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1 (考古/论断/大并列小递进) Woven baskets characterized by a particular distinctive pattern have previously been found only in the immediate vicinity of the prehistoric village of Palea and therefore were believed to have been unique to the Palean people. Recently, however, archaeologists discovered such a "Palean" basket in Lithos, an ancient village across the Brim River from Palea. The Brim River is very deep and broad(3), and so the ancient Paleans could only have crossed it by boat(1), but there is no evidence that the Paleans had boats. And boats capable of carrying groups of people and cargo were not developed until thousands of years after the Palean people disappeared. Moreover, Paleans would have had no need to cross the river(5)—the woods around Palea are full of nuts, berries, and small game(4). It follows that these so-called Palean baskets were not unique to Palea(2). ★★★★★33

1. The author fails to consider the possibility that the Paleans may have arrived in Lithos through other means. (I.T) ★★★★★
2. The Palean basket could arrive at other places through many possible methods such as trade, or boats possessed by other culture. (I.T) ★★★★★
3. In Palean times, the Brim River may not be as deep and broad as it is currently. (C→P) ★★
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4. The fact that there are abundant resources currently does not indicate that those resources also existed in Palean times. (C→P) ★★
5. Other reasons other than food shortages may well result in the migration of a culture. (I.E) ★
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3 227, (城市, 社会/提议/并列) The following appeared as an editorial in a local newspaper.

"In order to attract visitors to Central Plaza downtown and to return the plaza to its former glory(5), the city should prohibit skateboarding there and instead allow skateboarders to use an area in Monroe Park(2). At Central Plaza, skateboard users are about the only people one sees now, and litter and defaced property have made the plaza unattractive(1). In a recent survey of downtown merchants(3), the majority supported a prohibition on skateboarding in the plaza. Clearly, banning skateboarding in Central Plaza will make the area a place where people can congregate for fun or for relaxation(4,6)." ★★★★★

1. The author unfairly assumes that it is the presence of skateboarders that result in the current situation of the plaza. (confusing the cause and the effect) ★★★★★
2. There may be some negative impacts of allowing skateboarders to use part of Monroe Park. (adv:disadv) ★★
3. The survey was based only on data from downtown merchants, thus could not be representative of all citizens. (selective sample) ★★★★★
4. The author unfairly assumes that banning skateboarding in Central Plaza would suffice to make the plaza an attractive place. (sufficiency of the solution) ★★★★★
5. The author fails to consider other possible means to regain the plaza's prosperity. (necessity of the solution) ★★
6. Skateboarding may actually be helpful for achieving the city's objective of providing a fun and relaxing place for people to congregate. (adv:disadv) ★★

4 (商业, 地产/建议/对比+并列) The following was posted on an Internet real estate discussion site.

"Of the two leading real estate firms in our town—Adams Realty and Fitch Realty—Adams is clearly superior. Adams has 40 real estate agents. In contrast, Fitch has 25, many of whom work only part-time(1,2,5). Moreover, Adams' revenue last year was twice as high as that of Fitch, and included home sales that averaged \$168,000, compared to Fitch's \$144,000(3,4,6). Homes listed with Adams sell faster as well: ten years ago, I listed my home with Fitch and it took more than four months to sell; last year, when I sold another home, I listed it with Adams, and it took only one month(7). Thus, if you want to sell your home quickly and at a good price, you should use Adams." ★★

1. The author provides no evidence that the quality of a real estate firm is directly proportional to the number of its agents or the number of hours per week that its agents work. (U.C) ★★
2. The author does not provide any information about how many Adams agents work part-time. (ex parte information) ★★
3. Last year's sales result may not be representative. (selective sample) ★★
4. The disparity in sales volume can readily be explained by factors other than the comparative quality of the two firms, such as serving area and location. (NCR) ★★
5. For lack of data concerning the average number of homes sold per agent, we cannot evaluate the actual performance of agents in the two firms. (V.D) ★★

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6. The fact that the average salesprice of a home sold by Adams is higher than the average price of a home sold by Fitch does not indicate that Adams is more effective in selling homes than

Fitch. (NCR) ★★★★★

7. The disparity in the speed of a sale is explainable by other plausible factors that would change through the time, or some essential differences of the two properties. (FA/I.C/P→F) ★★

5 (交通安全/提议/类比) The following appeared in a letter to the editor of the Balmer Island Gazette.

