Argument 写作模版句

开头段

In this argument the author concludes that … To….justify this conclusion/assertion the author points out that… and that… As further support for the argument, the author notes that … I find the argument unconvincing on several grounds.

In this argument the author concludes that… To support this conclusion the author point out that… The author also cites… The author’s argument is problematic in several respects, rendering the argument unconvincing as it stands.

This argument concludes that … to justify this conclusion the argument cites… Based on this evidence, I find the argument the author’s conclusion to be unjustified in several respects./ I find this argument logically unconvincing in three critical respects.

In this argument the author recommends that … To support this recommendation the author cites the following facts about… 1…2…3… Close scrutiny of each of these facts, however, reveals that none of them lend credible support to the recommendation.

*PS: author/argument 需要替换，注意文章正文上面文章出处的称谓及文体形式*

*Author: the president, the arguer, the manager, the professor*

*Argument: memo, article, passage, recommendation, editorial.*

结尾段

In conclusion, the argument is unconvincing as it stands. ( To strengthen it, the author must demonstrate that … The author must also provide clear evidence that… To better evaluate the argument we would need to …; we would also need to… )

In sum, the recommendation is not well- supported. ( To bolster it the author must show that … To better assess the recommendation I would need to know whether… and whether…)

In sum, the recommendation depends on a series of poor assumptions and is therefore unpersuasive. ( To strengthen it the author must consider and rule out all other possible reasons for… The author must also show that … Finally, the author must show that…)

In sum, the editorial relies on a potentially weak analogy as well as on a series of unwarranted claim. ( To strengthen the argument that…, the editorial’s author must at the very least provide clear evidence that… To better assess the strength of each of the autho’s three unwarranted claims, respectively, I would need to know: 1…;2…; and 3…)

To sum up, this arguer fails to substantiate his claim that…, because the evidence cited in the analysis does not lend strong support to what the arguer maintains. ( To make the argument more convincing, the arguer would have to provide more information with regard to … Additionally, he would have to demonstrate that … Therefore, if the argument had included the given factors discussed above, it would have been more thorough and logically acceptable. )

* 承上启下

1. in the first place, in the second place, in the third place
2. first of all, in addition, finally
3. to begin with, furthermore, last but not least
4. most obviously, in addition, finally
5. the first question that needs to be addressed is that... Another question that deserves attention is that.... A third major question that needs to be examined is that...

* 假设

if, even if, given that, granted that, only when, unless, in this/that case, for that matter, even so, unless the author provides sufficient evidence concerning/regarding/as to..., the assumption/claim/conclusion that... is unfounded/unconvincing/problematic

* 推测

it is possible that..., it is equally possible that..., another possibility is that..., it is also likely that...., perhaps, it is entirely possible that

* 论证

1. Another assumption short of legitimacy is the claimed causal relationship between ... and ...
2. If so, even if..., the argument that... would be seriously undermined/weakened.
3. Not only does the author fail to ...., but also he fails to...
4. The arguer fails to establish a causal relationship between ... and...
5. The statistical evidence/the result of the survey upon which the argument relies is too vague to be informative.
6. Unless the author can prove that..., the author's claim/assumption/conclusion that... is unfounded.
7. … do not necessarily indicate that… Perhaps… Without ruling out other possible reasons for… the author cannot convince me on the basis of them that…
8. Since the author fails to account for this alternative explanation for the 15% decline the author cannot make any sound recommendations to law firms based on that decline.

* Survey/data/information 逻辑错误
* The statistical evidence of the survey upon which the argument relies is too vague to be informative.
* Lacking more specific information about base amount, it is impossible to assess the reliability of the survey’s results or to make an informed recommendation.
* One problem concerning the survey is the representativeness of the respondents.
* From the survey quoted in the argument, however, we find no sign of such procedure for random sampling, and have good reasons to doubt if the sample is representative enough to reflect the general ……as a whole.
* The statistical result of the survey lacks credibility and therefore does not lend strong support to the arguer’s assumption.
* The survey might not have used a representative sample
* The survey might have offered limited choices
* The survey might have contained very few questions on …
* The proposal rests on the questionable assumption that the survey provides a reliable basis for….
* **模板一：**

The poll cited by the author is too vague to be informative/reliable. The claim does not indicate who conducted the poll, who responded, or how the poll was conducted.

* **模板二：**

To begin with , the validity of the survey is doubtful. Lacking information about the number of employees surveyed and the number of respondents, it is impossible to assess the validity of the results. For example, if 200 employees were surveyed but only 2 responded, the conclusion that…… would be highly suspect.

* **模板三：**

The author fails to point out when the survey was conducted. If the change is very recent, it is possible that insufficient data have been gleaned to draw such a conclusion, an unconvincing one.

* **模板四：**

The argument assumes that the demographic trend in the specific region where Cutters operates reflect the general trend upon which the argument relies. Yet, the arguer fails to offer any evidence to substantiate this crucial assumption. Absent such evidence, it is just as likely that… …in which event, the arguer’s recommendation would amount to especially poor advice.

