Julie based her claim on an unfair prejudice towards David due to his tardiness.
- D. Julie assumed that her coworker was guilty without proper evidence.

Jordan is running for the position of mayor in their local town elections. He is a prominent politician who is known for his strong stance on environmental issues. The two candidates for mayor attended an electoral debate. During the said debate, his opponent, Rebecca, brought up a personal incident involving Jordan and his family's past actions that were harmful to the environment.



Jordan: "You're just attacking me personally because you think slow and can't argue against my policies."

### Which among the options best describes the flaw in Jordan's statement?

- A. Jordan's assumption and response lean more on being a personal attack and not based on rationality.
- B. Jordan thought that Rebecca's argument was irrelevant to the debate.
- C. Jordan addressed the issue that Rebecca threw.
- D. Jordan thought that his personal actions do not affect his stance on environmental issues.

6

The Avatar University is celebrating its annual Environmental Awareness Month for its constituents. Many students and organisations are interested in participating in the said celebration. Tom, who had been a sceptic against environmental movements and their advocacies, wanted to take this as an opportunity to relay a message to everyone on campus. During the opening ceremony of the Environmental Awareness Month, he suddenly went on stage to let everyone know about his opinion.



**Tom:** "All environmentalists just want to shut down all industry and make us live like cavemen. They don't care about jobs or progress."

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Tom's statement?

- A. Tom misrepresented environmentalists' views by exaggerating them and simplifying them.
- B. Tom assumed that environmentalists are against progress and job growth.
- C. Tom did not consider the fact that environmentalists want to balance economic growth with environmental protection.
- D. Tom thought that environmentalists are not aware of the negative consequences of their actions.

Harry was looking for cars that he could buy. He wanted a vehicle that he could use to drive to work. He had no idea what car he should choose. He then consulted his friend Mark to help him out. Mark has always been a fanatic when it comes to vintage cars. Mark also owns a car brand named Speed. He immediately saw this as an opportunity to promote his cars to Harry.



Mark: "All other car brands are unreliable and will break down on you all the time. My brand is the only one that is truly dependable."

### Which among the options best describes the flaw in Mark's statement?

- A. Mark exaggerates the flaws of other car brands and presents his preferred brand as the only reliable option.
- B. Mark does not consider that his friend may have different preferences and needs for a car.
- C. Mark does not provide any evidence or statistics to back up his claims about the reliability of his preferred brand.
- D. Mark assumes that all other car brands are unreliable without considering their reputation and customer satisfaction rates.

8

Dr. Smith is a renowned neurosurgeon who is giving a lecture on the latest brain surgery techniques. He is also a professor at a medical school named the Michael Jordan Institute of Medicine. During one of his classes, he wanted to teach his students something new. He was discussing the use of a specific type of medical device that is not yet approved by the FDA.



**Dr. Smith:** "I have been using this device in my surgeries for the past year and it has yielded great results. The FDA is just being slow to approve it, but that doesn't mean it's not effective."

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Dr. Smith's statement?

- A. Dr. Smith is assuming that the FDA is being slow to approve the device for no reason.
- B. Dr. Smith is assuming that the device is safe and effective just because he has been using it for the past
- C. Dr. Smith is assuming that the FDA is not interested in the health and well-being of the patients.
- D. Dr. Smith is assuming that his position as a neurosurgeon is enough to prove the effectiveness of the device.

Ms. Williams is a high school history teacher at Nike National High School. She has been teaching world history for more than a decade now. She handles multiple classes from morning to afternoon. One day, she was discussing the causes of the American Revolution with her class.



**Ms. Williams:** "The only reason the colonies rebelled against Britain was because they wanted to escape taxes and have more economic freedom. Any other explanation is just an excuse."

### Which among the options best describes the flaw in Ms. Williams' statement?

- A. Ms. Williams is oversimplifying the complex reasons behind the American Revolution.
- B. Ms. Williams is ignoring the role of political and ideological factors in the rebellion.
- C. Ms. Williams is assuming that the colonies' desire for economic freedom was the only motivation for rebelling.
- D. Ms. Williams is dismissing alternative explanations without providing evidence for her own theory.

