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1) 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*)

This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- A) argument
- B) report
- C) conditional statement

- D) explanation
- E) illustration

2) 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*

- A) argument; conclusion: There is a superabundance of astrological material everywhere
- B) nonargument; explanation
- C) argument; conclusion: Astrology is having a

Really in the Stars?)
This statement is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

- resurgence
- D) nonargument; report

3) Be not afraid because some time thou must cease to live, but fear to have begun truly to live. (Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*)

- A) argument; conclusion: Fear to have begun truly to live
- B) nonargument; unsupported assertion
- C) nonargument; explanation

This quote is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

- D) argument; conclusion: Be not afraid because some time thou must cease to live

4) 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) argument
- B) report
- C) illustration

5) 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.

- A) nonargument; conditional statement
- B) argument; conclusion: The debate about the existence of God is never just an intellectual controversy
- C) argument; conclusion: In a thoroughly naturalistic universe, it would be hard to see how any of our gestures

6) "If Aretha had a garden, she would be very proud of it. If Aretha was proud of her garden, she'd throw wonderful parties to show it off. So, if Aretha wanted a garden, she'd throw wonderful parties." These statements exemplify a(n) ____.

- A) illustration
- B) report

This statement exemplifies a(n) ____.

- D) unsupported assertion
- E) explanation

(Tom Morris, *Philosophy for Dummies*)

This passage is made up of a(n) ____ and a(n) ____.

toward meaning could be efficacious in any way at all

- D) nonargument; explanation

- C) chain argument
- D) nonargument
- E) ought imperative

7) 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. 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

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8) 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

- A) explanation
- B) argument
- C) unsupported assertion

9) 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

Locke, *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*)

This passage is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

- B) nonargument; unsupported assertion
- C) nonargument; explanation
- D) nonargument; conditional statement

Moms Don't Know")
This passage is an example of a(n) _____.

- D) report
- E) conditional statement

Konner, "Faith Healers")
This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- A) unsupported

assertion

- B) explanation
- C) report

D) argument
E) conditional
statement

10) 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) argument; conclusion: Else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle
- B) nonargument; explanation
- C) argument; conclusion: When bad men combine, the

This statement is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

good must associate
D) nonargument;
unsupported assertion

11) 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) report
- B) illustration
- C) argument

"A Fallibilist among the Skeptics")
This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

D) explanation
E) conditional
statement

12) In an explanation, the statement that does the explaining is called the explanans.

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

13) The following passage contains an ought

imperative: "Do not drive while taking this medication.
Extreme drowsiness may result."

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

14) 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) nonargument; report
- 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; explanation
- D) argument; conclusion: The heavily cratered lunar

15) 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*)
This passage is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

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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

they make lots of money
C) nonargument; explanation
D) nonargument; report

16) The following sentence is an argument: "The dog is barking because the ice cream truck is coming."

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

17) 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) unsupported assertion
- C) report

18) 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*

- A) nonargument; illustration
- B) nonargument; explanation
- C) argument; conclusion: We can acquire a more profound understanding of events by recognizing their significance in Christ

19) The following sentence is a conditional statement: "If it's past 8:00, then the store will be closed."

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- D) conditional statement
- E) explanation

Church)
This statement is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

- D) argument; conclusion: The crossing of the Red Sea is a sign or type of Christ's victory and also of Christian baptism

20) 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

- A) explanation
- B) unsupported assertion

known as a "super callused fragile mystic plagued with halitosis." (Internet joke) This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

- C) argument
- D) illustration
- E) report

21) 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) argument; conclusion: Dictators win the loyalty of their people
- B) nonargument; unsupported assertion

This statement is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

- C) nonargument; report
- D) nonargument; explanation

22) "A student is considered to have passed a grade if he or she acquires a minimum of 50 percent marks in each subject." In this conditional statement, the part "A student is

- A) consequent
- B) chain argument

considered to have passed a grade" is the _____.

