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1. All statements are sentences and all sentences are statements.
True False
2. Rhetorical questions are statements.
True False
3. A single grammatical sentence may be used to express more than one statement.
True False
4. Commands are statements.
True False
5. Ought imperatives are statements.
True False
6. A statement can sometime be expressed as a phrase or an incomplete clause, rather than as a complete declarative sentence.
True False
7. "What time is it?" is an example of a statement.
True False
8. There are two statements in the sentence "Roses are red and violets are blue."
True False
9. An argument is a claim put forward and defended with reasons.
True False
10. Premises are statements that are claimed to provide evidence for another statement, the conclusion.
True False
11. The conclusion of an argument always occurs at the end of the argument.
True False
12. Indicator words are words or phrases that provide clues when premises or conclusions are being offered.
True False
13. *Since*, *because*, and *thus* are common premise indicators.
True False
14. "That is why," "which shows that," and "for this reason" are common conclusion indicators.
True False
15. In the statement "I haven't been to Disney World since I was a kid," the word *since* functions as a premise indicator.
True False
16. Many arguments do not contain any indicator words.
True False
17. If the statement that a passage seeks to prove or explain is a matter of common knowledge, then the passage is probably an explanation rather than an argument.
True False

18. The following passage is an example of an argument: "If Senator Brooks is only thirty years old, then he's not eligible to be president of the United States."
True False
19. The following passage is an argument: "It is not true that no presidents were born west of the Rocky Mountains. Richard Nixon, for example, was born in California."
True False
20. In an explanation, the statement that does the explaining is called the *explanans*.
True False
21. The following sentence is a statement: "How unfair!"
True False
22. The following sentence is a statement: "Marijuana should be legalized."
True False
23. The following sentence is a statement: "Who let the dogs out?"
True False
24. The following sentence is a statement: "Text me if you have trouble downloading the file."
True False
25. The following sentence is a statement: "I'd rather be in Philadelphia."
True False
26. Every argument consists of at least two statements.
True False
27. The following passage contains an ought imperative: "Do not drive while taking this medication. Extreme drowsiness may result."
True False
28. The following passage contains an ought imperative: "Put away your books and notes. This is a closed-book exam." (said by a teacher)
True False
29. The following sentence is a conditional statement: "If it's past 8:00, then the store is closed."
True False
30. In a conditional statement, the phrase that follows the word "then" is known as the antecedent.
True False
31. The following sentence is an argument: "My computer crashed because I spilled coffee on it."
True False
32. The following passage contains an argument: "My wife's towel is wet. Therefore, she must have already taken her shower this morning."
True False
33. The following sentence is an argument: "The dog is barking because the ice cream truck is coming."
True False
34. The following sentence is an argument: "Young children should not be permitted to go snowboarding, because it is too dangerous."
True False
35. The following sentence is an argument: "Flight 336 to Rome will be delayed due to late arrival of the aircraft."
True False

36. The following sentence is an argument: "Experts in any field learn new things faster than novices do, because their rich, highly accessible background knowledge gives them a greater variety of means for capturing the new ideas." (E. D. Hirsch, Jr., *The Schools We Deserve--And Why We Don't Have Them*)
- True False
37. The following sentence is an argument: "No money spent on a good book can ever be wasted: somehow, sometime, somewhere that book will be read, if not by you, then by your children or your friends." (Clifton Fadiman, *The Lifetime Reading Plan*)
- True False
38. The following sentence is an argument: "Since the world of tomorrow will be run by the children of today, it is vital that we encourage young people to be concerned about the future and instill in them the idea that they can help shape that future according to their own goals and aspirations." (Howard Ozmon and Samuel Craver, *Philosophical Foundations of Education*)
- True False
39. The following sentence is an argument: "Washington is nicknamed 'The Evergreen State' because it sounds better than 'The Incessant Nagging Drizzle State.'" (Dave Barry, *Dave Barry's Only Travel Guide You'll Ever Need*)
- True False
40. The following passage is an illustration rather than an argument: It's false that there are no mountain peaks higher than 6,000 feet east of the Rocky Mountains. Mount Mitchell, for example, in North Carolina, has an elevation of 6,684 feet.
- True False
41. Never try to discourage thinking for you are sure to succeed. (Bertrand Russell, *Autobiography*)
- A. nonargument; explanation
B. nonargument; unsupported assertion
C. argument; conclusion: Never try to discourage thinking.
D. argument; conclusion: You are sure to succeed.
42. Because Mars is farther from the Sun than is the Earth, its temperatures are considerably lower. (Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*)
- A. nonargument; report
B. argument; conclusion: Mars is farther from the Sun than is the earth.
C. nonargument; explanation
D. argument; conclusion: Its temperatures are considerably lower.
43. If you have a well-established theory which says that change does not occur in the heavenly regions (regions of the sky more distant from the Earth than the moon), you will rightly discount reports of observers on a particular occasion who claim to have observed a new star to appear where there was no star before, or to have observed a comet pass through those regions (as opposed to being a mere sublunary phenomenon). (Richard Swinburne, *Revelation: From Metaphor to Analogy*)
- A. nonargument; conditional statement
B. nonargument; illustration
C. argument; conclusion: You will rightly discount reports of observers on a particular occasion who claim to have observed a new star to appear where there was no star before, or to have observed a comet pass through those regions (as opposed to being a mere sublunary phenomenon)
D. nonargument; unsupported assertion.

44. Official world table tennis championships were first held in 1926 under the auspices of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF; founded in 1926). Women's doubles competition was added in 1929 and women's team competition in 1934. In 1980 the ITTF first sponsored a men's World Cup competition for the top 16 ranking players; it has been held annually since then. ("Sporting Record: Table Tennis," *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 15th ed.)
- A. nonargument; explanation
 - B. nonargument; report
 - C. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 - D. argument; conclusion: It has been held annually since then.
45. I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. (William Tyler Page, "The American's Creed," quoted in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 12th ed.)
- A. nonargument; illustration
 - B. nonargument; conditional statement
 - C. nonargument; report
 - D. nonargument; unsupported assertion
46. When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle. (Edmund Burke, "Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents")
- A. nonargument; explanation
 - B. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 - C. argument; conclusion: Else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle.
 - D. argument; conclusion: When bad men combine, the good must associate.
47. Although it is high time to deal with agriculture's contribution to water pollution, the damage is very uneven in scope and severity; it tends to occur where farming is extensive and fresh water resources are vulnerable. Thus, blanket regulations would be unwise. (David E. Ervin, "Shaping a Smarter Environmental Policy for Farming")
- A. argument; conclusion: Blanket regulations would be unwise.
 - B. argument; conclusion: It tends to occur where farming is extensive and fresh water resources are vulnerable.
 - C. nonargument; illustration
 - D. nonargument; explanation
48. Since 1950, almost every top publishing house in the United States has been issuing books that its editors know to be occult garbage. Why? The answer is obvious. Like worthless diet books, they make lots of money. (Martin Gardner, *The New Age: Notes of a Fringe Watcher*)
- A. argument; conclusion: Since 1950, almost every top publishing house in the United States has been . issuing books that its editors know to be occult garbage.
 - B. nonargument; explanation
 - C. nonargument; report
 - D. argument; conclusion: Like worthless diet books, they make lots of money.
49. This is for the lady who says she wants to vote for the opposite person who is not supported by pharmaceutical companies. Republicans support big business. Pharmaceutical companies are very, very big business. You want to vote against them? Vote Democratic. (From a newspaper call-in column)
- A. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 - B. argument; conclusion: Republicans support big business.
 - C. argument; conclusion: If you want to vote against candidates who are not supported by the . pharmaceutical companies, vote Democratic.
 - D. argument; conclusion: Pharmaceutical companies are very, very big business.

