

Decide if each of the following passages is an argument or not. If the passage is not an argument, explain why, and go to the next item. If it is an argument, then indicate the conclusion, premise(s), and issue. You may simply cite the number to indicate conclusion and premise(s).

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1. 1) Carlos must be sick today. 2) He did not show up for work. 3) And he has never missed work unless he was sick. Your answer:

2. 1) Fayetteville, North Carolina is a great place to live. 2) The city has many great restaurants and movie theaters, the schools are good, and the weather is never terribly bad. Your answer:

3. 1) Many U.S. cities have the name of Fayetteville. 2) Fayetteville, North Carolina has the distinction of being the first to be named after the Marquis de Lafayette, the French general who supported the American Revolution, and the only Fayetteville that the famous Marquis visited. Your answer:

4. 1) The United States, as the most powerful nation in the world, has a moral obligation to give assistance to people who are subjected to inhumane treatment. 2) The ethnic Albanians were being persecuted in Kosovo. 3) It was proper for the U.S. to become involved in the air campaign against Kosovo.

5. 1) The United States government is organized into three branches, the executive, legislative, and the judicial. 2) This structure is designed to ensure checks and balances in the powers of the different branches. Your answer:

6. 1) Ambiguity results either from a wrong choice of words, or a wrong collection of them. 2) In arranging the words in a sentence pay strict attention to the rules

of grammar. 3) Place the members which are most nearly related in such a position that their mutual relation will be clearly indicated. From a lecture by Charles W. Chesnutt, 1878 Your answer:

7. 1) Students should attend class regularly and punctually. 2) Our research shows that there is a direct correlation between good grades and regular class attendance. Your answer:

8. 1) The last person we hired from Bayview Tech turned out to be a bad employee. 2) I'm not willing to hire anybody else from that school again.

9. 1) And here comes the question of whether it is better to be loved rather than feared, or feared rather than loved. 2) It might be answered that we should wish to be both; but 3) since love and fear can hardly exist together, if we must choose between them, 4) it is far safer to be feared than loved. 5) For of men it may generally be affirmed that they are thankless, fickle, false, studious to avoid danger, greedy of gain, devoted to you while you confer benefits upon them, and 6) ready, while the need is remote, to shed their blood, and sacrifice their property, their lives, and their children for you. 7) But, when danger comes near they turn against you. 8) The Prince who builds wholly on their professions of support will be undone. From Niccolo Machiavelli, *The Prince* Your answer:

10. 1) A people needs land for its activities, land for its nourishment. 2) No people needs it as much as the German people which is increasing so rapidly and whose old boundaries have become dangerously narrow. 3) If we do not soon acquire new territories, we are moving toward a frightful catastrophe.

Document from Pan-German movement, early 20th century

Your answer:

11. 1) Marriage has always been a very different thing for man and for woman. 2) The two sexes are necessary to each other, but this necessity has never brought about a condition of reciprocity between them. 3) Women have never constituted a caste making exchanges and contracts with the male caste upon a footing of equality. 4) A man is socially an independent and complete individual. 5) He is regarded first of all as a producer whose existence is justified by

the work he does for the group. 6) The reproductive and domestic role to which woman is confined has not guaranteed her an equal dignity.

From Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*

Your answer:

12. 1) Paul Kennedy's *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers* has had a remarkable impact in the United States since its publication late last year. 2) It has been widely and almost universally favorably reviewed. 3) Its arguments have been discussed in editorials and opinion columns. 4) One major national magazine ran excerpts as its cover story, while another called it the "book of the year."

From *The Times Literary Supplement*, March 25, 1988

Your answer:

13. 1) Television has a disastrous impact on children. 2) It appears to be shortening the attention span of the young. 3) It also seems to be eroding their linguistic powers and ability to handle mathematical symbolism. 4) Television also caused them to be increasingly impatient with deferred gratification. 5) Even more serious, television is opening all of society's secrets and taboos, thus erasing the dividing line between childhood and adulthood....

Neil Postman in *U.S. News and World Reports*, January 19, 1981

Your answer:

14. 1) In one half of all traffic deaths in the United States, the driver has been drinking. 2) One third of pedestrians struck and killed by cars were drunk. Driving while intoxicated, or DWI, is illegal in every state. 3) In most states, it is illegal to drive a car if the Blood Alcohol Content is 0.1 percent or greater. 4) In most states, it is illegal to drink alcohol while driving. 5) In some, it is against the law to have an open container of any alcoholic drink in the car.

Your answer:

15. 1) Studies show that even one drink harms vision and reactions. 2) A driver with a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of 0.05 percent, even though he or she is within the legal limit, is twice as likely to have an accident as a non drinking

dirver. 3) A BAC of 0.1percent increases the risk of being in an accident by seven times. 4) At BAC 0.15, the risk is ten times greater. 5)You should never drink and drive.

Your answer:

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