- C) explanandum
- D) explanans
- E) antecedent

23) 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*

- A) unsupported assertion

Uncommon Introduction to American Politics, 8th ed.) This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- B) explanation
- C) argument

D) conditional statement

E) report

24) Because Mars is farther from the Sun than is the Earth, its temperatures are considerably lower. (Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*) This statement is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

A) argument; conclusion: Its temperatures are considerably lower

B) nonargument; report

C) nonargument; explanation

D) argument;
conclusion: Mars is farther from the Sun than is the Earth

25) "Whoever wishes to be healthy eats salads. Salads have lettuce, carrots, and tomatoes. Lettuce, carrots, and tomatoes are easy to grow in the backyard. Hence, whoever wishes to be healthy must grow lettuce, carrots, and tomatoes

in his or her backyard." These statements exemplify a(n) _____.

A) report

B) illustration

C) explanation

D) unsupported assertion

E) chain argument

26) 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.)

This statement is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

A) nonargument; report

B) nonargument; conditional statement

C) nonargument; illustration

D) nonargument;
unsupported assertion

27) 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

A) argument; conclusion: The Catholic Church should recognize female priests and allow married priests into active ministry

B) nonargument; report

28) 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

A) explanation

B) report

C) argument

29) 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,

A) nonargument; conditional statement

B) nonargument; illustration

priests. (Mary Louise Hartman, Letter to the Editor, *New York Times*)
This passage is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

C) nonargument;
unsupported assertion

D) nonargument;
explanation

interpersonal situations. (Kevin R. Murphy and Charles O. Davidshofer, *Psychological Testing: Principles and Applications*, 4th ed.)
This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

D) illustration
E) unsupported
assertion

Abusing Science: The Case Against Creationism)
This passage is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

C) argument;
conclusion: For example,
in contrasting science and

religion, we often operate with a simple pair of categories
D) argument; conclusion: Simple distinctions come all

too easily

30) Because narcotics are highly addictive and potentially harmful, they are usually either regulated by prescription or banned outright. (Robert J. Sternberg, *Pathways to*

Psychology)
This statement is an example of a(n) _____.

- A) conditional statement
- B) argument
- C) illustration

- D) explanation
- E) unsupported assertion

31) 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)
This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

- A) report
- B) unsupported assertion

- C) illustration
- D) argument
- E) explanation

32) According to Plato, the very essence of time is changing 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.)
This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

- A) argument
- B) explanation
- C) conditional statement

- D) unsupported assertion
- E) report

33) 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)

This statement is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

- A) nonargument; unsupported assertion
- B) argument; conclusion: I think he is an airhead
- C) nonargument; report

D) nonargument;
explanation

34) Indicator words provide clues that premises or conclusions are being offered.

- ☐ true
- ☐ false

35) A statement can sometimes be expressed as a phrase or an incomplete clause, rather than as a complete declarative sentence.

- ☐ true
- ☐ false

36) The following sentence is a statement: "Text me if you have trouble downloading the file."

- ☐ true
- ☐ false

37) 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*)
This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- A) explanation
- B) unsupported assertion
- C) argument

D) conditional
statement
E) illustration

38) 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.

- A) nonargument; conditional statement
- B) nonargument; unsupported assertion
- C) argument; conclusion: Guns are good and abortion is evil

39) 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

- A) argument; conclusion: They should do something to stop them from profiting on these creatures
- B) argument; conclusion: Cats, dogs, birds, fish are OK, but rodents, reptiles should not be caged and should remain in their own environment

40) If miracles are not possible, then they cannot be actual. (Peter Kreeft and Ronald K. Tacelli, *Handbook of Christian Apologetics*)

- A) report
- B) explanation
- C) conditional statement

Guns evil? Abortion good?
There is something really, really wrong going on here. (From a newspaper call-in column)
This passage is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

- D) argument; conclusion; There is something really, really wrong here

call-in column)
This passage is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

- C) nonargument; explanation
- D) nonargument; unsupported assertion

This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- D) unsupported assertion
- E) argument

41) 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

42) 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,

- A) nonargument; illustration
- B) argument; conclusion: It tends to occur where farming is extensive and fresh water resources are vulnerable
- C) argument; conclusion: Blanket regulations would

43) 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

- A) report
- B) explanation
- C) conditional statement

44) The following example contains an argument: "My wife's towel is wet. Therefore, she must have already taken a shower this morning."

