1.Question 1

Consider the following argument.

*Young people in lowly-paid jobs need to be given rental assistance from the government. They also need to get paid more by their employers. Perhaps employers could receive tax breaks from the government, which they could then pass on to young employees as higher wages.*

Which of the following statements, about the claims and evidence in this argument, are true?

*Check two options.*

No evidence is presented in this argument.

Rental assistance is necessary for lowly-paid poor people’ is a claim of this argument.

2.Question 2

Consider the following argument.

*Homelessness is often considered the preserve of the middle-aged, but it also falls heavily on young people. In the Springton area, for example, quite a few homeless people can be observed, particularly in the area bound by Holroyd and 4th St.*

What is the origin of the evidence?

*Check one option.*

Personal experience

3.Question 3

Consider the following statement.

*The laws were criticised as being ‘out of touch’ and ‘antiquated’.*

How is bias displayed in this statement?

Use of passive voice to hide responsibility

4.Question 4

Consider the following statement.

*The treatment of homeless people is a sad indictment on this government and its policies.*

How is bias displayed in this statement?

Use of emotive language

5.Question 5

Consider the following argument.

*All pugs are dogs. Dogs are good pets. All dogs are mammals. Therefore, all pugs are mammals.*

What questions can you ask to determine if the evidence is relevant to the conclusion in the following statement?

Does the evidence support the conclusion?

If I took the evidence away, would it make a difference to the conclusion?

6.Question 6

What problem is there with the following argument?

*I have all my best ideas in the shower. I need to regularly have good ideas when I am at work. Therefore, I need to have numerous showers during the day in order to perform well at work.*

The conclusion is not the most logical outcome from the premises.

7.Question 7

Consider the following argument.

*Social housing should be considered an opportunity to move past current market-based methods of organizing shelter for people, rather than as a burden for governments.*

What type of argument is this?

Dissociation argument

8.Question 8

Consider the following argument.

*The current crisis with homelessness in Dartshire, our sister city in so many ways, is an important lesson to us here. The same problem could well occur here too if city hall doesn’t provide more options for those without accommodation in the near future.*

What type of argument is this?

Argument from analogy