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31 214, (教育, 城市, 社会/论断/对比) In each city in the region of Treehaven, the majority of the money spent on government-run public school education comes from taxes that each city government collects. The region's cities differ, however, in the value they place on public education. For example, Parson City typically budgets (1,2) twice as much money per year as Blue City does for its public schools—even though both cities have about the same number of residents (3,4). **It seems clear, therefore, that Parson City residents care (5) more about public school education than do Blue City residents.**★★★★

- The city's budget for its public schools is not an accurate indication of the value it places on public education. (U.C)★★★★
- The author fails to inform us what fraction of the total budget are used for public schools in each city, thus we cannot evaluate which city cares more about public school education. (V.D)★★★★
- Many other differences between Parson City and Blue City may also contribute to the differences in the amount of money they budget for their public schools. (I.C)★★★
- We do not know the amount of students who go to public schools in the two cities, thus we could not evaluate the argument. (I.I)★★★★
- The amount of city budgets for public schools may not represent residents' attitude towards public school education. (U.C)★★★★★

32 (生产, 劳动安全/对策/先并列后递进) The following appeared in a memo from a vice president of Alta Manufacturing.
"During the past year, Alta Manufacturing had thirty percent more on-the-job accidents (2,4) than nearby Panoply Industries, where the work shifts are one hour shorter than ours (5). Experts believe that a significant contributing factor in many on-the-job accidents is fatigue and sleep deprivation among workers. Therefore, to reduce the number of on-the-job accidents at Alta (6) and thereby increase productivity (1), we should shorten each of our three work shifts by one hour so that our employees will get adequate amounts of sleep (3)."
★★181

- The president provides no evidence that overall worker productivity is attributable in part to the number of on-the-job accidents. (NCR)★★★
- The president assumes that some accidents at Alta are caused by fatigue or sleep deprivation. (U.A)★★★★
- The assumption that Alta's workers would use the additional hour of free time to sleep or rest is open to doubt. (U.A)★★★
- The president fails to consider that the per-worker accident rate might reveal that Alta is actually safer than Panoply, depending on the total number of workers at each company. (V.D)★★★
- The president fails to consider possible differences between Alta and Panoply which render them incomparable. (F.A)★★★★
- Merely shortening the work shifts might not suffice to reduce the number of on-the-job accidents. (sufficiency of the solution)★★★

33 (社会, 能源/预言, 论断/并列) The following appeared in a memorandum from the planning department of an electric power company.
"Several recent surveys indicate that homeowners are increasingly eager to conserve energy (1) and manufacturers are now marketing many home appliances (2), such as refrigerators and air conditioners, that are almost twice as energy-efficient as those sold a decade ago. Also, new technologies for better home insulation and passive solar heating (2) are readily available to reduce the energy needed for home heating. **Therefore, we anticipate that the total demand for electricity in our area will not increase (3), and may decline slightly. Since our three electric generating plants in operation (5) for the past 20 years have always met our needs, construction of new generating plants should not be necessary (4).**"★★★★

- The author provides no evidence that homeowners who are eager to conserve energy would purchase and use those energy-efficient home appliances. (U.A)★★★
- We are not informed about the price of those energy-efficient home appliances and the cost of employing the new technologies, thus could not predict if residents could afford using them, and if they are willing to pay for these technologies. (adv. disadv./feasibility of the conclusion)★★★★
- Many factors could lead to the increase in the demand for electricity in the future. (sufficiency of the conclusion)★★★★★

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4. The author fails to rule out many possibilities which might render one or more additional generating plants necessary. (C→F) ★★★★★

The old plants might be less energy efficient than a new plant using new technology, or might have some negative effects on environment and economic. (adv:disadv) ★★

34 (管理/提议/——) The vice president for human resources at Climpson Industries sent the following recommendation to the company's president.