50. About a century and a half ago Matthew Arnold found in the withdrawing ocean tide a metaphor for the retreat of religious faith, and heard in the water's sound "the note of sadness." It would be wonderful to find in the laws of nature a plan prepared by a concerned creator in which human beings played some special role. I find sadness in doubting that we will. (Steven Weinberg, *Dreams of a Final Theory*)
- A. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 - B. argument; conclusion: I find sadness in doubting that we will.
 - C. argument; conclusion: It would be wonderful to find in the laws of nature a plan prepared by a . concerned creator in which human beings played some special role.
 - D. nonargument; explanation
51. Life can throw us some curves at times that are not always easy to handle. We can often feel lost, uncertain and upset. With so much to do and think about, we may become confused; not sure how to feel or what to do with our feelings. A natural reaction to stress, disappointment and losses in our lives is to feel down. But it's important to know that when these feelings are severe or continue for a long time, you may be experiencing depression--a disorder that requires professional help. (First Priority Health Brochure)
- A. argument; conclusion: Life can throw us some curves at times that are not always easy to handle.
 - B. nonargument; report or unsupported assertion
 - C. argument; conclusion: But it's important to know that when these feelings are severe or continue for a . long time, you may be experiencing depression--a disorder that requires professional help.
 - D. nonargument; illustration
52. Dictators win the loyalty of their people because people are anxious to have someone and something in which to believe and to whom they can give loyalty. (Peter J. Gomes, *The Good Book*)
- A. nonargument; report
 - B. argument; conclusion: Dictators win the loyalty of their people.
 - C. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 - D. nonargument; explanation
53. In a thoroughly naturalistic universe, it would be hard to see how any of our gestures toward meaning could be efficacious in any way at all. For this reason, the debate about the existence of God is never just an intellectual controversy. (Tom Morris, *Philosophy for Dummies*)
- A. argument; conclusion: In a thoroughly naturalistic universe, it would be hard to see how any of our . gestures toward meaning could be efficacious in any way at all.
 - B. nonargument; explanation
 - C. argument; conclusion: The debate about the existence of God is never just an intellectual controversy.
 - D. nonargument; conditional statement
54. This is for the person who wrote in the SAYSO column that George Bush is a breath of fresh air. I think he is an airhead. (From a newspaper call-in column)
- A. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 - B. nonargument; explanation
 - C. nonargument; report
 - D. argument; conclusion: I think he is an airhead.
55. To make sense of complex issues, you need to have thought critically and reasoned analytically about them, before reaching a well-supported conclusion. (John Chaffee, *The Thinker's Way*)
- A. argument; conclusion: You need to have thought critically and reasoned analytically about them.
 - B. argument; conclusion: Before reaching a well-supported conclusion.
 - C. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 - D. nonargument; explanation

56. We have five fingers because we are descended from a Devonian fish that had five phalanges or bones in its fins. (Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*)
- A. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 - B. argument; conclusion: We have five fingers.
 - C. nonargument; explanation
 - D. argument; conclusion: We are descended from a Devonian fish that had five phalanges or bones in its fins.
57. There can be no defense of eating flesh in terms of satisfying nutritional needs, since it has been established beyond doubt that we could satisfy our need for protein and other essential nutrients far more efficiently with a diet that replaced animal flesh by soy beans, or products derived from soy beans, and other high-protein vegetable products. (Peter Singer, *Animal Liberation*)
- A. nonargument; explanation
 - B. argument; conclusion: It has been established beyond doubt that we could satisfy our need for protein and other essential nutrients far more efficiently with a diet that replaced animal flesh by soy beans, or products derived from soy beans, and other high-protein vegetable products.
 - C. argument; conclusion: There can be no defense of eating flesh in terms of satisfying nutritional needs.
 - D. nonargument; unsupported assertion
58. If moms would stay home and be moms the way they're supposed to be instead of trying to act like men, we wouldn't have the trouble we're having with our children today. (From a newspaper call-in column)
- A. argument; conclusion: Moms should stay home and be moms the way they're supposed to be instead of trying to act like men.
 - B. nonargument; conditional statement
 - C. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 - D. argument; conclusion: We wouldn't have the trouble we're having with our children today.
59. Astrology is having a resurgence not only because of mystical trends that ebb and flow over the years, but also because of the superabundance of astrological material easily accessible everywhere. (J.V. Stewart, *Astrology: What's Really in the Stars?*)
- A. nonargument; report
 - B. argument; conclusion: There is a superabundance of astrological material everywhere.
 - C. argument; conclusion: Astrology is having a resurgence.
 - D. nonargument; explanation
60. Be not afraid because some time thou must cease to live, but fear to have begun truly to live. (Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*)
- A. nonargument; explanation
 - B. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 - C. argument; conclusion: Fear to have begun truly to live.
 - D. argument; conclusion: Be not afraid because some time thou must cease to live.
61. Simple distinctions come all too easily. Frequently we open the way for later puzzlement by restricting the options we take to be available. So, for example, in contrasting science and religion, we often operate with a simple pair of categories. On one side there is science, proof, and certainty; on the other, religion, conjecture, and faith. (Philip Kitcher, *Abusing Science: The Case Against Creationism*)
- A. nonargument; conditional statement
 - B. argument; conclusion: For example, in contrasting science and religion, we often operate with a simple pair of categories.
 - C. argument; conclusion: Simple distinctions come all too easily.
 - D. nonargument; illustration

62. [H]e that makes use of the light and faculties God has given him and seeks sincerely to discover truths by those helps and abilities he has, may have this satisfaction in doing his duty as a rational creature, that, though he should miss truth, he will not miss the reward of it. For he governs his assent right, and places it as he should, who, in any case or matter whatsoever, believes or disbelieves, according as his reason directs him. (John Locke, *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*)
 A. nonargument; conditional statement
 B. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 C. nonargument; explanation
 D. argument; conclusion: He that makes use of the light and faculties God has given him and seeks sincerely to discover truths by those helps and abilities he has, may have this satisfaction in doing his duty as a rational creature, that, though he should miss truth, he will not miss the reward of it.
63. [W]ithout really knowing it, many students inwardly believe that it is possible to acquire knowledge without thought, that it is possible to read without exerting any intellectual energy, and that good writing is not a product of practice and hard work but of a talent one is born with. As a result, they are not inclined to take any responsibility for their own learning or to put any effort into learning new modes of thinking. (Foundation for Critical Thinking, *Critical Thinking: Basic Theory and Instructional Structures*)
 A. nonargument; explanation
 B. argument; conclusion: They are not inclined to take any responsibility for their own learning or to put any effort into learning new modes of thinking.
 C. nonargument; report
 D. nonargument; unsupported assertion
64. We do not choose to be born. We do not choose our parents. We do not choose our historical epoch, the country of our birth, or the immediate circumstances of our upbringing. We do not, most of us, choose to die, nor do we choose the time or conditions of our death. But within all this realm of choicelessness, we do choose how we shall live: courageously or in cowardice, honorably or dishonorably, with purpose or in drift. (Joseph Epstein, *Ambition: The Secret Passion*)
 A. argument; conclusion: Within all this realm of choicelessness, we do choose how we shall live: courageously or in cowardice, honorably or dishonorably, with purpose or in drift.
 B. nonargument; explanation
 C. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 D. nonargument; conditional statement
65. I would like to voice my opinion on what pet shops should sell. Cats, dogs, birds, fish are OK, but rodents, reptiles should not be caged and should remain in their own environment. I think that they should do something to stop them from profiting on these creatures. (From a newspaper call-in column)
 A. nonargument; explanation
 B. argument; conclusion: They should do something to stop them from profiting on these creatures.
 C. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 D. argument; conclusion: Cats, dogs, birds, fish are OK, but rodents, reptiles should not be caged and should remain in their own environment.
66. The heavily cratered lunar highlands speak to us of an early epoch in the history of the solar system when cratering was much more common than it is today; the present population of interplanetary debris falls by a large factor to account for the abundance of the highland craters. (Carl Sagan, *Broca's Brain: Reflections on the Romance of Science*)
 A. argument; conclusion: The heavily cratered lunar highlands speak to us of an early epoch in the history of the solar system when cratering was much more common than it is today.
 B. argument; conclusion: The present population of interplanetary debris falls by a large factor to account for the abundance of the highland craters.
 C. nonargument; report
 D. nonargument; explanation