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

"Shaping a Smarter Environmental Policy for Farming")
This passage is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

be unwise

- D) nonargument; explanation

were cold and wet a lot of times." (From a newspaper call-in column)
This passage is an example of a(n) _____.

D) unsupported assertion

- E) argument

45) The following sentence is an argument: "Washington is nicknamed 'The Evergreen State' because it sounds better than 'The Incessant Nagging Drizzle State.'" (Dave Barry,

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

Dave Barry's Only Travel Guide You'll Ever Need)

46) "The polar ice caps are melting because of global warming." In this statement, the part "The polar ice caps are melting" is the _____.

- A) antecedent
- B) chain argument

- C) consequent
- D) explanans
- E) explanandum

47) Many arguments contain no indicator words at all.

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

48) 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*)

This passage is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

- A) nonargument; report
- 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) argument; conclusion: Real science can be hard, but is worth the struggle

49) 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

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

- A) nonargument; explanation
- 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

will. (Steven Weinberg, *Dreams of a Final Theory*)
This passage is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

- creator in which human beings played some special role
- D) nonargument; unsupported assertion

51) 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

52) Ought imperatives are statements.

☐ true

☐ false

53) 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

- A) illustration
- B) explanation
- C) unsupported assertion

throughout the world. (Carl Sagan, *Broca's Brain*)
This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

- D) argument
- E) report

54) 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.

- A) unsupported assertion
- B) illustration
- C) report

LaFave and Austin W. Scott, *Handbook on Criminal Law*)
This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

- D) argument
- E) conditional statement

55) The following sentence is a statement: "Marijuana should be legalized."

- ☐ true
- ☐ false

56) 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*)

This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- A) unsupported

assertion

- B) report
- C) explanation

- D) conditional statement
- E) argument

57) 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*)

This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

- A) conditional statement
- B) argument
- C) unsupported assertion

- D) report
- E) illustration

58) "Elizabeth II is the reigning queen of England." According to the _____, this statement is an explanation and not an argument.

- A) common-knowledge test
- B) author's intent test

- C) principle of charity test
- D) past-event test

59) "What time is it?" is an example of a statement.

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

60) 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) explanation
- B) report
- C) conditional statement

This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

- D) argument
- E) unsupported assertion

61) A rhetorical question is a sentence that has the grammatical form of a question but is meant to be understood as a statement.

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

62) A single grammatical sentence may be used to express more than one statement.

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

63) An argument is a claim put forward and defended with reasons.

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

64) Every argument consists of at least two statements.

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

65) 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)
This statement exemplifies
a(n) _____.

- A) unsupported assertion
- B) explanation
- C) conditional statement

- D) report
- E) argument

66) "Juno likes chips, and Juno likes soccer. Juno eats chips while watching soccer on television. Juno's favorite soccer team often loses. Hence, Juno's favorite team loses because she likes chips." These statements exemplify a(n) _____.

- A) chain argument
- B) report

C) ought

imperative

D) nonargument

E) illustration

67) 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

- A) nonargument; explanation
- B) argument; conclusion: It has been held annually since then

68) 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

- A) nonargument; explanation
- B) argument; conclusion: There can be no defense of eating flesh in terms of satisfying nutritional needs
- C) 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

69) 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*

- A) conditional statement
- B) argument

Tennis," *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 15th ed.)

This passage is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

- C) nonargument; unsupported assertion
- D) nonargument; report

Singer, *Animal Liberation*)

This statement is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

replaced animal flesh by soy beans, or products derived from soy beans, and other high-protein vegetable products

- D) nonargument; unsupported assertion

Brain)

This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- C) explanation
- D) illustration
- E) report

70) *Since, because, and for* are common premise indicators.

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

71) 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

- A) conditional statement
- B) explanation
- C) unsupported assertion

72) 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) unsupported assertion
- B) explanation
- C) conditional statement

salaries. (Jane Hannaway and Robert I. Lerman, Letter to the Editor, *The New Republic*)
This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

- D) report
- E) argument

This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- D) report
- E) argument

73) 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) explanation
- B) conditional statement
- C) argument

This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

- D) report
- E) unsupported assertion

74) "Myra is often late for appointments because she is lazy." In this statement, the part "she is lazy" is the _____.

