

Assumptions

We need to save money for our vacation. We should refrain from eating out once a week.

Normally, we eat out at least once a week.

Explanation The correct answer is assumption made. This is assumed because if we are going to refrain from eating out once a week in order to save money for our vacation then, necessarily, we must normally eat out at least once a week. Therefore, the correct answer is assumption made.

Assumptions

We need to save money for our vacation. We should refrain from eating out once a week.

This vacation will be more expensive than our previous vacation.

The correct answer is assumption not made.

This assumption is not made because the statement is only about saving money for this vacation. No information is provided about how expensive any previous vacation might have been.

Therefore, the correct answer is assumption not made.

Assumptions

"A career at DX Electronics is the best choice—it is the most stable workplace."

In deciding on how to navigate a career, it is fundamental to avoid workplace instability.

Assumption made.

This statement is merely a rephrasing of the original. Its logical meaning is almost identical, except for dropping the company name. Therefore, the assumption can be made.

Assumptions

"A career at DX Electronics is the best choice—it is the most stable workplace."

Workplace stability implies long-term contracts.

Assumption not made.

Long-term contracts are only one possible characteristic of workplace stability. Low dismissal rates, for example, could also be a factor that determines workplace stability. As we cannot take for granted that long-term contracts are the only factor that determines workplace stability, the assumption cannot be made.

Assumptions

We forecast that completion of the development of supercomputers will be followed by a shortage of people who know how to make use of all this computing power.

The number of highly trained employees is declining.

Assumption not made.

Regarding the scenario of the completion of the development of supercomputer, it is expected to be followed by a shortage of highly trained employees. However, the actual assumption is that we probably don't have enough resources to train employees for such a mission. It doesn't imply that the number of highly trained employees for today's mission is deficient or declining.

Assumptions

We forecast that completion of the development of supercomputers will be followed by a shortage of people who know how to make use of all this computing power.

Supercomputers bring about a threat of unemployment.

Assumption not made.

Firstly, this is more a conclusion rather than an assumption. Secondly, although the sentence presents a problem related to the availability of workers, it is not a problem of unemployment, but one of insufficient training.

Assumptions

We are bound to step into a life of moral vagabondage, abandoning longstanding proven traditions. We no longer rely on our inner faith, but instead roam about, searching for the light.

We can't help but forsake longstanding proven traditions.

Assumption is made.

The speaker uses the expression "We are bound..." This expression implies that we have no other option but to do what is specified in the first sentence. This is exactly the proposed assumption—"We can't help but..."

Assumptions

We are bound to step into a life of moral vagabondage, abandoning longstanding proven traditions. We no longer rely on our inner faith, but instead roam about, searching for the light.

We no longer listen to our inner voice and follow important customs like people used to.

Assumption is made.

From both sentences it can be concluded that the speaker assumes that longstanding traditions and listening to our inner voices are both important actions that we no longer perform. These actions, if followed, would enable us to live moral life. Thus, the speaker assumes that we do not listen to these voices, and advocates a return to listening to them. In addition, the use of the terms "vagabondage" and "roaming about" implies the contemporary disoriented moral search of people.

Assumptions

I can help myself lose weight by not eating junk food.

There is junk food to eat.

Explanation

The correct answer is assumption made.

This is assumed in the statement because if not eating junk food can help lose weight there must, necessarily, be junk food that can be eaten.

Therefore, the correct answer is assumption made.

Assumptions

I can help myself lose weight by not eating junk food.

Eating junk food will not help me lose weight.

The correct answer is assumption made.

This is assumed because if I can help myself lose weight by not eating junk food then, necessarily, eating junk food will not help me lose weight.

Therefore, the correct answer is assumption made.

Assumptions

In another ten years, the global population will double and cause an even more severe housing shortage.

There is a housing shortage now.

The correct answer is assumption made.

This is assumed because if there will be an even more severe housing shortage in ten years then, necessarily, there is a less severe housing shortage now.

Therefore, the correct answer is assumption made.

Assumptions

In another ten years, the global population will double and cause an even more severe housing shortage.

The global population now is half of what it will be one decade from now.

The correct answer is assumption made.

This is assumed because if the global population will double in ten years then, necessarily, the global population is now one half of what it will be in one decade.

Therefore, the correct answer is assumption made.

Assumptions

If the upcoming elections are inevitable, we'd better merge with another party now while we still have the advantage.

Upcoming elections are inevitable.

Assumption is not made.