"The population of Balmer Island increases to 100,000 during the summer months. To reduce the number of accidents involving mopeds and pedestrians(4), the town council of Balmer Island should limit the number of mopeds rented by each of the island's six moped and bicycle rental companies(5) from 50 per day to 30 per day(6) during the summer season(7). By limiting the number of rentals, the town council is sure to attain the 50 percent reduction in moped accidents(1,4) that was achieved last year in the neighboring island of Torseau(3), when Torseau's town council enforced similar limits on moped rentals(2)." ★★★★★

1. The author assumes that all other conditions in Balmer that might affect the rate of moped-pedestrian accidents will remain unchanged after the restrictions are enacted. (P→F) ★★

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2. The author fails to consider other possible explanations for the 50% decline in Torseau's moped accident rate last year. (NCR) ★★★★★

3. Balmer Island and Torseau may not be comparable. (FA) ★★★★★

4. The author provides no evidence that the same restrictions that served to reduce the incidence of all "moped accidents" by 50% would also serve to reduce the incidence of accidents involving "mopeds and pedestrians" by 50%. (U.C) ★★

5. We do not know what percentage of mopeds in Balmer Island is rented by the six companies. (V.D) ★★

6. The author fails to provide accurate data about the current number of mopeds rented by the six companies per day. (I.I) ★★

7. The proposed regulation may not be necessary for the author's purpose. (necessity of the solution) ★★

6 45, (动物/推测/并列) The following appeared as an editorial in a wildlife journal.

"Arctic deer live on islands in Canada's arctic region. They search for food by moving over ice from island to island during the course of a year. Their habitat is limited to areas warm enough to sustain the plants on which they feed, and cold enough, at least some of the year, for the ice to cover the sea separating the islands, allowing the deer to travel over it. Unfortunately, according to reports from local hunters(1), the deer populations are declining. Since these reports coincide with recent global warming trends(2) that have caused the sea ice to melt, we can conclude that the decline in arctic deer populations is the result of deer being unable to follow their age-old migration patterns(4) across the frozen sea(3)." ★★★★★

1. The accuracy of the reports from local hunters can be cast doubt on. (selective sample) ★★

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2. The global warming trends may have no effects on the specific region mentioned by the editorial. (C.S) ★★★★★

3. Alternative explanations can also account for the decline in arctic deer population. (NCR) ★★

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4. The change in climate patterns does not necessarily lead to the decline in deer population, deer may adapt themselves to the new weather by certain means. (NCR) ★★★★★

7 44, (经营/决策/大并列小递进) The following is a recommendation from the business manager of Monarch Books.

"Monarch Books should open a café in its store(5) to attract more customers(3) and better compete with Regal Books, which recently opened a café(1,2). Monarch, which has been in business at the same location for more than twenty years, has a large customer following because it is known for its wide selection of books on all subjects. Opening the café would clearly attract more customers. The café would require relatively little space. Space could be made for the café by discontinuing the children's book section(4), which will likely become less popular(8) given that the last national census(6) indicated a significant decline in the percent of the population(7) who are under age ten." ★★

1. The manager offers no evidence that the two bookstores are comparable at every aspect. (FA) ★★

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2. We are not informed about the possible change in the profit and number of customers of Regal Books after Regal has opened the new café. (I.I) ★★★★★

3. No evidence could guarantee that opening a café at Monarch will attract substantially more customers. (I.E) ★★

4. The manager fails to consider the negative effects of cutting out children's book section and opening the café. (adv:disadv) ★★★★★