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Sophia is nearing the end of her senior year in high school. She used to be clueless as to what she wanted to be when she grew up. While attending a career seminar for incoming high school graduates, she figured out that she wanted to pursue a psychology course as soon as she is eligible to enrol for college. She believes that it is her passion to be a certified psychologist in the future.

When she shared her decision with her parents, his father expressed his comment on the matter.





Sophia: "Dad, I really want to study psychology. It's always been my dream."

**Dad:** "If you study psychology, you'll be buried in debt, lose a lot of connections, and end up flipping burgers for the rest of your life!"

### Which among the options best describes the flaw in Dad's statement?

- A. Dad did not consider Sophia's passion for psychology.
- B. Dad did not give any evidence to support his claim that Sophia will end up flipping burgers for the rest of her life.
- C. Dad made a hasty generalisation about the job opportunities for psychology graduates.
- D. Dad argues that an event will lead to a series of negative events without any evidence to support the claim.

Dr. Johnson is a renowned scientist in the field of genetics. She owns her own laboratory, in which she conducts research experiments that she wishes to share with genetic scientists around the world. She was conducting an experiment on fruit flies and found out that a batch of her flies was missing. She then checked the lab and saw her assistant, Aaron, whom she suspected was responsible.



Dr. Johnson: "Aaron, I know you stole my fruit flies because no one else had access to the lab that day."

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Dr. Johnson's statement?

- A. Dr. Johnson did not consider that the fruit flies might have flown away or accidentally escaped.
- B. Dr. Johnson did not check the lab's security cameras of the lab
- C. Dr. Johnson based her claim on an unfair prejudice towards Aaron due to his past behaviour.
- D. Dr. Johnson assumed that a lack of evidence to disprove her claim meant she was right.

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Alex and Tim have had similar interests when it comes to national politics. They always talk about local politicians and their actions. They value awareness at the top of their personal advocacies. They never miss the latest news and happenings in the political scene. One day, both Alex and Tim are discussing the latest political scandal in their country, as reported in news outlets nationwide.



**Alex:** "This scandal is just a hoax. The opposition is only spreading false information to tarnish the reputation of the ruling party."

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Alex's statement?

- A. Alex is assuming that the opposition is spreading false information without providing any evidence.
- B. Alex is oversimplifying the complexity of the scandal and ignoring the possibility of misconduct by the ruling party.
- C. Alex is disregarding the testimony and evidence presented by credible sources.
- D. Alex is assuming that the opposition is the only one capable of spreading false information, while the ruling party is above reproach.

Professor James is a well-respected economics professor at the Eminem School of Business. He handled multiple classes in his five-year teaching career. One day, a student named Hayley approached him after class to ask for clarification on a concept from the lecture. He figured that the matter that Hayley wanted to clarify was a sophisticated and complicated economics topic.



**Professor James:** "I'm sorry, Hayley, but that concept is just too advanced for you to understand. I doubt you have the capacity to grasp it."

### Which among the options best describes the flaw in Professor James' statement?

- A. Professor James is assuming that Hayley's lack of understanding applies to all students in the class.
- B. Professor James is undermining Hayley's intelligence and abilities for the subject.
- C. Professor James is providing a poor excuse for not wanting to explain the concept to Hayley.
- D. Professor James is not taking into account that Hayley may have different learning styles.

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Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones are both practising surgeons. They both have practised surgery since their time in medical school. They were assigned to take care of a patient's condition. It turns out that the scenario they are handling is a complicated and rare condition that needs immediate surgical action. The two were talking about the necessary actions for the case.





**Dr. Smith:** "I think we should perform the surgery using the traditional method. It's been proven to be effective and safe in the past."

**Dr. Jones:** "That's ridiculous. The traditional method is outdated and has a high risk of complications. We should use the latest surgical techniques instead."

### Which among the options best describes the flaw in Dr. Jones' statement?

- A. Dr. Jones is assuming that the traditional method is outdated and high-risk without any evidence.
- B. Dr. Jones is belittling Dr. Smith's expertise and experience when it comes to surgery procedures and methods.
- C. Dr. Jones is not considering the patient's preferences and the possibility that the traditional method might be the best option for this particular case.
- D. Dr. Jones is not taking into account the cost and availability of the latest surgical techniques.