- A) chain argument
- B) explanandum

- C) antecedent
- D) explanans
- E) consequent

75) 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) explanation
- B) argument
- C) report

This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- D) unsupported assertion
- E) illustration

76) The following sentence is a statement: "Who let the dogs out?"

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

77) There are two statements in the sentence "Roses are red and violets are blue."

☐ true

☐ false

78) 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.) This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

- A) conditional statement
- B) argument
- C) unsupported assertion

- D) explanation
- E) report

79) 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*)

This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- A) unsupported assertion
- B) argument
- C) illustration

- D) report
- E) conditional statement

80) Premises are statements in an argument offered as evidence or reasons in support of another statement.

- ☐ true
- ☐ false

81) Commands are statements.

82) The following sentence is an argument: "Flight 336 to Rome will be delayed because of a technical problem with the aircraft."

- ☐ true
- ☐ false

83) "That is why," "which shows that," and "accordingly" are common conclusion indicators.

- ☐ true
- ☐ false

84) 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

85) 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

86) The following sentence is a statement: "How unfair!"

- ☐ true
- ☐ false

87) 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

88) 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) illustration
- B) argument
- C) explanation

This statement exemplifies
a(n) _____.

- D) conditional statement
- E) report

89) "Bees need a great amount of energy because their wings beat at a great speed, about 11,400 times per minute!"
In this statement, the part "their wings beat at a great speed,

- A) explanandum
- B) explanans

about 11,400 times per minute" is the _____.

- C) chain argument
- D) antecedent
- E) consequent

90) 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. Huchingson, "Introduction: The Two-Storied Universe," in James E.

- A) conditional statement
- B) argument
- C) explanation

Huchingson, ed., *Religion and the Natural Sciences: The Range of Engagement*)
This passage exemplifies
a(n) _____.

- D) unsupported assertion
- E) illustration

91) 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) unsupported assertion
- B) explanation
- C) argument

This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- D) conditional statement
- E) illustration

92) 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,

- A) conditional statement
- B) unsupported assertion

Teaching about Evolution and the Nature of Science) This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- C) report
- D) argument
- E) explanation

93) "Don't drink soda, Renee! You'll ruin your health!" This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- A) verbal dispute
- B) ought imperative

- C) chain argument
- D) explanandum
- E) explanans

94) If the statement that a passage seeks to prove or explain is a matter of common knowledge, then the passage is

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

probably an explanation rather than an argument.

95) Without 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*

- A) 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
- B) nonargument; report

96) 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) argument; conclusion: We wouldn't have the

Theory and Instructional Structures)

This passage is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

- C) nonargument; explanation
- D) nonargument; unsupported assertion

This statement is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

- trouble we're having with our children today
- D) nonargument; unsupported assertion

⊙ true

98) The conclusion of an argument always occurs at the end of the argument.

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

99) "If you grew up in Los Angeles, you must be friends with all the celebrities." In this conditional statement, the part

- A) explanandum
- B) explanans

"If you grew up in Los Angeles" is the _____.

- C) consequent
- D) antecedent
- E) chain argument

100) 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

- A) argument; conclusion: If you want to vote against candidates who are not supported by the pharmaceutical companies, vote Democratic
- B) nonargument; unsupported assertion
- C) argument; conclusion: Republicans support big

column)
This passage is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

business
D) argument;
conclusion:
Pharmaceutical companies
are very, very big business

101) 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

- A) argument; conclusion: You will rightly discount reports of observers on a particular occasion who claim to

phenomenon). (Richard Swinburne, *Revelation: From Metaphor to Analogy*)
This statement is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

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)

- B) nonargument; unsupported assertion
- C) nonargument; conditional statement

D) nonargument;
illustration

102) All statements are sentences and all sentences are statements.

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

103) 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

- A) report
- B) explanation
- C) argument

Charles R. Noback,
Human Anatomy and Physiology, 2nd ed.)
This passage exemplifies
a(n) _____.

D) illustration
E) unsupported
assertion

104) 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

- A) nonargument; report or unsupported assertion
- B) nonargument; illustration
- C) argument; conclusion: Life can throw us some curves at times that are not always easy to handle

be experiencing depression
—a disorder that requires
professional help. (First
Priority Health Brochure)
This passage is made up of
a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

D) 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

105) 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

- A) illustration
- B) unsupported assertion
- C) argument

106) In a conditional statement, the part that follows the word "then" is known as the antecedent.