(adv:disadv) ★★★★★

5. The manager fails to consider the possible cost of opening the café. (adv:disadv) ★★

6. The result of a national census may not be properly applied to a certain region. (C.S) ★★

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7. Although the percent of children in the general population has declined, the total number of children may increase. (V.D) ★★

8. Granted that the number of children who are under age ten has decreased, we can not ensure that the number of children who go to our bookstore, or the need for children's book will also decline. (NCR) ★★

(chong98) (chong99)

8 (学校建设/提议/并列) The following appeared in a memo written by a dean at Buckingham College.

"To serve the housing needs of our students, Buckingham College should build a new dormitory(4). Buckingham's enrollment is growing and, based on current trends(1), *should double over the next fifty years, thus making existing dormitories inadequate*. Moreover, the average rent for an apartment in our town has increased(3) in recent years(2). *Consequently, students will find it increasingly difficult to afford off-campus housing. Finally, an attractive new dormitory would make prospective students more likely to enroll at Buckingham(5,6).*"

★★★24,100,226

1. The dean assumes without justification that the trends of increasing enrollment will continue in the future. (C→F) ★★★
2. The dean unfairly assumes that the rent for off-campus apartment will continue to increase in the following years. (C→F) ★★★
3. We do not know if the average rent for off-campus apartment has increased to an extent that students cannot afford. (I.I./confusing comparison with variation) ★★★
4. The dean fails to illustrate that current dormitories in Buckingham could not meet students' housing needs. (necessity of the solution) ★★★
5. A new dormitory would be neither sufficient nor necessary for attracting prospective students. (sufficiency/necessity of the solution) ★★★
6. The dean's assumption that more prospective students will enroll at Buckingham conflicts the dean's purpose of solving the housing problem. (negative evidence) ★★★

9 (chong88) (chong90)

10 (人类学/论断、预言/——) The following appeared in an article written by Dr. Karp, an anthropologist.

"Twenty years ago(5) Dr. Field, a noted anthropologist, visited the island of Tertia and concluded from his observations that children in Tertia were reared by an entire village rather than by their own biological parents. However, my recent interviews with children living in the group of islands that includes Tertia(2) show that these children spend much more time talking about their biological parents(1) than about other adults in the village. **This research proves that Dr. Field's conclusion about Tertian village culture is false, and thus that the observation-centered approach to studying cultures is invalid(3). Because they are using the interview-centered method, my team of graduate students working in Tertia will establish a much more accurate understanding of child-rearing traditions there and in other island cultures.(4)"** ★★★

1. Talking more about their biological parents does not indicate that those children were reared by their parents. (U.C) ★★★★★
2. We do not know how many of the children interviewed by Dr. Karp were actually from island of Tertia. (I.I) ★★★
3. The facts cited by Dr. Karp do not necessarily prove that the observation-centered method used by Dr. Field is invalid. (I.E) ★★★★★
4. No evidence could guarantee that Dr. Karp's team will establish a more accurate understanding of island cultures just because they are using the interview-centered method. (I.E) ★★★★★
5. There may have been dramatic changes in nurturing patterns of Tertia children during the past 20 years. (P→F) ★★★

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12 (教育/提议/递进) The following appeared in a memorandum from a dean at Omega University.