John is a business manager at Peter Pan Food Corporation, a global fast food company. He has recently been assigned to lead a new project to be implemented in the company. During a meeting with his management team, they discussed the budget for the project. He claims that there is something wrong with the budget given to them for their assigned project.



**John:** "This budget is unrealistic and it's impossible to achieve. We'll never be able to complete this project on time and within budget. Let's just scrap the whole thing."

### Which among the options best describes the flaw in John's statement?

- A. John is failing to recognize the potential long-term benefits of the project.
- B. John is exhibiting a proactive and solution-oriented mindset.
- C. John is not credible enough to leave a comment on the budget allocated for the project that he would implement.
- D. John is not considering potential cost-saving measures or alternative solutions to address the budget constraints.

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Philip found out that the world record in the mile run is the fastest time set by a runner in the middle-distance track and field event. Hicham El Guerrouj, the current men's record holder, has a time of 3:43.13, while Svetlana Masterkova has the women's record of 4:12.56. Since 1976, the mile is the only non-metric distance recognized by the IAAF for record purposes.

Philip, an aspiring runner, suddenly thought of something.



Philip: "Boys can do all things better than girls."

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Philip's statement?

- A. Philip thinks that he needs to continue believing that men are better since he already made an effort to be a man.
- B. Philip shifts the topic from one subject to another.
- C. Philip made a generalised conclusion with only one basis.
- D. Philip thinks that his statement is true because everyone agrees.

CNN's news flash for today is about a small town being hit by a devastating tornado. The entire community is now left without power or access to basic necessities. The town's residents are struggling to cope with the disaster and are in desperate need of assistance. Many of the homes and buildings have been destroyed, leaving many people homeless and without basic necessities such as food and water.

A group of volunteers led by Sandy went to the affected town and gave their donations in kind.



**Sandy**: "We cannot go home yet. We did not come this far to just go home right after giving our donations. We need to help them more."

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Sandy's statement?

- A. Sandy thinks that they need to continue helping since they already come so far.
- B. Sandy invalidates her teammates' effort because they already want to go home.
- C. Sandy shifts the focus of her teammates so they forget that they want to go home already.
- D. Sandy claims that a series of events might take place if they went home immediately.

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The new fried chicken store across the building has fewer customers than the one inside the mall. Based on the reviews made by their customers on their online page, the service crews were impolite and disrespectful. Even their dishes were served cold.

The said store's manager has been invited for an interview by a TV network, but the store declined to publish their statements.





JM: "I tried ordering from the new store, but it never came. I guess the rumours are real."

**KC**: "Good thing I haven't bought anything from that store. I could have tasted their bad food and upset my stomach. And then, I could get hospitalised and pay a lot for my medical fees."

#### Which among the options best describes the flaw in KC's statement?

- A. KC shifted the focus of the topic from the quality of service to her feelings.
- B. KC relied on the things she has heard from JM which led her into hating the new store without trying it out first.
- C. KC thinks that the store is not worthy of any purchases based on the news.
- D. KC thinks that purchasing from the store will result in a series of events in the future.

Trevor recently applied for a part-time job as a pizza delivery man. He spends most of his free time delivering pizzas, so he no longer has time for studying.

After a month, his teachers observed that his grades were fluctuating. His parents were called, and it turns out that they didn't know that Trevor applied for such a job. They also said that they were not on a tight budget, so they wonder why Trevor was doing it.



**Trevor**: "I already spent a lot of time and effort into it, so I might as well continue doing it as it's gonna be a waste to stop."

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Trevor's statement?

- A. Trevor invalidates his parents' effort in supporting him financially.
- B. Trevor thinks that he can't stop his part-time job because he already spent a lot of effort into it.
- C. Trevor generalised the idea that having a part-time job is a must.
- D. Trevor claims that there are only two options: to work or not to work.

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Donna's dog is now 15 years old. She always brings it to the veterinarian since it has been getting weaker each day. The veterinarian told her that her dog's symptoms indicate complications in the near future so Donna was prescribed medicine for her dog to take on a daily basis.