67. Let's get this straight now. Guns, evil. Abortion, good. Restrictions on gun ownership. Federal protection of abortion clinics and abortionists. Register your guns, but you don't have to tell your parents or the father you're having an abortion. A relative handful of kids tragically get killed because a few people went beserk or played with their daddy's gun; but thousands of kids are killed every year by abortion. Guns evil? Abortion good? There is something really, really wrong going on here. (From a newspaper call-in column)
- A. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 - B. nonargument; conditional statement
 - C. argument; conclusion: Guns are good and abortion is evil.
 - D. argument; conclusion; There is something really, really wrong here.
68. It is very easy for Pope John Paul II to urge Catholics to attend Sunday mass, especially in Rome, where one can be surrounded by hundreds of priests. Out here in the real world there is a serious shortage of male priests; those who remain increasingly preside over lackluster liturgies. This situation could be alleviated by allowing married priests into active ministry and by the Catholic Church's recognition of female priests. (Mary Louise Hartman, Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*)
- A. nonargument; report
 - B. argument; conclusion: The Catholic Church should recognize female priests and allow married priests into active ministry.
 - C. nonargument; explanation
 - D. nonargument; unsupported assertion
69. I worry that to promote science as all fun and lark and easy is to store up trouble for the future. Real science can be hard (well, challenging to give it a more positive spin) but, like classical literature or playing the violin, worth the struggle. If children are lured into science, or any other worthwhile occupation, by the promise of easy fun, what are they going to do when they finally have to confront the reality? (Richard Dawkins, *Unweaving the Rainbow: Science, Delusion, and the Appetite for Wonder*)
- A. argument; conclusion: Real science can be hard, but is worth the struggle.
 - B. nonargument; explanation
 - C. argument; conclusion: By promoting science as all fun and lark and easy we may be storing up trouble for the future.
 - D. nonargument; report
70. We can acquire a more profound understanding of events by recognizing their significance in Christ; thus the crossing of the Red Sea is a sign or type of Christ's victory and also of Christian baptism. (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*)
- A. argument; conclusion: We can acquire a more profound understanding of events by recognizing their significance in Christ.
 - B. argument; conclusion: The crossing of the Red Sea is a sign or type of Christ's victory and also of Christian baptism.
 - C. nonargument; illustration
 - D. nonargument; explanation
71. Do not look directly at the sun. Its ultraviolet (UV) and infrared radiation can be catastrophic—it can literally burn a hole in your retina, leading to blindness. (David H. Levy, "Look for the Solar Eclipse")
- A. argument
 - B. explanation
 - C. conditional statement
 - D. report
 - E. unsupported assertion

72. If you accept the literal truth of every word of the Bible, then the Earth must be flat. (Carl Sagan, *The Demon-Haunted World*)
- A. conditional statement
 - B. illustration
 - C. explanation
 - D. unsupported assertion
 - E. argument
73. I don't think that Americans have the right to fly other countries' flags, I really don't. If this isn't illegal, it should be. If they want to fly another flag, let them go to live in that country. It offends me very, very much. (From a newspaper call-in column)
- A. illustration
 - B. explanation
 - C. argument
 - D. unsupported assertion
 - E. report
74. A good deal of conduct that is ethically immoral is not criminal. For example, there are many situations where one has a moral duty to save another's life where it can be done with little danger or inconvenience or expense, but failure to take action to do so is not usually criminal. (Wayne R. LaFave and Austin W. Scott, *Handbook on Criminal Law*)
- A. illustration
 - B. report
 - C. argument
 - D. unsupported assertion
 - E. conditional statement
75. If miracles are not possible, then they cannot be actual. (Peter Kreeft and Ronald K. Tacelli, *Handbook of Christian Apologetics*)
- A. report
 - B. unsupported assertion
 - C. argument
 - D. explanation
 - E. conditional statement
76. Cells are the smallest independent units of life, and all life as we know it depends on the many chemical activities of cells. Some of the basic functions of cells are growth, metabolism, irritability, and reproduction. Cells vary in size from a sperm, which is about 5 micrometers (five-millionths of a meter) long, to a nerve cell with thin fibers that may be more than a meter long. (Robert Carola, John P. Harley, and Charles R. Noback, *Human Anatomy and Physiology*, 2nd ed.)
- A. unsupported assertion
 - B. argument
 - C. report
 - D. illustration
 - E. explanation
77. The tropics on both sides of the equator get more heat because the sun's rays strike them directly from the middle of the sky. (Al Gore, *Earth in the Balance*)
- A. report
 - B. argument
 - C. conditional statement
 - D. illustration
 - E. explanation

78. Science provides only empirical explanations of how nature works. It provides no basis for a moral code and therefore poses no threat to Christianity. (Jay F. Storz, Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*)
- A. unsupported assertion
 - B. argument
 - C. report
 - D. conditional statement
 - E. explanation
79. According to Plato, the very essence of time is change but the very essence of knowledge is unchanging. What is true is always true. Therefore, whatever is relative and always changing cannot be true. (Douglas J. Soccio, *Archetypes of Wisdom: An Introduction to Philosophy*, 3rd ed.)
- A. report
 - B. unsupported assertion
 - C. argument
 - D. explanation
 - E. conditional statement
80. In part because of his scientific accomplishments, at least dimly grasped by the public; in part because of his courageous positions on social issues; and in part because of his benign personality, Einstein was admired and revered throughout the world. (Carl Sagan, *Broca's Brain*)
- A. report
 - B. illustration
 - C. argument
 - D. explanation
 - E. unsupported assertion
81. If elections are to be a means of popular control over public policy, voters must be reasonably well informed about policy issues and must hold opinions about them. (Thomas R. Dye and Harmon Zeigler, *The Irony of Democracy: An Uncommon Introduction to American Politics*, 8th ed.)
- A. argument
 - B. conditional statement
 - C. unsupported assertion
 - D. explanation
 - E. report
82. Mahatma Gandhi walked barefoot everywhere, to the point that his feet became quite thick and hard. He also was quite a spiritual person. Even when not on a hunger strike, he did not eat much and became quite thin and frail. Furthermore, due to his diet, he ended up with very bad breath. Therefore, he came to be known as a "super callused fragile mystic plagued with halitosis." (Internet joke)
- A. argument
 - B. explanation
 - C. report
 - D. unsupported assertion
 - E. illustration
83. Large-scale reductions in class size will likely lower the average quality of teachers: first, because to hire additional teachers school districts must reach into the lower-quality segment of the teacher pool; and, second, because a given budget will be spread among a higher number of teachers, thereby limiting potential increases in teacher salaries. (Jane Hannaway and Robert I. Lerman, Letter to the Editor, *The New Republic*)
- A. unsupported assertion
 - B. report
 - C. conditional statement
 - D. argument
 - E. explanation

84. AARP is greatly feared in Washington, D.C., because of the fierce way it lobbies for issues of concern to senior citizens, such as Social Security, Medicare, and the constitutional right to drive without any clue where the actual road is. (Dave Barry, *Dave Barry Turns 50*)
- A. conditional statement
 - B. argument
 - C. illustration
 - D. unsupported assertion
 - E. explanation
85. Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be. (Thomas á Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*)
- A. argument
 - B. illustration
 - C. explanation
 - D. report
 - E. conditional statement
86. There are many areas where we automatically acknowledge that science is right and our intuitions are wrong when the two are in conflict. Thus, we all believe that the earth is round, even though it looks flat to us. (Barry Singer, "To Believe or Not to Believe")
- A. argument
 - B. explanation
 - C. report
 - D. conditional statement
 - E. illustration
87. All organisms that have ever lived—every animal and plant, every bacteria and all fungi, every creeping thing, and all readers of this book—can look back at their ancestors and make the following proud claim: not a single one of our ancestors died in infancy. They all reached adulthood, and every single one was capable of finding at least one heterosexual partner and of successfully copulating. (Richard Dawkins, *River Out of Eden*)
- A. conditional statement
 - B. report or unsupported assertion
 - C. argument
 - D. explanation
 - E. illustration
88. Besides thinking and writing, most of my effort has involved reading materials new to me. As a consequence, the citations I provide are primarily to sources I have read recently. (Kent Greenawalt, *Law and Objectivity*)
- A. unsupported assertion
 - B. explanation
 - C. illustration
 - D. conditional statement
 - E. argument
89. If personal life is doomed to irreversible destruction, so are all the fruits of human creativity, whether material or spiritual, and it does not matter how long we, or our performances, may last. (Leszek Kolakowski, *Religion*)
- A. conditional statement
 - B. report
 - C. illustration
 - D. unsupported assertion
 - E. argument

90. Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of. (Benjamin Franklin, *Poor Richard's Almanac*)
- A. unsupported assertion
 - B. argument
 - C. explanation
 - D. report
 - E. illustration
91. Rather than really looking at things, people often skimp, fudge, or fake it—think of the detective who doesn't really want to know who committed the crime, just to collect enough evidence to get a conviction, or the academic who is less concerned to find the cause of racial disharmony than to get a large grant for investigating the matter. (Susan Haack, "A Fallibilist among the Skeptics")
- A. illustration
 - B. argument
 - C. report
 - D. conditional statement
 - E. explanation
92. If we want our children to possess the traits of character we most admire, we need to teach them what those traits are and why they deserve both admiration and allegiance. (William J. Bennett, *The Book of Virtues*)
- A. argument
 - B. explanation
 - C. report
 - D. conditional statement
 - E. unsupported assertion
93. A NATO aircraft bombed the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade because the military command mistakenly believed it was a headquarters for a Yugoslav arms agency. ("NATO Says It Thought Embassy Was Weapons Depot," *New York Times*)
- A. explanation
 - B. conditional statement
 - C. report
 - D. unsupported assertion
 - E. argument
94. Banning sweets from your household doesn't necessarily mean your child will grow up shunning sugary treats. Just the opposite is true, in fact: In a recent study, children who had just eaten a full meal were put in a room with a table piled with sweets. Even though they weren't hungry, children who were not usually allowed to have such treats gorged on the cakes and cookies, says researcher Leann Birch, Ph.D., professor of human development at Pennsylvania State University of Health and Human Development. Meanwhile, those kids whose parents regularly permitted such sweets in moderation hardly touched them. (Laura Flynn McCarthy, "Six Nutrition Rules Even Smart Moms Don't Know")
- A. report
 - B. explanation
 - C. argument
 - D. unsupported assertion
 - E. conditional statement
95. If the play of the world is produced and directed by an omnipotent and omniscient God, does it not follow that every evil that is perpetuated is God's doing? (Carl Sagan, *Broca's Brain*)
- A. illustration
 - B. report
 - C. conditional statement
 - D. argument
 - E. explanation

96. For six months after Pearl Harbor, nearly everything in the Pacific went Japan's way. Britain's supposedly impregnable colony at Singapore fell easily. American naval garrisons in the Philippines and on Guam and Wake Islands were overwhelmed, and American and Filipino armies were forced to surrender at Bataan and Corregidor in the Philippines. Other Japanese forces steamed southward to menace Australia. Then the tide turned. (John M. Murrin, et. al., *Liberty, Equality, Power: A History of the American People*, 2nd ed.)
- A. conditional statement
 - B. report
 - C. argument
 - D. unsupported assertion
 - E. explanation
97. Medieval painting had presented life as an allegory; the Renaissance preferred realism. The Medieval painters posed their figures frontally, impersonally; the Renaissance developed psychological characterization and the art of portraiture. Medieval painting dealt in stereotypes; the Renaissance concerned itself with individuals. Space in medieval painting was organized in a succession of planes over which the eye traveled as over a series of episodes. The Renaissance created unified space and the simultaneous seeing of the whole. It discovered landscape, created the illusion of distance, and opened up endless vistas upon the physical loveliness of the world. (Joseph Machlis and Kristine Forney, *The Enjoyment of Music: An Introduction to Perceptive Listening*)
- A. illustration
 - B. argument
 - C. unsupported assertion
 - D. conditional statement
 - E. report
98. If science is by definition the search for an intelligible network of natural cause-and-effect relationships, then it cannot admit to the possibility of a supernatural cause influencing the network in any way. (James E. Hutchingson, "Introduction: The Two-Storied Universe," in James E. Hutchingson, ed., *Religion and the Natural Sciences: The Range of Engagement*)
- A. conditional statement
 - B. unsupported assertion
 - C. argument
 - D. explanation
 - E. illustration
99. In early society, because of hunting and war, the life of the male is more violent and dangerous and the death rate of men is higher than that of women. (Will Durant, *Our Oriental Heritage*)
- A. report
 - B. explanation
 - C. conditional statement
 - D. unsupported assertion
 - E. argument
100. The standard medical research institutions and journals require placebo-controlled trials because they know that sugar pills yield better results than no pills at all. (Melvin Konner, "Faith Healers")
- A. explanation
 - B. report
 - C. conditional statement
 - D. argument
 - E. unsupported assertion

101. People often express the opinion that specific traits of members of certain groups are responsible for their disadvantaged situation. Thus in South Africa it is common for whites to assert that blacks are not ready for full citizenship because they remain childlike and simple. (William Kornblum, *Sociology in a Changing World*)
- A. explanation
 - B. report
 - C. illustration
 - D. argument
 - E. unsupported assertion
102. Human life means to me the life of beings for whom the leisured activities of thought, art, literature, conversation are the end, and the preservation and propagation of life merely the means. That is why education seems to me so important: it actualizes the potential for leisure, if you like for amateurishness, which is man's prerogative. (C.S. Lewis, *Rehabilitations and Other Essays*)
- A. report
 - B. explanation
 - C. argument
 - D. unsupported assertion
 - E. conditional statement
103. The caller says, "Why would I go out in the cold and watch the Veteran's Day Parade when the media lets us watch it from our warm homes? Because they went out into worse than cold for you and me. They went out into war, death, fighting, guns, unspeakable conditions, and yes, while they were cold and wet a lot of times. (From a newspaper call-in column)
- A. explanation
 - B. report
 - C. conditional statement
 - D. unsupported assertion
 - E. argument
104. Because narcotics are highly addictive and potentially harmful, they are usually either regulated by prescription or banned outright. (Robert J. Sternberg, *Pathways to Psychology*)
- A. argument
 - B. unsupported assertion
 - C. conditional statement
 - D. explanation
 - E. illustration
105. If it be true Christianity to dive with a passionate charity into the darkest recesses of misery and vice, to irrigate every quarter of the earth with the fertilizing stream of an almost boundless benevolence, and to include all the sections of humanity in the circle of an intense and efficacious sympathy; if it be true Christianity to destroy or weaken the barriers which had separated class from class and nation from nation, to free war from its harshest elements, and to make a consciousness of essential equality and of genuine fraternity dominate over all accidental differences; if it be, above all, true Christianity to cultivate a love of truth for its own sake, a spirit of candour and of tolerance towards those with whom we differ—if these be the marks of a true and healthy Christianity, then never since the days of the Apostles has it been so vigorous as at present. (W. E. H. Lecky, *History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe*)
- A. report
 - B. conditional statement
 - C. argument
 - D. explanation
 - E. unsupported assertion

106. Farmers recognize more than anyone that healthy growing environments define their future. Thus, they always seek better ways to control weeds with the least toxic herbicides available that do not damage crops. (International Food Information Council, "Food Biotechnology and the Environment")
- A. report
 - B. illustration
 - C. unsupported assertion
 - D. argument
 - E. explanation
107. If I understood all things in the world and were not in charity, what would that help me in the sight of God, who will judge me according to my deeds? (Thomas á Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*)
- A. argument
 - B. unsupported assertion
 - C. explanation
 - D. illustration
 - E. conditional statement
108. The *California Psychological Inventory* (CPI) was initially developed and first published by Harrison Gough in 1957. Thirty years later Gough revised his inventory by adding several new scales and revamping or eliminating a number of dated, sexist, or difficult to read items. The current version of the CPI contains 462 true-false items designed to measure various facets of the normal personality. It is intended to be used with both adolescents and adults to predict how individuals will behave and react in a variety of interpersonal situations. (Kevin R. Murphy and Charles O. Davidshofer, *Psychological Testing: Principles and Applications*, 4th ed.)
- A. illustration
 - B. report
 - C. argument
 - D. explanation
 - E. unsupported assertion
109. The minority population of the public schools is growing because the minority population of the United States is growing. (Arthea J. S. Reed and Verna E. Bergemann, *In the Classroom: An Introduction to Education*)
- A. report
 - B. unsupported assertion
 - C. argument
 - D. explanation
 - E. conditional statement
110. If we want our children to have a good grasp of science, we need to help teachers, parents, school administrators, and policy-makers understand both evolution and the nature of science. (National Academy of Sciences, *Teaching about Evolution and the Nature of Science*)
- A. conditional statement
 - B. report
 - C. unsupported assertion
 - D. explanation
 - E. argument

ch02 Key

1. All statements are sentences and all sentences are statements.
FALSE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #1
2. Rhetorical questions are statements.
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #2
3. A single grammatical sentence may be used to express more than one statement.
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #3
4. Commands are statements.
FALSE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #4
5. Ought imperatives are statements.
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #5
6. A statement can sometime be expressed as a phrase or an incomplete clause, rather than as a complete declarative sentence.
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #6
7. "What time is it?" is an example of a statement.
FALSE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #7
8. There are two statements in the sentence "Roses are red and violets are blue."
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #8
9. An argument is a claim put forward and defended with reasons.
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #9
10. Premises are statements that are claimed to provide evidence for another statement, the conclusion.
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #10
11. The conclusion of an argument always occurs at the end of the argument.
FALSE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #11
12. Indicator words are words or phrases that provide clues when premises or conclusions are being offered.
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #12
13. *Since*, *because*, and *thus* are common premise indicators.
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #13
14. "That is why," "which shows that," and "for this reason" are common conclusion indicators.
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #14