"Fifteen years ago, Omega University implemented a new procedure that encouraged students to evaluate the teaching effectiveness of all their professors(1). Since that time, Omega professors have begun to assign higher grades in their classes, and overall student grade averages at Omega have risen by thirty percent.(2) *Potential employers apparently believe the grades at Omega are inflated; this would explain why Omega graduates have not been as successful at getting jobs as have graduates from nearby Alpha University(3,7).* **To enable its graduates to secure better jobs, Omega University should now terminate student evaluation of professors.(4,5,6)"**

★★★211,238

1. The dean provides no evidence about the number or percentage of Omega students who participate in the procedure. (V.D) ★★
2. The argument also assumes unfairly that the grade-average increase is the result of the evaluation procedure—rather than some other phenomenon. (post hoc, ergo propter hoc) ★★★★★
3. The dean's claim that grade inflation explains why Omega graduates are less successful than Alpha graduates in getting jobs is unjustified. (NCR) ★★★★★
4. The dean ignores other possible ways by which Omega can increase its job-placement record. (necessity of the solution) ★★★
5. Merely terminating the evaluation system might not suffice to enable Omega's graduates to secure better jobs. (sufficiency of the solution) ★★★★★
6. The dean fails to mention the positive effects of the evaluation system. (adv:disadv) ★★★★★
7. The graduates from the two universities may not be comparable. (F.A) ★★

13 (道路交通/提议/大并列/小类比/小递进) The following appeared in an editorial in a Prunty County newspaper.

"In an attempt to improve highway safety, Prunty County recently(1) lowered its speed limit from 55 miles per hour to 45 on all major county roads. But the 55 mph limit should be restored, because this safety effort has failed. Most drivers are exceeding the new speed limit(4) and the accident rate throughout Prunty County (2) has decreased only slightly(3). **If we want to improve the safety of our roads, we should instead undertake the same kind of road improvement project that Butler County completed five years ago(7): increasing lane**

widths and resurfacing roughroads(8). Today, major Butler County roads still have a 55 mph speed limit, yet there were 25 percent fewer reported(6) accidents in Butler County this past year than there were five years ago(5)." ★★★55,119

1. The author fails to rule out the possibility that not enough time has passed to determine the effectiveness of this change in reducing the accident rate. (I.E) ★★★
2. The author ignores the possibility that the accident rate on the county's major roads has decreased while on minor roads not subject to the speed-limit reduction it has increased. (I.I) ★★★
3. The argument assumes that all other factors affecting highway accident rates have remained unchanged since the county lowered its speed limit. (P→F) ★★★
4. The fact that most drivers are exceeding the new speed limit does not indicate that the policy is ineffective. (NCR) ★★
5. The author unfairly implies that the higher speed limit in Butler County has not served to increase the incidence of road accidents in that county. (lack of controlled experiment) ★★★
6. The cited statistic involves only "reported" accidents in Butler County, we do not know the percentage of accidents which are going unreported in that county. (I.I) ★★★
7. The situation at Prunty County and Butler County may not be comparable. (F.A) ★★★★★
8. The author fails to demonstrate that road improvement will be both sufficient and necessary to guarantee fewer accidents in Prunty County. (sufficiency/necessity of the solution) ★★★★★

14 194, (社会, 就业/建议/对比) A recent study suggests that people who are left-handed are more likely to succeed in business than are right-handed people. Researchers studied photographs of 1,000 prominent business executives(3) and found that 21 percent of these executives(1) wrote with their left hand(2). So the percentage of prominent business executives who are left-handed (21 percent) is almost twice the percentage of people in the general population who are left-handed (11 percent). **Thus, people who are left-handed(5) would be well advised to pursue a career in business(4), whereas people who are right-handed would be well advised to imitate the business practices(6,7,8) exhibited by left-handers(9).** ★★★★★

1. The author fails to indicate what fraction of all business persons are left-handed. (V.D) ★★★
2. People who write with their left hand are not necessarily left-handed. (U.C) ★★★
3. The 1,000 executives from the study are not necessarily representative of the overall population of prominent business executives. (are the respondents representative?) ★★
4. The photographs in themselves prove little about the causal relationship between left-handedness and the ability to succeed in business, many prominent executives might have risen to their status not by way of their achievements or business acumen but through other means. (NCR) ★★★★★
5. The facts cited by the author do not indicate that all people who are left-handed are suitable for pursuing careers in business. (C.S) ★★★
6. The author unfairly assumes that people who are right-handed also have strong will to succeed in business. (U.A) ★★★
7. Merely imitating the business practices exhibited by left-handers may not suffice to guarantee business success. (NCR/sufficiency of the solution) ★★★★★
8. Some business activities exhibited by left-handers could not be easily imitated. (feasibility of the conclusion) ★★
9. The author assumes without substantiation that the way in which left-handed people conduct business is the only way to succeed in business. (necessity of the solution) ★★★