Unfortunately, the dog passed away shortly after.



**Donna**: "That veterinarian is a fraud. I bet my dog passed away because of the medicine!"

### Which among the options best describes the flaw in Donna's statement?

- A. Donna justifies her action by the amount she paid for her dog's medicine.
- B. Donna implies a relationship between medicine and the death of her dog.
- C. Donna invalidates the veterinarian's expertise because her dog still died.
- D. Donna attempts to sway the emotion of the doctor to keep her dog alive.

The new 2023 Honda Rebel 1100T DCT is a bike that gives you all the best Rebel 1100 features — low seat height, excellent handling, lightweight and powerful 1100cc twin-cylinder engine — with the added benefits of hard, locking, weather-resistant saddlebags and a windshield/fairing combination that are just right for longer rides.





**Shelly:** "The new Honda motorcycle looks really good! Its new features suit your taste." **Eli:** "Yes, it does. But have you checked the new car model they released after?"

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Eli's statement?

- A. Eli shifts the focus from the motorcycle to the car.
- B. Eli invalidates Shelly's comments on the new motorcycle.
- C. Eli generalised that the new car model is better.
- D. Eli misleads Shelly through unclear conclusions.

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Ryan is writing a sports news article about the recent national basketball championship. The teams tied up with a score of 84 in the 3rd quarter of the game. However, when last year's most valued player (MVP) entered the game, their scores went up by a significant number and made such a huge difference.

The winning team won the game with a 20-point lead.





Ella: "Your article went viral last night because of the erroneous values you reported."

Ryan: "I did that on purpose because people always want to criticise."

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Ryan's statement?

- A. Ryan invalidates Ella's opinion on his article.
- B. Ryan shifts the focus to Ella to forget about his mistakes.
- C. Ryan claims that what he did will result in more viewers.
- D. Ryan claims that what he did is right because it sparks everyone's interest.

There is a very real risk of drowning while surfing. Hold-downs, getting trapped on the reef, being separated from your board and not being able to swim in, and unconsciousness through a collision are all possible causes of drowning while surfing. Also, waves may look nice from the beach but can be incredibly powerful. Some are powerful enough to break bones.

Odell, who was on her way to the beach, talked to one of her friends who had an unfortunate accident a few weeks ago.



**Odell:** "Ah yes! I tried surfing once and I experienced my feet getting trapped. More than that, my body became itchy after. I think I'm now allergic to water sports."

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Odell's statement?

- A. Odell invalidates the fun experiences in surfing because of what she experienced.
- B. Odell shifts the focus of the passage by telling her own surfing story.
- C. Odell claims that her vast experience will transform into a series of life-changing events in the near future.
- D. Odell concludes that her surfing has something to do with her having an allergy despite only experiencing it once.

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Shiloh's favourite snack is nachos. He likes it hot and with a beefy sauce. He wants the sauce to have so many tomatoes and onions. He also likes the chips to be so crispy and fresh. Putting it in a bowl and drizzling it with beefy sauce and cheese is his favourite hobby.

One day, his mother added more cheese and beef than she used to.



Shiloh: "These nachos taste different. I think this is the best nachos I've ever tasted because they taste the best."

### Which among the options best describes the flaw in Shiloh's statement?

- A. Shiloh uses the same statement as both the premise and the conclusion.
- B. Shiloh implies a relationship between his nachos and the beef in them.
- C. Shiloh concludes that they were the best despite tasting them only once.
- D. Shiloh thinks that they were the best because he has already spent a lot on them.

Being an architect is fulfilling. Architects are not just involved in the design of a building. As licensed professionals, they are also responsible for public safety and oversight of projects. Their role is important in every stage of the building's construction, from the initial concept to the opening ceremony when the building is complete.

Pete's uncle is an architect and he owns a lot of cars and houses.



**Pete:** "My uncle told me that he is working with an engineer. So, in order to be successful in the future, I must either be an architect or an engineer."

# Which among the options best describes the flaw in Pete's statement?

- A. Pete misleads the readers by stating his own definition of success.
- B. Pete thinks he only has two options to be successful: to be an architect or an engineer.
- C. Pete attempts to sway emotions in becoming successful.
- D. Pete concludes that his uncle is the most successful despite having only one basis.