"In an effort to improve our employees' productivity(1), **we should implement electronic monitoring of employees' Internet use from their workstations.** Employees who use the Internet from their workstations(3) need to be identified and punished if we are to reduce the number of work hours spent on personal or recreational activities(2), such as shopping or playing games(4). *By installing software(6) to detect employees' Internet use on company computers, we can prevent employees from wasting time, foster a better work ethic(5) at Climpson, and improve our overall profits(7).*" ★★★

1. The vice president fails to provide any information about current performance and productivity of our employees, thus the assumption that their productivity should be and could be improved is open to doubt. (I./U.A./necessity of the solution) ★★
2. The vice president unfairly assumes that most of our employees use internet for personal or recreational activities. (U.A./I./necessity of the solution) ★★★
3. The vice president ignores the necessity for some employees to use the Internet in their work. (adv:disadv) ★★★★★
4. Employees could still spend much time on personal or recreational activities even though the Internet access is banned. (sufficiency of the solution) ★★★★★
5. The vice president overlooks the negative effects of the proposed activity on employees' morale, thus the better work ethic mentioned above is not guaranteed. (adv:disadv) ★★★★★
6. The vice president fails to consider possible negative effects of installing such software on the performance of computers, and fails to provide the cost of installing the software. (adv:disadv) ★★★
7. Since Climpson's profits would be determined by many factors, adopting the proposal may not sufficiently ensure greater profits. (sufficiency of the solution) ★★

35 (经营/论断/并列) The following appeared in a letter from the owner of the Sunnyside Towers apartment building to its manager.

"One month ago, all the showerheads on the first five floors of Sunnyside Towers were modified to restrict the water flow to approximately 1/3 of its original force. Although actual readings of water usage before and after the adjustment are not yet available(3), **the change will obviously result in a considerable savings for Sunnyside Corporation,** since the corporation must pay for water each month. Except for a few complaints(4) about low water pressure, no problems with showers(2) have been reported since the adjustment(1). **Clearly, restricting water flow throughout all the 20 floors(6) of Sunnyside Towers(5) will increase our profits further(7).**" ★★182,213

1. The modification was taken place only one month ago, thus many negative effects might not have emerged yet. (reliability of the survey) ★★★★★
2. The owner does not provide detailed information about the usage of the first five floors of Sunnyside Towers, perhaps water flow is not a problem here at all. (I./selective sample) ★★
3. Without any actual readings of water usage before and after the adjustment we cannot evaluate if the modification could actually save water. (I./I) ★★
4. The fact that a few people complained about water pressure does not necessarily indicate that all other clients are satisfied with the modification. (FD) ★★
5. The owner ignores many negative effects of restricting the water flow. (adv:disadv) ★★★★★
6. The owner hastily assumes that the restricting on water flow could be successfully carried out to all other floors of Sunnyside Tower. (C.S) ★★★★★
7. Adopting the owner's suggestion alone may not suffice to ensure increased profits. (sufficiency of the solution) ★★

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40 (保健/论断/并列) Milk and dairy products are rich in vitamin D and calcium, substances essential for building and maintaining bones. Many people therefore believe that a diet rich in dairy products can help prevent osteoporosis, a disease in which the bones weaken significantly with age and that is linked to both environmental and genetic factors. But a long-term study of a large number of people has found that those who have consistently consumed dairy products throughout the years of the study have a higher rate of bone fractures than any other participants in the study(2,3,4). Since bone fractures are a symptom of osteoporosis(1), **this study result shows that a diet rich in dairy products may actually increase, rather than decrease, the risk of osteoporosis.** ★★★★★49

1. Although bone fractures are a symptom of osteoporosis, they may well result from other causes. (U.C) ★★★★★
2. People who consistently consumed dairy products in the study may do so just because they are more likely to suffer from bone fractures. (confusing the cause and the effect) ★★★★★
3. The author does not provide detailed information about the studied people who consistently consume dairy products and those who do not. (are the respondents representative?/I.C) ★★
4. Other reasons, such as aging, genetic factors, lifestyle, etc. may also account for the higher rate of bone fractures of the people mentioned in the study. (I.T) ★★

41 (生活, 安全/论断/递进) The following appeared in a health newsletter.

