

Analyzing Reasoning

Instructions:

- a) Circle every inference indicator. Supply and circle any inference indicator word that is omitted but clearly suggested by the content of the discourse. (*Suggestion: use pencil.*)
- b) Supply any omitted final conclusion(s) and conclusion indicator word(s).
- c) Underline the final conclusion.

1. No one put a gun to anyone's head to make the person smoke cigarettes, and selling tobacco is legal. Therefore, tobacco companies should not be required to compensate state governments for the extra medical expenses they incur caring for smokers.
2. I have to set my hair in the morning because if I set it in the evening, it's dirty by morning.
3. Because your front brakes are the leading brakes, and also steer as well as brake, the front shoes wear out much faster than the rear shoes.
4. You may have heard about submerging pots in the sink or tub. This is good occasionally because you're sure the pot is watered through and through, and at the same time you've washed out some excess fertilizer salts which might have built up.
5. The fact that any individual's scientific activities are socially conditioned entails that science cannot achieve objectivity.
6. A manager is usually broadly trained, and thus the skills developed in one organization are frequently transferable to another.
7. The positive terminal of the battery attracts electrons just as much as the negative side of the battery repels electrons. Therefore, the motion of free electrons in the circuit starts at the same time at the same speed in all parts of the circuit.
8. The splitting of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking, and thus we drift towards unparalleled catastrophe.
9. Don't chew ice. Sooner or later, you'll crack a tooth.
10. It is wise not to buy anything new. New items cost more and usually have "bugs" in them.

11. As the denial or perversion of justice by the sentences of the courts, as well as in any other matter, is with reason classes among the just causes of war, it will follow that the federal judiciary ought to have cognizance of all causes in which citizens of other countries are concerned.
12. Hugging is good medicine.... It transfers energy and gives the hugged person an emotional boost.
13. That mosquitoes do some good after all may come as a surprise. As carriers of pandemic diseases like malaria and yellow fever, they have probably killed more humans than all the wars in history.
14. Don't leave any cables attached to the VCR at one end only. They can pick up stray signals that cause interference, and you don't want that.
15. Vote on Election Tuesday. It's your duty.
16. Flat tires in Mexico are as inevitable as hangovers after a union hall beer bust, so park on level solid ground whenever you have the chance.
17. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.
18. Since the drive for profits underlies the very existence of business organizations, it follows that a most important function in an accounting system is to provide information about the profitability of a business.
19. Though highly popular at aquariums, dolphins are formidable rivals of fishermen because they consume large quantities of fish.
20. "There's always someone who will if I won't. I never say no if he asks me."
21. Everyone knows that life is not a stable path to the promised land.... Fire can strike our houses. Accidents can destroy our cars. Robbery can leave us without valuable possessions. And many things can cause our premature deaths.
22. Carrying a [destination] sign [when hitchhiking] is a lot like going to college. Even though deep down inside it may not mean a thing, it's a convenient way of explaining to people what you're up to.