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The cashew tree is a tropical evergreen tree native to South America that produces the cashew seed and the cashew apple accessory fruit. The tree can grow as tall as 14 metres, but the dwarf cultivars, growing up to 6 metres, prove more profitable, with earlier maturity and greater yields. Like the tree, the nut is often simply called cashew. Cashew allergies are triggered by the proteins found in tree nuts, and cooking often does not remove or change these proteins.

Veronica tried out a few cashew nuts and found out something life-changing.



**Veronica:** "I just recently discovered that I am allergic to cashew when I ate one and felt itching all over my body. I tried cooking it so the allergy stimulants dissolve but it did not happen. I even pulverised and ate it but still, I feel itchy. I guess I need to get myself used to it so I don't need to throw it away."

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Veronica's statement?

- A. Veronica thinks that she needs to consume the cashew because she already spent so much effort on it.
- B. Veronica generalised that she is allergic even after eating only one.
- C. Veronica claims that there are only two options: to eat or throw away.
- D. Veronica uses the same statement to justify her statement.

Darwin goes to school using his car which was given to him by his parents when he was 16 years old. As spoiled as he is, he doesn't take good care of his car. He throws garbage into it. It even has a scratch from his recent drag race but he refused to fix it. One day, his car stopped functioning. He doesn't have a choice but to take the bus to his school.



**Darwin:** "This is the worst day of my life. I don't want to ride that cheap bus to school. All my life I have been given everything I wanted. So why am I suffering like this?"

## Which among the options best describes the flaw in Darwin's statement?

- A. Darwin thinks he needs to have a new car because he spent a lot to be one of the cool kids.
- B. Darwin claims that there is a relationship between his studies and owning a car.
- C. Darwin attempts to sway the reader's emotions by telling his story.
- D. Darwin shifts the focus of the passage to owning a car.

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A talent show contestant showcased his talent of making origami in less than 5 seconds. His first origami was a lion. It took him 4.33 seconds to finish it, and the whole crowd gave him a standing ovation. However, one of the judges was not impressed. He told the contestant that his talent is not fit for such a show.



Pamela: "That judge lacks empathy. All he does is complain and let the contestants' confidence level down."

# Which among the options best describes the flaw in Pamela's statement?

- A. Pamela thinks she already spent for the live show so she needs to finish watching it.
- B. Pamela claims that there is a relationship between the judge and the contestant's talent.
- C. Pamela invalidates the judge's manner of judging by what she sees as the right thing to do.
- D. Pamela thinks that rejecting the contestant will result in a chain of events in the future.

A food processor is a kitchen appliance used to facilitate repetitive tasks in the preparation of food. Today, the term almost always refers to an electric-motor-driven appliance, although there are some manual devices also referred to as "food processors". A food processor typically requires little to no liquid during use, and even its finely chopped products retain some texture. A lot of people have been buying food processors because of its time-efficient features.

Kate has been trying out a few new recipes in her kitchen and thought a new food processor would be a great addition to her collection of kitchen appliances.



**Kate:** "This food processor is a game changer. I should see to it that this doesn't break easily since I already spent a lot on this."

### Which among the options best describes the flaw in Kate's statement?

- A. Kate shifts the focus to the food processor's price and lifespan.
- B. Kate invalidates the food processor's lifespan.
- C. Kate claims that there is a relationship between the food processor and her money.
- D. Kate thinks that she must do her best to keep using the food processor for a long time since she has already spent on it.

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Cola is a vlogger who does mukbang or eating shows. She purchases a huge amount of food and takes a video of eating it. She makes sure that by the end of each video, her viewers will have watering mouths. She then challenges her viewers to try the food out so she can receive her affiliate income by endorsing the food.



Cola: "Mukbangs are a must for a vlog since everybody does it."

### Which among the options best describes the flaw in Cola's statement?

- A. Cola thinks that what she does is right since it is the trend.
- B. Cola thinks that she needs to continue her vlogs because she already spent on them.
- C. Cola claims that doing mukbangs is great because her idol does it.
- D. Cola claims that there are only two options available: to do mukbangs or stop making videos.