15. In the statement "I haven't been to Disney World since I was a kid," the word *since* functions as a premise indicator.
FALSE
16. Many arguments do not contain any indicator words.
TRUE
17. If the statement that a passage seeks to prove or explain is a matter of common knowledge, then the passage is probably an explanation rather than an argument.
TRUE
18. The following passage is an example of an argument: "If Senator Brooks is only thirty years old, then he's not eligible to be president of the United States."
FALSE
19. The following passage is an argument: "It is not true that no presidents were born west of the Rocky Mountains. Richard Nixon, for example, was born in California."
TRUE
20. In an explanation, the statement that does the explaining is called the *explanans*.
TRUE
21. The following sentence is a statement: "How unfair!"
TRUE
22. The following sentence is a statement: "Marijuana should be legalized."
TRUE
23. The following sentence is a statement: "Who let the dogs out?"
FALSE
24. The following sentence is a statement: "Text me if you have trouble downloading the file."
FALSE
25. The following sentence is a statement: "I'd rather be in Philadelphia."
TRUE
26. Every argument consists of at least two statements.
TRUE
27. The following passage contains an ought imperative: "Do not drive while taking this medication. Extreme drowsiness may result."
TRUE
28. The following passage contains an ought imperative: "Put away your books and notes. This is a closed-book exam." (said by a teacher)
FALSE
29. The following sentence is a conditional statement: "If it's past 8:00, then the store is closed."
TRUE

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30. In a conditional statement, the phrase that follows the word "then" is known as the antecedent.
FALSE
31. The following sentence is an argument: "My computer crashed because I spilled coffee on it."
FALSE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #30
32. The following passage contains an argument: "My wife's towel is wet. Therefore, she must have already taken her shower this morning."
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #31
33. The following sentence is an argument: "The dog is barking because the ice cream truck is coming."
FALSE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #32
34. The following sentence is an argument: "Young children should not be permitted to go snowboarding, because it is too dangerous."
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #33
35. The following sentence is an argument: "Flight 336 to Rome will be delayed due to late arrival of the aircraft."
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #34
36. The following sentence is an argument: "Experts in any field learn new things faster than novices do, because their rich, highly accessible background knowledge gives them a greater variety of means for capturing the new ideas." (E. D. Hirsch, Jr., *The Schools We Deserve--And Why We Don't Have Them*)
FALSE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #35
37. The following sentence is an argument: "No money spent on a good book can ever be wasted: somehow, sometime, somewhere that book will be read, if not by you, then by your children or your friends." (Clifton Fadiman, *The Lifetime Reading Plan*)
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #36
38. The following sentence is an argument: "Since the world of tomorrow will be run by the children of today, it is vital that we encourage young people to be concerned about the future and instill in them the idea that they can help shape that future according to their own goals and aspirations." (Howard Ozmon and Samuel Craver, *Philosophical Foundations of Education*)
TRUE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #37
39. The following sentence is an argument: "Washington is nicknamed "The Evergreen State" because it sounds better than "The Incessant Nagging Drizzle State."" (Dave Barry, *Dave Barry's Only Travel Guide You'll Ever Need*)
FALSE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #38
40. The following passage is an illustration rather than an argument: It's false that there are no mountain peaks higher than 6,000 feet east of the Rocky Mountains. Mount Mitchell, for example, in North Carolina, has an elevation of 6,684 feet.
FALSE
Bassham - Chapter 02 #39

41. Never try to discourage thinking for you are sure to succeed. (Bertrand Russell, *Autobiography*)
 A. nonargument; explanation
 B. nonargument; unsupported assertion
C. argument; conclusion: Never try to discourage thinking.
 D. argument; conclusion: You are sure to succeed.
- Bassham - Chapter 02 #41
42. Because Mars is farther from the Sun than is the Earth, its temperatures are considerably lower. (Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*)
 A. nonargument; report
 B. argument; conclusion: Mars is farther from the Sun than is the earth.
C. nonargument; explanation
 D. argument; conclusion: Its temperatures are considerably lower.
- Bassham - Chapter 02 #42
43. If you have a well-established theory which says that change does not occur in the heavenly regions (regions of the sky more distant from the Earth than the moon), you will rightly discount reports of observers on a particular occasion who claim to have observed a new star to appear where there was no star before, or to have observed a comet pass through those regions (as opposed to being a mere sublunary phenomenon). (Richard Swinburne, *Revelation: From Metaphor to Analogy*)
A. nonargument; conditional statement
 B. nonargument; illustration
 C. argument; conclusion: You will rightly discount reports of observers on a particular occasion who claim to have observed a new star to appear where there was no star before, or to have observed a comet pass through those regions (as opposed to being a mere sublunary phenomenon)
 D. nonargument; unsupported assertion.
- Bassham - Chapter 02 #43
44. Official world table tennis championships were first held in 1926 under the auspices of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF; founded in 1926). Women's doubles competition was added in 1929 and women's team competition in 1934. In 1980 the ITTF first sponsored a men's World Cup competition for the top 16 ranking players; it has been held annually since then. ("Sporting Record: Table Tennis," *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 15th ed.)
 A. nonargument; explanation
B. nonargument; report
 C. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 D. argument; conclusion: It has been held annually since then.
- Bassham - Chapter 02 #44
45. I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. (William Tyler Page, "The American's Creed," quoted in *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, 12th ed.)
 A. nonargument; illustration
 B. nonargument; conditional statement
C. nonargument; report
 D. nonargument; unsupported assertion
- Bassham - Chapter 02 #45
46. When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle. (Edmund Burke, "Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents")
 A. nonargument; explanation
 B. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 C. argument; conclusion: Else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle.
D. argument; conclusion: When bad men combine, the good must associate.

47. Although it is high time to deal with agriculture's contribution to water pollution, the damage is very uneven in scope and severity; it tends to occur where farming is extensive and fresh water resources are vulnerable. Thus, blanket regulations would be unwise. (David E. Ervin, "Shaping a Smarter Environmental Policy for Farming")
A. argument; conclusion: Blanket regulations would be unwise.
 B. argument; conclusion: It tends to occur where farming is extensive and fresh water resources are vulnerable.
 C. nonargument; illustration
 D. nonargument; explanation
- Bassham - Chapter 02 #47
48. Since 1950, almost every top publishing house in the United States has been issuing books that its editors know to be occult garbage. Why? The answer is obvious. Like worthless diet books, they make lots of money. (Martin Gardner, *The New Age: Notes of a Fringe Watcher*)
 A argument; conclusion: Since 1950, almost every top publishing house in the United States has been . issuing books that its editors know to be occult garbage.
B. nonargument; explanation
 C. nonargument; report
 D. argument; conclusion: Like worthless diet books, they make lots of money.
- Bassham - Chapter 02 #48
49. This is for the lady who says she wants to vote for the opposite person who is not supported by pharmaceutical companies. Republicans support big business. Pharmaceutical companies are very, very big business. You want to vote against them? Vote Democratic. (From a newspaper call-in column)
 A. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 B. argument; conclusion: Republicans support big business.
C argument; conclusion: If you want to vote against candidates who are not supported by the . pharmaceutical companies, vote Democratic.
 D. argument; conclusion: Pharmaceutical companies are very, very big business.
- Bassham - Chapter 02 #49
50. About a century and a half ago Matthew Arnold found in the withdrawing ocean tide a metaphor for the retreat of religious faith, and heard in the water's sound "the note of sadness." It would be wonderful to find in the laws of nature a plan prepared by a concerned creator in which human beings played some special role. I find sadness in doubting that we will. (Steven Weinberg, *Dreams of a Final Theory*)
A. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 B. argument; conclusion: I find sadness in doubting that we will.
 C argument; conclusion: It would be wonderful to find in the laws of nature a plan prepared by a . concerned creator in which human beings played some special role.
 D. nonargument; explanation
- Bassham - Chapter 02 #50
51. Life can throw us some curves at times that are not always easy to handle. We can often feel lost, uncertain and upset. With so much to do and think about, we may become confused; not sure how to feel or what to do with our feelings. A natural reaction to stress, disappointment and losses in our lives is to feel down. But it's important to know that when these feelings are severe or continue for a long time, you may be experiencing depression--a disorder that requires professional help. (First Priority Health Brochure)
 A. argument; conclusion: Life can throw us some curves at times that are not always easy to handle.
B. nonargument; report or unsupported assertion
 C argument; conclusion: But it's important to know that when these feelings are severe or continue for . a long time, you may be experiencing depression--a disorder that requires professional help.
 D. nonargument; illustration

