









产。智课网

下载智课 APP



官方网站: http://www.smartstudy.com₽

客服热线: 400-011-91914 新浪微博: @智课网4 微信公众号: 智课网4



GRE 官方写作题库 Argument 152

The following appeared in a memo from the marketing director of Bargain Brand Cereals:

One year ago we introduced our first product, Bargain Brand Breakfast cereal. Our very low prices quickly drew many customers away from the top-selling cereal companies. Although the companies producing the top brands have since tried to compete with us by lowering their prices, and although several plans to introduce their own budget brands have been executed, not once have we needed to raise our prices to continue making a profit. Given our success selling cereal, Bargain Brand should now expand its business and begin marketing other low-priced food products as quickly as possible.

满分范文赏析

In this memo the marketing director of Bargain Brand Cereal claims that the company has a particular knack for selling low-priced food and will continue to make a profit should it follow the recommendation to expand from selling only cereal to other low-priced food. To support the recommendation, the memo points out that Bargain Brand is still earning a profit from its cereal sales, despite the fact that major competitors have lowered their cereal prices, and offered their own versions of bargain-priced cereal brands. The recommendation to expand is based on evidence that is not too convincing. Let us review the argument.

【此段结构】

本段采用了标准的 Argument 开头段结构,即:C – E - F 的开头结构,首句概括原文的 C(Conclusion)。接下来的一句话概括了原文为了支持他的结论所引用的 E(Evidence)。最后尾句中给出开头段到正文段的过渡句,指出原文在逻辑上存在 F(Flaw)。

【此段功能】

本段作为 Argument 开头段,具体功能就在发起攻击。首先,概括原文的结论:Bargain Brand Cereal(简称 BB)公司的经理认为公司在销售 low-priced food 上有优势;同时公司可以继续盈利如果把产品从 Cereal 推广到其他 low-priced food。接下来分别列举了原文为了支持这个结论引用的证据:尽管其他公司麦片产品不断降价并推出低价麦片品牌,BB 在销售麦片上持续盈利。论据的归纳用于铺垫出正文段的具体攻击。最后点出原文存在逻辑错误,引出后面



的分析。

First of all, while Bargain Brand is still earning a profit, a crucial point here is determining the extent to which Bargain Brand profits have diminished since other the introduction of alternative low-priced cereals hit the market. It is entirely possible that Bargain Brand has been less profitable since its competitors lowered their cereal prices, and that in a little more time, Bargain Brand will sink into the red.

【此段结构】

本段采用了标准的 Argument 正文段结构,即:概括第一个逻辑错误的错误类型和原文犯错位置,接下来给出合理的理由和他因来反驳原文。

【此段功能】

本段作为正文第一段,攻击文章犯的主要逻辑错误:论据模糊。作者认为原文只提出到了 BB 公司麦片盈利的情况,并没有提出其利润在其他低价麦片产品出现时,减少的程度。作者提出假设,很可能 BB 公司盈利在短时间内就已经减少到最低。

Secondly, the memo states that several major competitors plan to offer their own special bargain brands to compete directly with Bargain Brand. Yet the memo fails to account for this fact m concluding that Bargain Brand will continue to be profitable. In all likelihood, after the introduction of competing brands Bargain Brand's profits will diminish even further. Without providing evidence that this will not occur, the director cannot convincingly conclude that Bargain Brand will continue to profit from its cereal sales.

【此段结构】

本段采用了标准的 Argument 正文段结构,即:概括第二个逻辑错误的错误类型和原文犯错位置,接下来给出合理的理由和他因来反驳原文。

【此段功能】

本段作为正文第二段,攻击文章犯的主要逻辑错误:错误因果(时间类)。原文中虽然说 BB公司在其他品牌的冲击下盈利,但作者认为没有证据表明盈利会持续。接着,作者提出一种可能性,公司利润会 diminish even further。



Thirdly, based on the fact that Bargain Brand continues to profit from cereal sales, the memo concludes that Bargain Brand should expand its product line to include other low-priced food products. No evidence is provided whereby it is demonstrated that Bargain Brand is likely to be profitable in other markets. Perhaps the profitability of the cereal is attributable so a factor that connote be replicated in the production of other low-food products.

【此段结构】

本段采用了标准的 Argument 正文段结构,即:概括第三个逻辑错误的错误类型和原文犯错位置,接下来给出合理的理由和他因来反驳原文。

【此段功能】

本段作为正文第三段,攻击文章犯的主要逻辑错误:错误类比(忽略他因)。作者认为,即便 BB 的麦片产品会继续盈利,也不能说名 BB 公司会在其他产品上盈利。接下来作者给出了其他因素来反驳原文观点。

In conclusion, based on the evidence provided, the recommendation is ridiculous. To strengthen the argument, the director must demonstrate that Bargain Brand will continue to profit from cereal sales long after its major competitors introduce their own bargain brands. To better assess the director's conclusion that Bargain Brand should expand its line of bargain-priced foods, an audience would need more information about why the cereal line is so successful in the first place and if this contributing factor can be reproduced in the production of other low-priced foods.

【此段结构】

本段采用了标准的 Argument 结尾段结构,即:C – S 的结尾结构,首先再次重申原文的站不住脚的 Conclusion,接下来给出给合理建议 Suggestion。

【此段功能】

本段作为 Argument 结尾段,具体功能就总结归纳+建议措施,首先再次重申 BB manager 的建议不合理,接下来给出是文章更有说服力的合理化建议:一是必须给出 BB 在其他竞争者退出新产品的情况下 continue to profit 的证据,二是提出 BB 公司麦片产品畅销的因素以及这些



因素能否被应用到其他产品中。结尾段的建议非常规整的隐射前面的错误,前后呼应,文章有力结尾,浑然一体。

【满分因素剖析】

【语言表达】

- 1. In this memo the marketing director of Bargain Brand Cereal claims that (标志性的 GRE argument 开头段首句,提出原文中的 conclusion)To support the recommendation, the memo points out that ..., despite ..., and (提出原文中为了支持结论所引用的 evidence)The recommendation to expand is based on evidence that is not too convincing. Let us review the argument.
- 2. Secondly, the memo states that several major competitors plan to offer their own special bargain brands to compete directly with Bargain Brand. Yet the memo fails to ... that BB will continue to be profitable. In all likelihood, ... will diminish even further. Without providing evidence that this will not occur, the director cannot convincingly conclude that ... will continue to

标志性的时间外推错误攻击段落。首先提出原文中时间外推的地方,接下来提出其他可能性 来反驳原文的结论。最后总结错误。

3. Thirdly, based on the fact that BB continues to profit from cereal sales, the memo concludes that BB should expand its product line to include other ... products. (标志性的 GRE argument 论证段开头,指出错误类型为"错误类比") No evidence is provided whereby it is demonstrated that ... is likely to be profitable in other markets. Perhaps the profitability of the cereal is attributable so a factor that connote be replicated in the production of other (提出两件事物可能存在的差异,进一步反驳原文中的错误类比)

【逻辑结构】

本文内容清晰,逻辑严谨,采用了开头段——正文段 1——正文段 2——正文段 3——结尾段的五段论结构,文章长短适中,层次一目了然。开头段按照 C-E-F 的逻辑结构,顺利引出后文的分析。论证段中,从提出错误,到分析错误,到给出可能性,最后总结错误,层次清晰,



衔接自然。结尾段总结全文,重申错误,给出合理化建议。这样一篇文章从开头到结尾逻辑 严谨,内容清晰,圆满的完成了论证的作用



