

Note : No Test bank for Chapter 1

Chapter 2

Recognizing Arguments

MULTIPLE CHOICE

INSTRUCTIONS: Determine how many claims are expressed in each of the following passages.

1. The people of Haiti have been in crisis since the earthquake on January 12.

a. 0
b. 1
c. 2
d. 3

ANS: B PTS: 1 NOT: temporal "since"

2. What time does the Super Bowl begin?

a. 0
b. 1
c. 2
d. 3

ANS: A PTS: 1 NOT: question

3. An enormous ash cloud from a remote Icelandic volcano caused flight disruptions last weekend. The flights were disrupted because small particles from the ash could cause engine failure.

a. 0
b. 1
c. 2
d. 3

ANS: C PTS: 1 NOT: repeated claim

4. If the flood victims in Australia don't get international assistance soon, many more people will die.

a. 0
b. 1
c. 2
d. 3

ANS: B PTS: 1 NOT: conditional

5. The Roadrunners are the best team in our region, and they are playing against the Bulldogs tonight.

a. 0
b. 1
c. 2
d. 3

ANS: C PTS: 1 NOT: conjunction

6. Either the game tonight is a home game or the next one is a home game.

a. 0
b. 1
c. 2
d. 3

ANS: B PTS: 1 NOT: disjunction

7. I hope that the H1N1 flu vaccine will prevent a major outbreak of the disease this season.

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

ANS: B PTS: 1

8. Either banks are too cautious about lending to small businesses or the Federal Reserve is keeping money from the banks.

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

ANS: B PTS: 1 NOT: disjunction

9. Be wary of strangers on the Internet.

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

ANS: A PTS: 1 NOT: command

10. Roger never ate unless he was hungry, and he seldom is hungry.

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2
- d. 3

ANS: C PTS: 1 NOT: conditional and conjunction

INSTRUCTIONS: Determine whether the following passages are arguments, explanations, or neither arguments nor explanations.

11. We should hire a new member for our department because our workload has significantly increased in the past three months, and the existing staff cannot keep up.

- a. Argument
- b. Explanation
- c. Neither an argument nor an explanation

ANS: A PTS: 1 NOT: 2 premises (argument)

12. Mark is the newest member of the requisitions department. The requisitions department oversees the purchasing of all goods, services, and capital equipment for the entire company.

- a. Argument
- b. Explanation
- c. Neither an argument nor an explanation

ANS: C PTS: 1 NOT: two claims (neither)

13. Mark was late to work today because he overslept.

- a. Argument
- b. Explanation
- c. Neither an argument nor an explanation

ANS: B PTS: 1 NOT: explanation

14. Mark has been late to work every day since he started working in our department.

- a. Argument
- b. Explanation

c. Neither an argument nor an explanation

ANS: C PTS: 1 NOT: temporal since (neither)

15. The cost of home computers has dropped because production costs are lower.
- a. Argument
 - b. Explanation
 - c. Neither an argument nor an explanation

ANS: B PTS: 1 NOT: explanation

16. Students should major in economics; they will be in great demand when the economy recovers.
- a. Argument
 - b. Explanation
 - c. Neither an argument nor an explanation

ANS: A PTS: 1 NOT: no inference indicator (argument)

17. The reason that some dinosaurs had feathers is that they were an effective way of retaining body heat.
- a. Argument
 - b. Explanation
 - c. Neither an argument nor an explanation

ANS: B PTS: 1 NOT: No "because" (explanation)

18. Either you are planning to vote in the fall election or you don't really want to improve the politics of the local community.
- a. Argument
 - b. Explanation
 - c. Neither an argument nor an explanation

ANS: C PTS: 1 NOT: disjunction (neither)

19. If you have high fevers, shaking chills, flu-like symptoms and anemia, then you may have malaria.
- a. Argument
 - b. Explanation
 - c. Neither an argument nor an explanation

ANS: C PTS: 1 NOT: conditional (neither)

20. Capital punishment is appropriate in cases of first-degree murder given that the killer has deprived an innocent victim of his or her life.
- a. Argument
 - b. Explanation
 - c. Neither an argument nor an explanation

ANS: A PTS: 1 NOT: argument