52. Dictators win the loyalty of their people because people are anxious to have someone and something in which to believe and to whom they can give loyalty. (Peter J. Gomes, *The Good Book*)
A. nonargument; report
B. argument; conclusion: Dictators win the loyalty of their people.
C. nonargument; unsupported assertion
D. nonargument; explanation

Bassham - Chapter 02 #52

53. In a thoroughly naturalistic universe, it would be hard to see how any of our gestures toward meaning could be efficacious in any way at all. For this reason, the debate about the existence of God is never just an intellectual controversy. (Tom Morris, *Philosophy for Dummies*)
A. argument; conclusion: In a thoroughly naturalistic universe, it would be hard to see how any of our gestures toward meaning could be efficacious in any way at all.
B. nonargument; explanation
C. argument; conclusion: The debate about the existence of God is never just an intellectual controversy.
D. nonargument; conditional statement

Bassham - Chapter 02 #53

54. This is for the person who wrote in the SAYSO column that George Bush is a breath of fresh air. I think he is an airhead. (From a newspaper call-in column)
A. nonargument; unsupported assertion
B. nonargument; explanation
C. nonargument; report
D. argument; conclusion: I think he is an airhead.

Bassham - Chapter 02 #54

55. To make sense of complex issues, you need to have thought critically and reasoned analytically about them, before reaching a well-supported conclusion. (John Chaffee, *The Thinker's Way*)
A. argument; conclusion: You need to have thought critically and reasoned analytically about them.
B. argument; conclusion: Before reaching a well-supported conclusion.
C. nonargument; unsupported assertion
D. nonargument; explanation

Bassham - Chapter 02 #55

56. We have five fingers because we are descended from a Devonian fish that had five phalanges or bones in its fins. (Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*)
A. nonargument; unsupported assertion
B. argument; conclusion: We have five fingers.
C. nonargument; explanation
D. argument; conclusion: We are descended from a Devonian fish that had five phalanges or bones in its fins.

Bassham - Chapter 02 #56

57. There can be no defense of eating flesh in terms of satisfying nutritional needs, since it has been established beyond doubt that we could satisfy our need for protein and other essential nutrients far more efficiently with a diet that replaced animal flesh by soy beans, or products derived from soy beans, and other high-protein vegetable products. (Peter Singer, *Animal Liberation*)
A. nonargument; explanation
B. argument; conclusion: It has been established beyond doubt that we could satisfy our need for protein and other essential nutrients far more efficiently with a diet that replaced animal flesh by soy beans, or products derived from soy beans, and other high-protein vegetable products.
C. argument; conclusion: There can be no defense of eating flesh in terms of satisfying nutritional needs.
D. nonargument; unsupported assertion

Bassham - Chapter 02 #57

58. If moms would stay home and be moms the way they're supposed to be instead of trying to act like men, we wouldn't have the trouble we're having with our children today. (From a newspaper call-in column)
A. argument; conclusion: Moms should stay home and be moms the way they're supposed to be instead of trying to act like men.
 B. nonargument; conditional statement
 C. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 D. argument; conclusion: We wouldn't have the trouble we're having with our children today.
59. Astrology is having a resurgence not only because of mystical trends that ebb and flow over the years, but also because of the superabundance of astrological material easily accessible everywhere. (J.V. Stewart, *Astrology: What's Really in the Stars?*)
 A. nonargument; report
 B. argument; conclusion: There is a superabundance of astrological material everywhere.
 C. argument; conclusion: Astrology is having a resurgence.
D. nonargument; explanation
60. Be not afraid because some time thou must cease to live, but fear to have begun truly to live. (Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*)
 A. nonargument; explanation
B. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 C. argument; conclusion: Fear to have begun truly to live.
 D. argument; conclusion: Be not afraid because some time thou must cease to live.
61. Simple distinctions come all too easily. Frequently we open the way for later puzzlement by restricting the options we take to be available. So, for example, in contrasting science and religion, we often operate with a simple pair of categories. On one side there is science, proof, and certainty; on the other, religion, conjecture, and faith. (Philip Kitcher, *Abusing Science: The Case Against Creationism*)
 A. nonargument; conditional statement
 B. argument; conclusion: For example, in contrasting science and religion, we often operate with a simple pair of categories.
 C. argument; conclusion: Simple distinctions come all too easily.
D. nonargument; illustration
62. [H]e that makes use of the light and faculties God has given him and seeks sincerely to discover truths by those helps and abilities he has, may have this satisfaction in doing his duty as a rational creature, that, though he should miss truth, he will not miss the reward of it. For he governs his assent right, and places it as he should, who, in any case or matter whatsoever, believes or disbelieves, according as his reason directs him. (John Locke, *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*)
 A. nonargument; conditional statement
 B. nonargument; unsupported assertion
 C. nonargument; explanation
D. argument; conclusion: He that makes use of the light and faculties God has given him and seeks sincerely to discover truths by those helps and abilities he has, may have this satisfaction in doing his duty as a rational creature, that, though he should miss truth, he will not miss the reward of it.

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Bassham - Chapter 02 #59

Bassham - Chapter 02 #60

Bassham - Chapter 02 #61

Bassham - Chapter 02 #62

63. [W]ithout really knowing it, many students inwardly believe that it is possible to acquire knowledge without thought, that it is possible to read without exerting any intellectual energy, and that good writing is not a product of practice and hard work but of a talent one is born with. As a result, they are not inclined to take any responsibility for their own learning or to put any effort into learning new modes of thinking. (Foundation for Critical Thinking, *Critical Thinking: Basic Theory and Instructional Structures*)

A. nonargument; explanation

B argument; conclusion: They are not inclined to take any responsibility for their own learning or to . put any effort into learning new modes of thinking.

C. nonargument; report

D. nonargument; unsupported assertion

Bassham - Chapter 02 #63

64. We do not choose to be born. We do not choose our parents. We do not choose our historical epoch, the country of our birth, or the immediate circumstances of our upbringing. We do not, most of us, choose to die, nor do we choose the time or conditions of our death. But within all this realm of choicelessness, we do choose how we shall live: courageously or in cowardice, honorably or dishonorably, with purpose or in drift. (Joseph Epstein, *Ambition: The Secret Passion*)

Aargument; conclusion: Within all this realm of choicelessness, we do choose how we shall live: . courageously or in cowardice, honorably or dishonorably, with purpose or in drift.

B. nonargument; explanation

C. nonargument; unsupported assertion

D. nonargument; conditional statement

Bassham - Chapter 02 #64

65. I would like to voice my opinion on what pet shops should sell. Cats, dogs, birds, fish are OK, but rodents, reptiles should not be caged and should remain in their own environment. I think that they should do something to stop them from profiting on these creatures. (From a newspaper call-in column)

A. nonargument; explanation

B. argument; conclusion: They should do something to stop them from profiting on these creatures.

C. nonargument; unsupported assertion

D argument; conclusion: Cats, dogs, birds, fish are OK, but rodents, reptiles should not be caged and . should remain in their own environment.

Bassham - Chapter 02 #65

66. The heavily cratered lunar highlands speak to us of an early epoch in the history of the solar system when cratering was much more common than it is today; the present population of interplanetary debris fails by a large factor to account for the abundance of the highland craters. (Carl Sagan, *Broca's Brain: Reflections on the Romance of Science*)

Aargument; conclusion: The heavily cratered lunar highlands speak to us of an early epoch in the . history of the solar system when cratering was much more common than it is today.

B argument; conclusion: The present population of interplanetary debris fails by a large factor to . account for the abundance of the highland craters.