15 (chong51)

16137, (城市, 生活休闲/预言/递进+并列) The following appeared in an editorial in the Mason City newspaper. "At present, Mason City residents seldom use the nearby Mason River for any kind of recreational activity, even though surveys of the region's residents consistently rank water sports (swimming, fishing, and boating) as a favorite form of recreation. Since there have been complaints about the quality of the water in the river, residents must be avoiding the river because they think that it is not clean enough(1). But that situation is about to change: the agency responsible for rivers in our region has announced plans to clean up Mason River(2). Therefore, recreational use of the river is likely to increase(3), **so the Mason City council will need to increase its budget for improvements(5) to the publicly owned lands along the Mason River(4).**" ★★

1. The author simply assumes that it is the quality of the water in Mason River that prevents residents from using it for recreational activities. (NCR) ★★★★★
2. No evidence could illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed plan, and how much time would it take for the plan to be effective, thus we cannot ensure that recreational use of the river will automatically increase. (I.I) ★★★★★
3. The author fails to consider if Mason River is suitable for those water sports favored by residents in Mason, and if residents are willing to use the river for recreational activities. (feasibility of the conclusion) ★★★★★
4. Granted that recreational use of the river is to increase, we are not convinced that the use of the publicly owned lands along the river will also increase. (U.A/H.G) ★★★
5. The author does not provide evidence to illustrate the necessity of increasing budget for improvements to the public lands. (necessity of the solution) ★★★

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18 (传媒/决策/并列) The following is a memorandum from the business manager of WLSS television station.

"Over the past year, our late-night news program has devoted increasingly more time to covering national news and less time to covering weather and local news. During the same time period, most of the complaints(1,4) we

received from viewers were concerned with the station's coverage of weather and local news(2,3). In addition, several local businesses that used to run advertisements during our late-night news program have just cancelled their advertising contracts with us(5). Therefore, **in order to attract more viewers to our news programs and to avoid losing any further advertising revenues, we should expand the coverage of weather and local news on all(7) our news programs(6).**" ★★★173

1. The manager fails to provide the total number of complaints received before our coverage of news was changed. (confusing comparison with variation/V.D) ★★★

2. The manager simply assumes that those complaints are representative of the opinions of our entire audience. (C.S) ★★★

3. The manager fails to analyze the actual attitude of our audience toward the late-night news program, the program might be welcome although there are a few complaints about it. (I.I) ★★

4. The manager fails to inform us the details of the complaints we received, thus we cannot evaluate if these audience are dissatisfied with the quantity of weather and local news. (I.I) ★★

5. The manager unjustifiably assumes that it is the change in our coverage of news that caused those businesses to cancel their contract with us. (NCR) ★★★★★

6. The manager ignores many other possible methods to attract more viewers and to increase advertising revenues. (necessity of the solution) ★★★

7. The necessity of expanding the coverage of weather and local news on all our news programs is open to doubt. (C.S) ★★★

19 (chong17)

20 (chong18)

21 (chong10)

22 242, (教育/建议/类比+并列) The following appeared as an editorial in the student newspaper of Groveton College.

"To combat the recently reported dramatic rise in cheating among college and university students, these institutions should adopt honor codes(8) similar to Groveton's(9,10), which calls for students to agree(1) not to cheat in their academic endeavors and to notify a faculty member if they suspect that others have cheated(2). Groveton's honor code replaced an old-fashioned system in which students were closely monitored by teachers and an

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