This statement appears in the passage as a condition, which means the author of the text believes that two options are possible: Upcoming elections are indeed inevitable; upcoming elections are avoidable.

The author may think that elections are about to take place, but the second option cannot be ruled out completely.

Assumptions

If the upcoming elections are inevitable, we'd better merge with another party now while we still have the advantage.

If we merge now, it will likely benefit us more than if we merge later.

Assumption is made.

If the passage indicates that it is better for the party to merge now rather than later, it must be based on the assumption that the timing of this move is important, and that making it now rather than later will benefit the party.

Assumptions

I am flying to China next week. I want to be sure to avoid website blocking due to internet censorship policies, so I better ask our IT team to install a satellite-based modem on my laptop.

If I don't install a satellite-based modem, I will have restricted access to the internet.

Assumption is not made.

Indeed, it is more likely that internet access problems will occur, but the speaker does not necessarily assume he or she will definitely have restricted access to the internet, only that he or she might. Thus, the above assumption is not made.

Assumptions

I am flying to China next week. I want to be sure to avoid website blocking due to internet censorship policies, so I better ask our IT team to install a satellite-based modem on my laptop.

Internet censorship is more common in China than it is in my place of residence.

Assumption is made.

If I don't have a satellite-based modem installed on a regular basis, and the goal of installing one is to avoid website blocking, then it is implied that normally, in my place of residence, there are no such problems.

Assumptions

Many rooms in the house need to be cleaned. I will start with the kitchen and you work on the dining room.

The bedroom does not need to be cleaned.

The correct answer is assumption not made.

This assumption is not made because the statement makes no mention of which rooms in the house need, or do not need, cleaning other than the kitchen and dining room.

Therefore, the correct answer is assumption not made.

Assumptions

Many rooms in the house need to be cleaned. I will start with the kitchen and you work on the dining room.

There is at least one other room in the house that needs to be cleaned in addition to the kitchen and dining room.

The correct answer is assumption made.

This is assumed because if many rooms need to be cleaned and I am only starting in the kitchen and you are starting in the dining room then, necessarily, there must be at least one additional room that needs to be cleaned.

Therefore, the correct answer is assumption made.

Assumptions

The only way to succeed in business is to cheat and steal.

All successful businesses cheated and stole.

The correct answer is assumption made.

This is assumed because if the only way to succeed in business is to cheat and steal then, necessarily, any successful business must have cheated and stole.

Therefore, the correct answer is assumption made.

Assumptions

The only way to succeed in business is to cheat and steal.

Any business that did not cheat and steal was, ultimately, not successful.

The correct answer is assumption made.

This is assumed because if the only way to succeed in business is to cheat and steal then, necessarily, any business that does not cheat and steal will not succeed.

Therefore, the correct answer is assumption made.

Assumptions

Organic food is a healthier food alternative.

There are non-organic foods.

The correct answer is assumption made.

This is assumed because if organic food is a healthier food alternative then, necessarily, there must be less healthy, non-organic, food choices.

Therefore, the correct answer is assumption made.

Assumptions

Organic food is a healthier food alternative.

Non-organic food is less healthy than organic food.

The correct answer is assumption made.

This is assumed because if organic food is a healthier food alternative then, necessarily, non-organic food is less healthy than organic food.

Therefore, the correct answer is assumption made.

Assumptions

I don't have any free time to run more errands today. I already have to go to the supermarket, the dry cleaner, and pick up the kids from school.

I would have free time today to run more errands if I did not have to go to the dry cleaner.

The correct answer is assumption made.

This is assumed because if I don't have any free time to run more errands today and one of the reasons is because I have to go to the dry cleaner then, necessarily, if I did not have to go to the dry cleaner I would have free time to run more errands today.

Therefore, the correct answer is assumption made.

Assumptions

I don't have any free time to run more errands today. I already have to go to the supermarket, the dry cleaner, and pick up the kids from school.

I will have free time to run more errands tomorrow.

The correct answer is assumption not made.

This assumption is not assumed because the statement only mentions not having any free time today. No information is provided about having, or not having, any free time to run more errands tomorrow.

Therefore, the correct answer is assumption not made.

Assumptions

Several concepts help define the relationship between development and design.

Design is the following step after development.

Assumption is not made.

Premise: There is a relationship between development and design.

Conclusion: Some concepts can help define that relationship.

In this case the premise and conclusion can make sense on their own, and we must see if the assumption can strengthen the connection between them.

Assumptions

Several concepts help define the relationship between development and design.