"A ten-year nationwide study of the effectiveness of wearing a helmet while bicycling indicates that ten years ago, approximately 35 percent of all bicyclists reported wearing helmets, whereas today that number is nearly 80 percent. Another study, however, suggests that during the same ten-year period, the number of accidents(1) caused by bicycling(3) has increased 200 percent(2). *These results demonstrate that bicyclists feel safer because they are wearing helmets(4) and they take more risks as a result(5).* Thus, to reduce the number of serious injuries from bicycle accidents(7), **the government should concentrate more on educating people about bicycle safety(6) and less on encouraging or requiring bicyclists to wear helmets(8).**" ★★

1. For lack of data concerning the accident rates and total number of bicyclists, the assumption that wearing helmets actually increased bicyclists' risks is open to doubt. (V.D) ★★★★★
2. Other factors may also result in the increase in the number of accidents. (NCR) ★★★★★ 3. The author fails to indicate that how many bicyclists involved in accidents are wearing helmets. (I.I) ★★★★★
4. The author unfairly assumes that wearing helmets will necessarily create false senses of safety in bicyclists. (U.A) ★★
5. The assumption that bicyclists will take more risk when they feel safe is unfounded. (U.A) ★★
6. The author falsely assumes that educating people about bicycle safety will be effective in reducing the number of serious injuries. (NCR/U.A) ★★
7. The author fails to consider accidents caused by other vehicles and the severity of injuries, thus the proposed education may not be sufficient for ensuring safety of bicyclists. (I.I/U.C) ★★
8. Requiring bicyclists to wear helmets would still be necessary to ensure bicyclists' safety. (I.T) ★★★★★

42 (城市/提议/并列) The following is a letter to the head of the tourism bureau on the island of Tria.

"Erosion of beach sand along the shores of Tria Island is a serious threat to our island and our tourist industry. **In order to stop the erosion(1), we should charge people for using the beaches(2,3,5).** Although this solution may annoy a few tourists in the short term, it will reduce the number of people using the beaches and will raise money for replenishing the sand(4). Replenishing the sand, as was done to protect buildings on the nearby island of Batia(7), will help protect buildings along our shores(6), thereby reducing these buildings' risk of additional damage from severe storms(8). And since the areas along the shore will be more attractive as a result(9), the beaches will be preserved and the area's tourist industry will improve over the long term(10)." ★★

1. The author fails to illustrate the extent of erosion in Tria, thus we cannot evaluate if any measures are necessary to resolve the problem. (necessity of the solution) ★★
2. The author ignores other possible methods to stop the erosion. (necessity of the solution) ★★
3. The author fails to illustrate that charging people for using the beach could effectively stop the erosion. (sufficiency of the solution) ★★
4. The author fails to analyze how much money should we charge to raise enough money for replenishing the sand, and if the charge is feasible. (I.I/feasibility of the conclusion) ★★
5. The author ignores some negative effects of the charging policy. (adv:disadv) ★★
6. The author fails to demonstrate if the buildings along our shores need to be protected. (necessity of the solution) ★★
7. The fact that replenishing beach sand has served to protect shoreline buildings on nearby Batia does not indicate that Tria would also achieve its goals by following Batia's example. (F.A) ★★
8. The author unfairly assumes that replenishing sand would suffice to reduce the building's risk of damage from severe storms. (sufficiency of the solution) ★★
9. The assumption that the proposed actions will necessarily make the seashore more attractive is open to doubt. (U.A/sufficiency of the solution) ★★
10. Adopting the actions proposed by the author might not sufficiently improve Tria's tourist in the long term. (sufficiency of the solution) ★★

43 (社会/预言/并列) The following appeared in a memo from the mayor of the town of West Egg.