- ☐ true
- ☐ false

107) 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) argument
- C) report or unsupported assertion

road is. (Dave Barry, *Dave Barry Turns 50*)

This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

- D) conditional statement
- E) explanation

This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

- D) illustration
- E) explanation

108) Never try to

discourage thinking, for you are sure to succeed. (Bertrand Russell, *Autobiography*)

- A) nonargument; explanation
- B) argument; conclusion: You are sure to succeed
- C) nonargument; unsupported assertion

109) The following passage is an example of an argument:
"If Senator Brooks is only thirty years old, then he's not

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

110) "Olivia developed arthritis in her early thirties because she never drank milk or played in the sunshine as a child."
According to the _____, this statement is an explanation and not an argument.

- A) past-event test
- B) author's intent test
- C) common-knowledge test

111) The following sentence is an argument: "My computer crashed because I spilled coffee on it."

- Ⓐ true
- Ⓑ false

This quote is made up of
a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

D) argument;
conclusion: Never try to
discourage thinking

eligible to be president of
the United States."

D) principle of
charity test

112) 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

- A) nonargument; unsupported assertion
- B) nonargument; explanation
- C) nonargument; conditional statement
- D) argument; conclusion: Within all this realm of choicelessness, we do choose how we shall live: courageously

113) 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*

- A) argument
- B) explanation
- C) unsupported assertion

114) The following sentence is a statement: "I'd rather be in Philadelphia."

- ☐ true
- ☐ false

115) 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

- A) report
- B) illustration

in drift. (Joseph Epstein, *Ambition: The Secret Passion*)

This passage is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

or in cowardice, honorably or dishonorably, with purpose or in drift

Oriental Heritage)

This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- D) conditional statement
- E) report

Environment")

This passage exemplifies a(n) _____.

- C) explanation

- D) unsupported assertion
- E) argument

116) We have five fingers because we have descended from a Devonian fish that had five phalanges or bones in its fins. (Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*)

- A) nonargument; explanation
- B) argument; conclusion: We have five fingers
- C) nonargument; unsupported assertion
- D) argument; conclusion: We have descended from a

This statement is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

Devonian fish that had five phalanges or bones in its fins

117) 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,

- A) illustration
- B) conditional statement

"To Believe or Not to Believe")

This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- C) argument
- D) report
- E) explanation

118) 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) nonargument; unsupported assertion
- C) nonargument; explanation

This statement is made up of a(n) _____ and a(n) _____.

D) argument; conclusion: Before reaching a well-supported conclusion

119) 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*

- A) illustration

Imitation of Christ)

This statement exemplifies a(n) _____.

- B) explanation
- C) conditional

statement

D) argument

E) unsupported
assertion

120) 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*)

This passage exemplifies
a(n) _____.

A) report

B) argument

C) unsupported assertion

D) conditional
statement

E) explanation

121) The following sentence is an argument: "Young children should not be permitted to go snowboarding because it is too dangerous."

Ⓐ true

Ⓑ false

Answer Key

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Test name: Critical Thinking: A Student's

- 1) A
- 2) B
- 3) B
- 4) C
- 5) B
- 6) C
- 7) A
- 8) B
- 9) B
- 10) C
- 11) B
- 12) TRUE
- 13) FALSE
- 14) D
- 15) C
- 16) FALSE
- 17) A
- 18) A

- 19) TRUE
- 20) A
- 21) D
- 22) A
- 23) D
- 24) C
- 25) E
- 26) A
- 27) A
- 28) B
- 29) B
- 30) D
- 31) B
- 32) E
- 33) A
- 34) TRUE
- 35) TRUE
- 36) FALSE
- 37) A
- 38) D
- 39) D

- 40) C
- 41) FALSE
- 42) C
- 43) E
- 44) TRUE
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- 48) C
- 49) FALSE
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- 114) TRUE
- 115) C
- 116) A
- 117) A
- 118) B
- 119) D
- 120) B
- 121) TRUE