

Chapter 2: Obstacles to Critical Thinking

Test Bank

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 01

1. When we decide to accept a claim solely on the grounds that it advances, or coincides with, our interests, we are guilty of...
- a. Group-centered thinking
 - b. Biased thinking
 - c. Prejudicial thinking
 - *d. Self-centered thinking

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 02

2. The tendency to give more credence to a statement if it comes from a friend is called...
- *a. Homophily
 - b. Illusion-of-truth effect
 - c. Mere exposure effect
 - d. Dunning-Kruger effect

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 03

3. A guideline that is *not* likely to help you escape self-interested thinking is...
- a. Watch out when things get personal
 - *b. Tell people what they want to hear
 - c. Be alert to ways that critical thinking can be undermined
 - d. Ensure that nothing has been left out

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 04

4. Appealing to popularity and stereotyping are both forms of...
- *a. Group-centered thinking
 - b. Biased thinking
 - c. Prejudicial thinking
 - d. Self-centered thinking

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 05

5. The urge to distort your thinking to save face is...
- *a. A sign of self-interested thinking
 - b. Abnormal
 - c. Useful in deciding an issue
 - d. The beginning of wisdom

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 06

6. A common flaw in reasoning is the failure to consider evidence or arguments that...
- *a. Do not support preferred claims or positions
 - b. Support preferred evidence or arguments
 - c. Are familiar or predictable
 - d. We have held previously

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 07

7. Classifying individuals into groups according to oversimplified or prejudiced attitudes or opinions is known as...

- a. Appeal to common practice
- b. Appeal to tradition
- c. Peer pressure
- *d. Stereotyping

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 08

8. Subjective relativism is the idea that...

- a. Truth is relative to societies
- *b. Truth depends on what someone believes
- c. There is a way the world is
- d. Some objective truths are about our subjective states

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 09

9. Self-interested thinking can leave you vulnerable to...

- a. Well-established claims
- b. Self-examination and self-denial
- *c. Propaganda and manipulation
- d. The needs of others

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 10

10. Category 1 obstacles to critical thinking include...

- a. Reasons and explanations
- b. Beliefs and claims
- *c. Fears, attitudes, and motivations
- d. Friends and relatives

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 11

11. Self-interest alone...

- *a. Cannot establish the truth of a claim
- b. Cannot be controlled
- c. Cannot affect our thinking
- d. Cannot affect our motivations and desires

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 12

12. You are most likely to let your self-interest get in the way of clear thinking when you...

- a. Are indifferent to your circumstances
- *b. Have a personal stake in the conclusions you reach
- c. Have no commitments
- d. Try to control your emotions

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 13

13. The sign of a maturing intellect is having the will and the courage to gradually prune beliefs that are...

- a. Uncomfortable
- *b. Groundless
- c. Approved of by our group
- d. Unnecessary

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 14

14. Common sense shows that. . .
- a. Believing something to be true leads to error
 - *b. Believing that something is true does not make it true
 - c. Your believing that something is true makes it true
 - d. A belief that a proposition is false is usually correct

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 15

15. According to social relativism, the beliefs of a society...
- a. Cannot be true
 - b. Cannot be false
 - *c. Cannot be mistaken
 - d. Can be mistaken

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 16

16. Believing a proposition without good reasons is...
- a. A sign of strong emotions
 - b. A recipe for finding inductive truths
 - *c. A recipe for incorrect conclusions
 - d. Rational

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 17

17. Group pressure generally does not help you to...
- *a. Proportion your belief to the strength of reasons
 - b. Proportion your belief to the strength of group influence
 - c. Reject claims endorsed by groups
 - d. Accept only claims endorsed by preferred groups

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 18

18. Category 2 obstacles to critical thinking include...
- a. Skepticism, emotion, and group thinking
 - *b. Subjective relativism, social relativism, and skepticism
 - c. Psychological factors
 - d. Subjective relativism, social relativism, and egoism

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 19

19. The phenomenon of being ignorant of how ignorant we are is known as...
- a. Homophily
 - b. Illusion-of-truth effect
 - c. Mere exposure effect
 - *d. Dunning-Kruger effect

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 20

20. A set of fundamental ideas that helps us make sense of a wide range of important issues in life is known as a(n)...
- a. Prejudice
 - b. Conceptual scheme
 - c. Philosophy

*d. Worldview

Type: essay/short answer question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 01

1. Are you a social relativist? Why or why not?

Type: essay/short answer question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 02

2. How might a critical thinker counteract the phenomenon of confirmation bias?

Type: essay/short answer question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 03

3. What is the appeal to popularity and how can it adversely affect critical thinking?

Type: essay/short answer question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 04

4. Do you accept the idea that it is immoral to believe claims without good evidence? Why or why not?

Type: essay/short answer question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 05

5. From a critical thinking perspective, what's wrong with relying only on news sources that reinforce your existing political beliefs?