C. nonargument; report

D. nonargument; explanation

Bassham - Chapter 02 #66

67. Let's get this straight now. Guns, evil. Abortion, good. Restrictions on gun ownership. Federal protection of abortion clinics and abortionists. Register your guns, but you don't have to tell your parents or the father you're having an abortion. A relative handful of kids tragically get killed because a few people went beserk or played with their daddy's gun; but thousands of kids are killed every year by abortion. Guns evil? Abortion good? There is something really, really wrong going on here. (From a newspaper call-in column)

A. nonargument; unsupported assertion

B. nonargument; conditional statement

C. argument; conclusion: Guns are good and abortion is evil.

D. argument; conclusion; There is something really, really wrong here.

Bassham - Chapter 02 #67

68. It is very easy for Pope John Paul II to urge Catholics to attend Sunday mass, especially in Rome, where one can be surrounded by hundreds of priests. Out here in the real world there is a serious shortage of male priests; those who remain increasingly preside over lackluster liturgies. This situation could be alleviated by allowing married priests into active ministry and by the Catholic Church's recognition of female priests. (Mary Louise Hartman, Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*)
 A. nonargument; report
B. argument; conclusion: The Catholic Church should recognize female priests and allow married priests into active ministry.
 C. nonargument; explanation
 D. nonargument; unsupported assertion
69. I worry that to promote science as all fun and larky and easy is to store up trouble for the future. Real science can be hard (well, challenging to give it a more positive spin) but, like classical literature or playing the violin, worth the struggle. If children are lured into science, or any other worthwhile occupation, by the promise of easy fun, what are they going to do when they finally have to confront the reality? (Richard Dawkins, *Unweaving the Rainbow: Science, Delusion, and the Appetite for Wonder*)
 A. argument; conclusion: Real science can be hard, but is worth the struggle.
 B. nonargument; explanation
C. argument; conclusion: By promoting science as all fun and larky and easy we may be storing up trouble for the future.
 D. nonargument; report
70. We can acquire a more profound understanding of events by recognizing their significance in Christ; thus the crossing of the Red Sea is a sign or type of Christ's victory and also of Christian baptism. (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*)
 A. argument; conclusion: We can acquire a more profound understanding of events by recognizing their significance in Christ.
 B. argument; conclusion: The crossing of the Red Sea is a sign or type of Christ's victory and also of Christian baptism.
C. nonargument; illustration
 D. nonargument; explanation
71. Do not look directly at the sun. Its ultraviolet (UV) and infrared radiation can be catastrophic—it can literally burn a hole in your retina, leading to blindness. (David H. Levy, "Look for the Solar Eclipse")
A. argument
 B. explanation
 C. conditional statement
 D. report
 E. unsupported assertion
72. If you accept the literal truth of every word of the Bible, then the Earth must be flat. (Carl Sagan, *The Demon-Haunted World*)
A. conditional statement
 B. illustration
 C. explanation
 D. unsupported assertion
 E. argument

Bassham - Chapter 02 #68

Bassham - Chapter 02 #69

Bassham - Chapter 02 #70

Bassham - Chapter 02 #71

Bassham - Chapter 02 #72

73. I don't think that Americans have the right to fly other countries' flags, I really don't. If this isn't illegal, it should be. If they want to fly another flag, let them go to live in that country. It offends me very, very much. (From a newspaper call-in column)
- A. illustration
 - B. explanation
 - C. argument
 - D. unsupported assertion**
 - E. report

Bassham - Chapter 02 #73

74. A good deal of conduct that is ethically immoral is not criminal. For example, there are many situations where one has a moral duty to save another's life where it can be done with little danger or inconvenience or expense, but failure to take action to do so is not usually criminal. (Wayne R. LaFave and Austin W. Scott, *Handbook on Criminal Law*)
- A. illustration**
 - B. report
 - C. argument
 - D. unsupported assertion
 - E. conditional statement

Bassham - Chapter 02 #74

75. If miracles are not possible, then they cannot be actual. (Peter Kreeft and Ronald K. Tacelli, *Handbook of Christian Apologetics*)
- A. report
 - B. unsupported assertion
 - C. argument
 - D. explanation
 - E. conditional statement**

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76. Cells are the smallest independent units of life, and all life as we know it depends on the many chemical activities of cells. Some of the basic functions of cells are growth, metabolism, irritability, and reproduction. Cells vary in size from a sperm, which is about 5 micrometers (five-millionths of a meter) long, to a nerve cell with thin fibers that may be more than a meter long. (Robert Carola, John P. Harley, and Charles R. Noback, *Human Anatomy and Physiology*, 2nd ed.)
- A. unsupported assertion
 - B. argument
 - C. report**
 - D. illustration
 - E. explanation

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77. The tropics on both sides of the equator get more heat because the sun's rays strike them directly from the middle of the sky. (Al Gore, *Earth in the Balance*)
- A. report
 - B. argument
 - C. conditional statement
 - D. illustration
 - E. explanation**

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78. Science provides only empirical explanations of how nature works. It provides no basis for a moral code and therefore poses no threat to Christianity. (Jay F. Storz, Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*)
- A. unsupported assertion
 - B. argument**
 - C. report
 - D. conditional statement
 - E. explanation

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79. According to Plato, the very essence of time is change but the very essence of knowledge is unchanging. What is true is always true. Therefore, whatever is relative and always changing cannot be true. (Douglas J. Soccio, *Archetypes of Wisdom: An Introduction to Philosophy*, 3rd ed.)
A. report
B. unsupported assertion
C. argument
D. explanation
E. conditional statement
80. In part because of his scientific accomplishments, at least dimly grasped by the public; in part because of his courageous positions on social issues; and in part because of his benign personality, Einstein was admired and revered throughout the world. (Carl Sagan, *Broca's Brain*)
A. report
B. illustration
C. argument
D. explanation
E. unsupported assertion
81. If elections are to be a means of popular control over public policy, voters must be reasonably well informed about policy issues and must hold opinions about them. (Thomas R. Dye and Harmon Ziegler, *The Irony of Democracy: An Uncommon Introduction to American Politics*, 8th ed.)
A. argument
B. conditional statement
C. unsupported assertion
D. explanation
E. report
82. Mahatma Gandhi walked barefoot everywhere, to the point that his feet became quite thick and hard. He also was quite a spiritual person. Even when not on a hunger strike, he did not eat much and became quite thin and frail. Furthermore, due to his diet, he ended up with very bad breath. Therefore, he came to be known as a "super callused fragile mystic plagued with halitosis." (Internet joke)
A. argument
B. explanation
C. report
D. unsupported assertion
E. illustration
83. Large-scale reductions in class size will likely lower the average quality of teachers: first, because to hire additional teachers school districts must reach into the lower-quality segment of the teacher pool; and, second, because a given budget will be spread among a higher number of teachers, thereby limiting potential increases in teacher salaries. (Jane Hannaway and Robert I. Lerman, Letter to the Editor, *The New Republic*)
A. unsupported assertion
B. report
C. conditional statement
D. argument
E. explanation

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84. AARP is greatly feared in Washington, D.C., because of the fierce way it lobbies for issues of concern to senior citizens, such as Social Security, Medicare, and the constitutional right to drive without any clue where the actual road is. (Dave Barry, *Dave Barry Turns 50*)
A. conditional statement
B. argument
C. illustration
D. unsupported assertion
E. explanation
85. Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be. (Thomas á Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*)
A. argument
B. illustration
C. explanation
D. report
E. conditional statement
86. There are many areas where we automatically acknowledge that science is right and our intuitions are wrong when the two are in conflict. Thus, we all believe that the earth is round, even though it looks flat to us. (Barry Singer, "To Believe or Not to Believe")
A. argument
B. explanation
C. report
D. conditional statement
E. illustration
87. All organisms that have ever lived—every animal and plant, every bacteria and all fungi, every creeping thing, and all readers of this book—can look back at their ancestors and make the following proud claim: not a single one of our ancestors died in infancy. They all reached adulthood, and every single one was capable of finding at least one heterosexual partner and of successfully copulating. (Richard Dawkins, *River Out of Eden*)
A. conditional statement
B. report or unsupported assertion
C. argument
D. explanation
E. illustration
88. Besides thinking and writing, most of my effort has involved reading materials new to me. As a consequence, the citations I provide are primarily to sources I have read recently. (Kent Greenawalt, *Law and Objectivity*)
A. unsupported assertion
B. explanation
C. illustration
D. conditional statement
E. argument
89. If personal life is doomed to irreversible destruction, so are all the fruits of human creativity, whether material or spiritual, and it does not matter how long we, or our performances, may last. (Leszek Kolakowski, *Religion*)
A. conditional statement
B. report
C. illustration
D. unsupported assertion
E. argument