"Two years ago, our consultants predicted that West Egg's landfill, which is used for garbage disposal, would be completely filled within five years(8). During the past two years, however, town residents have been recycling twice as much aluminum and paper (1) as they did in previous years(2,3). Next month the amount of material recycled should further increase, since charges for garbage pickup will double(5). Furthermore, over ninety percent of the respondents to a recent survey(6) said that they would do more recycling in the future. **Because of our residents' strong commitment to recycling, the available space in our landfill should last for considerably longer than predicted(4,7).**" ★★

1. Aluminum and paper may account for only some of the materials West Egg's residents can recycle. (V.D) ★★
2. We do not know the actual amount of recycled garbage in previous years, thus the doubling may be insignificant. (V.D) ★★
3. An increase in the amount of recycled materials does not necessarily indicate a decrease in the total amount of trash deposited in the city's landfill. (U.C) ★★
4. The recycling habits of West Egg residents are not the only factor affecting how quickly the landfill will reach capacity. (I.T) ★★
5. The assumption that increased charges for trash pickup will serve to slow the rate at which the landfill is reaching capacity is unwarranted. (U.A) ★★

6. The mayor provides no evidence that the survey's respondents are representative of the overall group of people whose trash goes to the city's landfill. (*Are the respondents representative?*) ★★
- ★★
7. The mayor fails to consider many other factors that may change in the future. (*P→F*) ★★★★★
- ★
8. The consultants may have already taken the recycling factors into consideration when they made the prediction, thus the assumption that the available space in our landfill will last for longer than predicted is unfounded. (*U.A*) ★★

44 (环境/对策/递进) The following appeared in a newsletter distributed at a recent political rally.

"Over the past year, the Consolidated Copper Company (CCC) has purchased over one million square miles of land (4,5) in the tropical nation of West Fredonia. *Mining copper on this land will inevitably result in pollution and environmental disaster* (3,8), since West Fredonia is home to several endangered animal species. **But such disaster can be prevented if consumers simply refuse to purchase (2) products that are made with CCC's copper (1) until the company abandons its mining plans (6,7).**" ★★

- The author fails to demonstrate the critical assumption that most consumers can reliably distinguish products that are made with CCC's copper. (*feasibility of the conclusion*) ★★
- ★
- The author fails to consider if most consumers are willing to cooperate in the boycott. (*feasibility of the conclusion*) ★★★★★
- CCC's mining activities do not necessarily lead to pollution and environmental disaster. (*NCR/I.I*) ★★★★★
- We do not know what portion of CCC's land is inhabited by endangered animals. (*I.I*) ★★
- We do not know what fraction of the one hundred square miles of land will be used for CCC's mining activities. (*V.D*) ★★
- The author ignores the possibility that other measures could also be taken to prevent the harmful result. (*necessity of the solution*) ★★
- The author hastily assumes that the proposed boycott will sufficiently prevent pollution and environmental disaster. (*sufficiency of the solution*) ★★

The definition of the term disaster is very vague, thus we cannot evaluate if the disastrous result will necessarily emerge. (*definition of the term 'disaster'*) ★★

45 39, (教育/决策/并列) The following appeared in a memorandum from the president of Humana College.

"Last year the number of students who enrolled in long-distance degree programs at Omni University increased by 50% (1,2). During the same year, Omni showed a significant decrease from prior years in expenditures for dormitory and classroom space, *most likely because instruction in the long-distance programs takes place via interactive video computer connections* (3). In contrast, over the past three years, enrollment at Humana College has diminished and costs of maintaining buildings have risen. **Thus, to increase enrollment and solve the problem of budget deficits (6) at Humana College, we should initiate and actively promote long-distance degree programs (5) like those at Omni (4,7).**" ★★

- We do not know the actual number of students who enrolled in long-distance program at Omni University last year, thus the 50% increase might be insignificant. (*V.D*) ★★
- We do not know the total number of enrollment, and actual tuition income at Omni last year. (*I.I*) ★★
- Other factors may well explain the decrease in expenditures for dormitory and classroom space at Omni. (*NCR*) ★★
- Possibly Omni and Humana are not comparable at many aspects. (*FA*) ★★
- The president does not provide any information about the cost and any possible requirements of installing such a program. (*adv:disadv/feasibility of the conclusion*) ★★
- The president does not consider other possible causes that may result in budget deficits. (*NCR*) ★★
- The president overlooks other methods that could be applied to solve the problem. (*necessity of the solution*) ★★

46 (健康, 社会/论断, 预言/大并列小递进) The following appeared in a newspaper article published in the country of Corpora.

