**Argument**

**“to better evaluate the reliability of the argument”:**

confidently/ justifiably/convincingly/persuasively

Assess/evaluate/investigate/analyze/demonstrate/testify/scrutinize

Accountability/reliability/strength/validity/soundness

Accountable/reliable/valid/sound/ justifiable/convincing/persuasive/warranted/hold true/tenable

Argument/claim/suggestion/conclusion/statement/recommendation/ assertion

Argue/claim/suggest/conclude/state/recommend/assert

To assess/evaluate the strength/soundness/reliability/validity/accountability

**“to prove this argument”**

Substantiate/support/prove/justify/bolster

**“lead to”**

Result in/lead to/indicate/mean/bring about/cause/attribute/render

**Evidence**

**开头段：In this argument, the author claim that...considering...➀➁➂**

**Close scrutiny of these facts, however, reveals that more evidence is needed here to justifiably assess the accountability of the argument.**

**主体段：The first piece of evidence that we would need in order to evaluate the claim is information about**

**Other information that might help us evaluate this argument involves**

**To bolster the argument, we need more evidence/information/to know more/to learn more about**

**结尾段:****To sum up, without more evidence to substantiate the reliability of the argument I remain unconvinced that...Those evidence may include...**

**Assumption**

**开头段：****In this argument, the author claim that...considering...➀➁➂**

**Close scrutiny of these facts, however, reveals that a number of dubious/ unsubstantiated assumptions have been made throughout the argument and thus render it unconvincing as it stands.**

**主体段：**The author assumes further that ... Yet the argument contains no evidence to support this assumption.

The author also assume too hastily that... which may not hold true. Without evidence to substantiate this assumption the...speaker cannot reasonably conclude that...

The argument relies on the dubious/ unsubstantiated assumption that ...However, this need not be the case.

**结尾段:To sum up, without more evidence to substantiate all those assumptions have been made in the argument...the author cannot reasonably conclude that...**

**Those evidence may include...**

**Question**

**开头段：****In this argument, the author claim that...considering...➀➁➂**

**Close scrutiny of these facts, however, reveals that a number of questions need to be answered before we can justify the reliability of the argument, and those questions include...**

**主体段：**The first question we need to investigate is

We need to know/ask/make it clear

A final question we need to address is

**结尾段:To sum up, we need to gather more information to answer the questions discussed above before we can better substantiate the reliability of the argument I remain unconvinced that...And the information includes..**

**Explanation**

**“Alternative Explanation”:alternative/possible+explanation/possibility/case/scenario**

**开头段：**

**In this argument, the author claim that...considering...➀➁➂**

**Close scrutiny of these facts, however, reveals that there are a number of rival explanations that we need to explore before we can justify the accountability of this argument.**

**主体段：**First, the author overlooks the possibility/alternative explanations that perhaps...or...Either scenario, if true, would serve to undermine...

The author must consider and eliminate( ruling out) the possibility that...

The author overlooks the possibility that...was the result of...or any one of a myriad of other possible...

**结尾段:To sum up,without ruling out the possibility that...the speaker cannot reasonably conclude with any confidence that...**