Concepts can aid in defining relationships.

Assumption is made.

Premise: There is a relationship between development and design.

Conclusion: Some concepts can help define that relationship.

Let us explain using the negative test: "Concepts **cannot** aid in defining relationships. This assumption contradicts the original statement, therefore, the original assumption is essential for the statement to be true. Hence, the assumption is

Assumptions

Restaurants only hire managers with experience because it reduces the time and money needed to train them, but that reduces the pool of possible applicants.

Completing business school is what makes a good manager.

Assumption is not made.

The assumption does not strengthen the statement. For the statement to be more accurate, a reasonable assumption would be that experience is what helps in making good managers. The statement doesn't mention business school at all.

***Note:** Even if it is common knowledge that business school will most likely help managers gain skills and improve, in this section you must not use common knowledge!

Assumptions

Restaurants only hire managers with experience because it reduces the time and money needed to train them, but that reduces the pool of possible applicants.

Having more options is less important than efficiency in training new employees.

Assumption is made.

Premise: Restaurants only hire managers with experience

Conclusion: It reduces time and costs, but dwindles the pool of possible applicants.

The statement presents a dilemma that restaurants deal with in their hiring process. This assumption helps settle the dilemma and rationalize the choice that the restaurants make.

Negative test: "Having more options available is **more** important than efficiency in training new employees."

Now this statement doesn't make any sense, therefore, we can reach a solid conclusion that the original assumption is

Assumptions

With no investment in education, mankind's future is doomed.

Current education is not good.

Assumption is not made.

Although it is stated that there is a need to invest in education, it cannot be assumed that current education is not already good. It is possible that the speaker noted that investment is needed in general to keep up with the times, and that there is nothing wrong with today's education.

Assumptions

With no investment in education, mankind's future is doomed.

Better education will make people smarter.

Assumption is not made.

This assumption is tricky, but if we remember that we cannot use common knowledge in this section it becomes more apparent. Although it is common knowledge that education improves intelligence, the speaker does not mention intelligence once. The speaker says that an improvement in education is needed for the continuation of mankind. Humanity's survival doesn't seem to be connected to improved intelligence, and this is a leap nonetheless.

Assumptions

Young athletes gain motivation when they see their fellow athletes win medals.

Athletes have won medals as early as their first competitions.

Assumption is not made.

This assumption is not related to the statement. Although the statement mentions young athletes and winning medals, the connection between them is not strengthened by the assumption.

Assumptions

Young athletes gain motivation when they see their fellow athletes win medals.

Athletes seek motivation from their peers.

Assumption is made.

Premise: Athletes win medals.

Conclusion: Young athletes gain motivation from seeing others win.

This assumption connects the premise and the conclusion of the statement. For athletes to gain motivation from seeing other athletes win medals, we must assume that one of the sources of motivation for athletes is their peers.

Negative test: Athletes **do not** seek motivation from their peers. The negative assumption makes the statement invalid. Therefore, the original assumption is necessary.

Assumptions

People should not expect to be upgraded to first-class seats, rather than business, if they are unwilling to pay for it.

Some business seats are not the best.

Assumption is made.

The original statements state that first-class is an upgrade in comparison to business. We can thus assume that there are business seats that are not as good as first-class. I.E., they are not the best.

Assumptions

People should not expect to be upgraded to first-class seats, rather than business, if they are unwilling to pay for it.

People have unrealistic expectations.

Assumption is made.

Premise: First-class is better and costs more than business.

Conclusion: People should not expect to be upgraded if they don't pay.

The hidden assumption is the missing piece of information needed for the speaker's statement to make sense. If people don't have unrealistic expectations, then there would be no reason for anyone to comment that people expect things (being upgraded) despite not having a reason to (not paying).

Assumptions

There is not enough food in the world to eradicate world hunger.

Food consumption is not equal to the need for food.

Assumption is made.

Premise: There is not enough food in the world.

Conclusion: World hunger needs to be eradicated.

This assumption is derived from the statement. If there is not enough food to eradicate world hunger, then there is a clear assumption that the supply of food (consumption) is unequal to the demand (need) of food.

Assumptions

There is not enough food in the world to eradicate world hunger.

People should not expect all food to be tasty.

Assumption is not made.

Although it is a possible assumption from the statement that if there is not enough food, then it is more than reasonable that not all food will taste good. However, that assumption is not connected to the statement directly, and is a leap that we cannot make as the speaker did not mention taste at all.