"Twenty years ago, one half of all citizens in Corpora met the standards for adequate physical fitness as then defined by the national advisory board on physical fitness. Today, the board says that only one quarter of all citizens are adequately fit (1) and suggests that spending too much time using computers may be the reason. But since overall fitness levels are highest in regions of Corpora (2) where levels of computer ownership are also highest (3), it is clear that using computers has not made citizens less physically fit. Instead, as shown by this year's unusually low expenditures on fitness-related products and services (4), the recent decline in the economy is most likely the cause (5), and fitness levels will improve when the economy does (6)." ★★ 201

- The standard for fitness may vary during past 20 years. (*P→F*) ★★
- Although the regions mentioned by the author have relatively highest fitness levels, it is still possible that their fitness levels are declining compared with themselves. (*confusing variation and comparison*) ★★
- High levels of computer ownership do not indicate that citizens of these regions will spend more time on using computers. (*U.C*) ★★
- The low expenditures on fitness-related products and services may not directly result in low level of fitness. (*NCR*) ★★
- The low expenditures on fitness-related products do not necessarily result from the decline in the economy. (*NCR*) ★★
- The author fails to convince us that once the economy improves, people will spend more money on fitness-related products and services, and their fitness levels will therefore be improved. (*sufficiency of the conclusion*) ★★

47 (经营/对策/类比) The following appeared in a memorandum from the owner of Armchair Video, a chain of video rental stores
"Because of declining profits, we must reduce operating expenses at Armchair Video's ten video rental stores. Raising prices is not a good option(1), since we are famous for our special bargains. **Instead, we should reduce our operating hours.** Last month(3) our store in downtown Marston(4) reduced its hours by closing at 6:00 P.M. rather than 9:00 P.M. and reduced its overall inventory by no longer stocking any film released more than two years ago. Since we have received very few customer complaints about these new policies(2,5), **we should now adopt them(6) at all other Armchair Video stores as our best strategies for improving profits(7).**"
★★★182,185

1. The owner fails to sufficiently illustrate that why raising prices would not be a good solution for improving profits. (I.E) ★★★
2. The fact that few customer complaints were received does not indicate that most customers are satisfied with these policies. (F.D) ★★★
3. The new policies were implemented only one month ago, the situation of this month might not be representative of that of the whole year, or the negative effects might not have emerged yet. (P→F /reliability of the survey) ★★★★★
4. The success of the new policies at one store does not ensure that adopting them would necessarily be successful at all other Armchair stores. (C.S) ★★★★★
5. The owner fails to provide any information concerning the possible change in the profit of the store in Marston after the policies were adopted, thus we cannot evaluate if we should adopt them at all other stores. (I.I) ★★★★★
6. The owner fails to consider many negative effects of the new policies. (adv:disadv) ★★★
7. There are many other possible measures we can adopt to improve profits. (necessity of the solution) ★★★

48 (生活/建议/并列) The following appeared in a magazine article about planning for retirement.
"Because of its spectacular natural beauty and consistent climate, **Clearview should be a top choice for anyone seeking a place to retire(4).** As a bonus, housing costs in Clearview have fallen(1) significantly during the past year(2), and real estate taxes remain lower than those in neighboring towns(3). Nevertheless, Clearview's mayor promises(5) many new programs to improve schools, streets, and public services(6). *Retirees in Clearview can also expect excellent health care as they grow older*, since the number of physicians(7) in the area is far greater than the national average(8)." ★
1. The variation in the housing costs does not indicate that Clearview has advantage in housing costs. (confusing comparison and variation) ★★★★★
2. We cannot guarantee that housing costs in Clearview will not increase in the future. (P→F) ★
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3. We need to know the average real estate taxes of the whole nation, non-neighbor

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