* **模板五：**

The survey methodology might be problematic in two respects: First, we are not informed whether the survey required the respondents … If it did, then the results might distort the preferences of the respondents, who might very well prefer… Secondly, we are not informed whether survey responses were anonymous, or even confidential. If they were not, then respondents might have… In either event, the survey results would be unreliable for the purpose of drawing any conclusions about… let alone about how to improve overall productivity at Webco.

* 错误类比
* The argument fails to take into account the possible differences between A and B that are relevant to the conclusion.
* However, the problem is that the two situations are not similar enough to justify the analogical deduction.
* **模板一：**

Analogies drawn between A and B are highly suspect because there are many serious differences. For example, A…, but B…. Thus, it is impossible to conclude that….

* **模板二：**

The argument rests on the assumption that A is analogous to B in all respects. This assumption is weak, since although there are points of comparison between A and B, there are many dissimilarities as well. For example, A…, but B…

* **模板三：**

The argument relies on what might be a false analogy between Cutters and Brainard and Hair-Dooz salons. The arguer assumes that… However, this assumption is unwarranted. For example, the argument overlooks the possibility that … Perhaps, …. Or perhaps….

* 错误因果
* The fact that…… does not justify the cause-and-effect relationship between A and B
* The argument depends on an unproven causal relationship between A and B
* The author assumes that A caused B. But this is fallacious reasoning unless other possible causal explanations have been considered and ruled out.
* **模板一：**

The author assumes that A caused B. But this is fallacious reasoning unless other possible causal explanations have been considered and ruled out. For example, perhaps A1 is the cause of these events or perhaps B is caused by A2.

* **模板二：**

The author uses the statistical relationship between A and B to establish causality. However, the fact that A coincides with B does not necessarily prove that A caused B.

* **模板三：**

The argument concludes based on a known correlation between… and… Yet, the correlation alone amounts to scant evidence of the claimed cause-and-effect relationship. Perhaps… Moreover, the argument overlooks that fact that… The author has not accounted for the possibility that … If this is the case, then the conclusion that… would lack any merit whatsoever.

* 以小推大句型
* what is true of A might not be true of most other businesses.
* The situation in A may not follow the national trend
* xxx succeeds in A does not mean that it will necessarily succeed nationwide.
* **模板一：**

One problem with the argument involves the cited statistics about A. It is unreasonable to draw any conclusions about graduates of all colleges in the state based on statistics about graduates of only one institution. Depending on the total number of colleges and college students in the state, it is entirely possible that A is not representative of the state’s colleges in general. For example, perhaps, …. If so, then the arguer’s recommendation might amount to poor advice for students at other colleges.

* 结论中目的的充分性
* The author unfairly assumes that B was determined solely by A.
* The author’s solution rests on the assumption that A is sufficient to achieve the desired goals. However, this may not be true.
* It is equally possible that adopting … would not suffice by itself.
* It is entirely possible that means other than this or any other reading program would also achieve the desired result.
* The proposal is based on the suspicious assumption that efforts to…… will be successful
* **模板一：**

The author unfairly assumes that B was determined solely by A. While A is a seemingly important element in determining B, it is hardly the only or even necessarily required element. This assumption overlooks other crucial criteria in determining B—such as C, D. Without accounting for these potential factors, the author concludes too hastily that…… is the best way to achieve goals.

* **模板二：**

The author has focused only on…… A more detailed analysis would reveal that other factors far outweigh the factors on which the author focuses. For example……

* **模板三：**

The argument depends on the assumption that no alternative means of improving the students’ reading skills are available. Yet no evidence is offered to substantiate this assumption. Admittedly, .... is as likely to achieve the desired result. However, it is entirely possible that means other than this or any other reading program would also achieve the desired result. Perhaps, the desired improved could be achieved if ….. Without considering and ruling out these and other alternative means of improving reading skills, the arguer cannot confidently conclude that…

The recommendation depends on the additional assumption that adopting A would by itself improve students’ reading skills to the desired extent. Absent evidence that this is the case, it is equally possible that adopting A would not suffice by itself. … In short, unless the arguer can show that… I cannot accept the recommendation.

* 简单等同句型 （时间）
* The author unfairly assumes that A will remain unchanged in the future.
* The author unfairly assumes that past experiences are applicable to present situations.

**模板一：**

The author unfairly assumes that A will remain unchanged in the future. However, a mere recent one-year A is insufficient to claim that. It is possible that in the future, this trend will greatly fluctuate or even reverse, then the adoption of the author’s proposal might give birth to B.

**模板二：**

The argument unfairly infers from United’s comparatively strong safety record in the past that United’s new trucks this year must also be comparatively safe: Absent evidence to support this inference, it is just as likely that… For that matter… Any of these scenarios, if true, would serve to undermine the arguer’s recommendation that…