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90. Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of. (Benjamin Franklin, *Poor Richard's Almanac*)
A. unsupported assertion
B. argument
C. explanation
D. report
E. illustration
91. Rather than really looking at things, people often skimp, fudge, or fake it—think of the detective who doesn't really want to know who committed the crime, just to collect enough evidence to get a conviction, or the academic who is less concerned to find the cause of racial disharmony than to get a large grant for investigating the matter. (Susan Haack, "A Fallibilist among the Skeptics")
A. illustration
B. argument
C. report
D. conditional statement
E. explanation
92. If we want our children to possess the traits of character we most admire, we need to teach them what those traits are and why they deserve both admiration and allegiance. (William J. Bennett, *The Book of Virtues*)
A. argument
B. explanation
C. report
D. conditional statement
E. unsupported assertion
93. A NATO aircraft bombed the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade because the military command mistakenly believed it was a headquarters for a Yugoslav arms agency. ("NATO Says It Thought Embassy Was Weapons Depot," *New York Times*)
A. explanation
B. conditional statement
C. report
D. unsupported assertion
E. argument
94. Banning sweets from your household doesn't necessarily mean your child will grow up shunning sugary treats. Just the opposite is true, in fact: In a recent study, children who had just eaten a full meal were put in a room with a table piled with sweets. Even though they weren't hungry, children who were not usually allowed to have such treats gorged on the cakes and cookies, says researcher Leann Birch, Ph.D., professor of human development at Pennsylvania State University of Health and Human Development. Meanwhile, those kids whose parents regularly permitted such sweets in moderation hardly touched them. (Laura Flynn McCarthy, "Six Nutrition Rules Even Smart Moms Don't Know")
A. report
B. explanation
C. argument
D. unsupported assertion
E. conditional statement

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95. If the play of the world is produced and directed by an omnipotent and omniscient God, does it not follow that every evil that is perpetuated is God's doing? (Carl Sagan, *Broca's Brain*)
A. illustration
B. report
C. conditional statement
D. argument
E. explanation
96. For six months after Pearl Harbor, nearly everything in the Pacific went Japan's way. Britain's supposedly impregnable colony at Singapore fell easily. American naval garrisons in the Philippines and on Guam and Wake Islands were overwhelmed, and American and Filipino armies were forced to surrender at Bataan and Corregidor in the Philippines. Other Japanese forces steamed southward to menace Australia. Then the tide turned. (John M. Murrin, et. al., *Liberty, Equality, Power: A History of the American People*, 2nd ed.)
A. conditional statement
B. report
C. argument
D. unsupported assertion
E. explanation
97. Medieval painting had presented life as an allegory; the Renaissance preferred realism. The Medieval painters posed their figures frontally, impersonally; the Renaissance developed psychological characterization and the art of portraiture. Medieval painting dealt in stereotypes; the Renaissance concerned itself with individuals. Space in medieval painting was organized in a succession of planes over which the eye traveled as over a series of episodes. The Renaissance created unified space and the simultaneous seeing of the whole. It discovered landscape, created the illusion of distance, and opened up endless vistas upon the physical loveliness of the world. (Joseph Machlis and Kristine Forney, *The Enjoyment of Music: An Introduction to Perceptive Listening*)
A. illustration
B. argument
C. unsupported assertion
D. conditional statement
E. report
98. If science is by definition the search for an intelligible network of natural cause-and-effect relationships, then it cannot admit to the possibility of a supernatural cause influencing the network in any way. (James E. Hutchingson, "Introduction: The Two-Storied Universe," in James E. Hutchingson, ed., *Religion and the Natural Sciences: The Range of Engagement*)
A. conditional statement
B. unsupported assertion
C. argument
D. explanation
E. illustration
99. In early society, because of hunting and war, the life of the male is more violent and dangerous and the death rate of men is higher than that of women. (Will Durant, *Our Oriental Heritage*)
A. report
B. explanation
C. conditional statement
D. unsupported assertion
E. argument

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100. The standard medical research institutions and journals require placebo-controlled trials because they know that sugar pills yield better results than no pills at all. (Melvin Konner, "Faith Healers")
A. explanation
B. report
C. conditional statement
D. argument
E. unsupported assertion

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101. People often express the opinion that specific traits of members of certain groups are responsible for their disadvantaged situation. Thus in South Africa it is common for whites to assert that blacks are not ready for full citizenship because they remain childlike and simple. (William Kornblum, *Sociology in a Changing World*)
A. explanation
B. report
C. illustration
D. argument
E. unsupported assertion

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102. Human life means to me the life of beings for whom the leisured activities of thought, art, literature, conversation are the end, and the preservation and propagation of life merely the means. That is why education seems to me so important: it actualizes the potential for leisure, if you like for amateurishness, which is man's prerogative. (C.S. Lewis, *Rehabilitations and Other Essays*)
A. report
B. explanation
C. argument
D. unsupported assertion
E. conditional statement

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103. The caller says, "Why would I go out in the cold and watch the Veteran's Day Parade when the media lets us watch it from our warm homes? Because they went out into worse than cold for you and me. They went out into war, death, fighting, guns, unspeakable conditions, and yes, while they were cold and wet a lot of times. (From a newspaper call-in column)
A. explanation
B. report
C. conditional statement
D. unsupported assertion
E. argument

Bassham - Chapter 02 #103

104. Because narcotics are highly addictive and potentially harmful, they are usually either regulated by prescription or banned outright. (Robert J. Sternberg, *Pathways to Psychology*)
A. argument
B. unsupported assertion
C. conditional statement
D. explanation
E. illustration

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105. If it be true Christianity to dive with a passionate charity into the darkest recesses of misery and vice, to irrigate every quarter of the earth with the fertilizing stream of an almost boundless benevolence, and to include all the sections of humanity in the circle of an intense and efficacious sympathy; if it be true Christianity to destroy or weaken the barriers which had separated class from class and nation from nation, to free war from its harshest elements, and to make a consciousness of essential equality and of genuine fraternity dominate over all accidental differences; if it be, above all, true Christianity to cultivate a love of truth for its own sake, a spirit of candour and of tolerance towards those with whom we differ—if these be the marks of a true and healthy Christianity, then never since the days of the Apostles has it been so vigorous as at present. (W. E. H. Lecky, *History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe*)

A. report

B. conditional statement

C. argument

D. explanation

E. unsupported assertion

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106. Farmers recognize more than anyone that healthy growing environments define their future. Thus, they always seek better ways to control weeds with the least toxic herbicides available that do not damage crops. (International Food Information Council, "Food Biotechnology and the Environment")

A. report

B. illustration

C. unsupported assertion

D. argument

E. explanation

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107. If I understood all things in the world and were not in charity, what would that help me in the sight of God, who will judge me according to my deeds? (Thomas á Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*)

A. argument

B. unsupported assertion

C. explanation

D. illustration

E. conditional statement

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108. The *California Psychological Inventory* (CPI) was initially developed and first published by Harrison Gough in 1957. Thirty years later Gough revised his inventory by adding several new scales and revamping or eliminating a number of dated, sexist, or difficult to read items. The current version of the CPI contains 462 true-false items designed to measure various facets of the normal personality. It is intended to be used with both adolescents and adults to predict how individuals will behave and react in a variety of interpersonal situations. (Kevin R. Murphy and Charles O. Davidshofer, *Psychological Testing: Principles and Applications*, 4th ed.)

A. illustration

B. report

C. argument

D. explanation

E. unsupported assertion

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109. The minority population of the public schools is growing because the minority population of the United States is growing. (Arthea J. S. Reed and Verna E. Bergemann, *In the Classroom: An Introduction to Education*)
- A. report
 - B. unsupported assertion
 - C. argument
 - D. explanation**
 - E. conditional statement

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110. If we want our children to have a good grasp of science, we need to help teachers, parents, school administrators, and policy-makers understand both evolution and the nature of science. (National Academy of Sciences, *Teaching about Evolution and the Nature of Science*)
- A. conditional statement**
 - B. report
 - C. unsupported assertion
 - D. explanation
 - E. argument

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