1.Question 1

Is the following sentence a claim or evidence?

*Homelessness is still a major issue in Australia because policy makers haven’t made a concerted effort to fund and commit to one particular project for an appropriate length of time.*

*Check one option.*

A claim

2.Question 2

Analyze the following paragraph. What is the**origin**of the evidence?

*Homelessness is still a major issue in Australia because policy makers haven’t made a concerted effort to fund and commit to one particular project for an appropriate length of time. This is clear from research that has analyzed the history of homelessness programs in recent years. Parsell, Jones & Head draw on an extensive list of published articles and government reports analyzing homelessness programs in the UK, USA and Australia to conclude that “[a]ttracted by the successes in the UK and USA, Australian policy makers attempted a piecemeal transfer making it unlikely that the goal of permanently ending homelessness will be achieved” (Parsell, Jones & Head, 2012)*

*Reference:*

Parsell, C., Jones, A. and Head, B. (2013)*.*Policies and programs to end homelessness in Australia: Learning from international practice*. International Journal of Social Welfare,*13, 10–23.

*Check one option*

The authors’ interpretation of other people’s experience

3.Question 3

Analyse the following paragraph. What is the**mode**of the evidence?

*Homelessness is still a major issue in Australia because policy makers haven’t made a concerted effort to fund and commit to one particular project for an appropriate length of time. This is clear from research that has analyzed the history of homelessness programs in recent years. Parsell, Jones & Head draw on an extensive list of published articles and government reports analyzing homelessness programs in the UK, USA and Australia to arrive at the conclusion that “attracted by the successes in the UK and USA, Australian policy makers attempted a piecemeal transfer making it unlikely that the goal of permanently ending homelessness will be achieved” (Parsell, Jones & Head, 2012).*

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*Check one option.*

Print media

4.Question 4

Analyze the following paragraph. What is the**purpose**of the evidence?

*Homelessness is still a major issue in Australia because policy makers haven’t made a concerted effort to fund and commit to one particular project for an appropriate length of time. This is clear from research that has analyzed the history of homelessness programs in recent years. Parsell, Jones & Head draw on an extensive list of published articles and government reports analyzing homelessness programs in the UK, USA and Australia to arrive at the conclusion that “attracted by the successes in the UK and USA, Australian policy makers attempted a piecemeal transfer making it unlikely that the goal of permanently ending homelessness will be achieved” (Parsell, Jones & Head, 2012).*

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*Check one option.*

Academic

5.Question 5

Analyze the following paragraph. What is the**source**of the evidence?

*Homelessness is still a major issue in Australia because policy makers haven’t made a concerted effort to fund and commit to one particular project for an appropriate length of time. This is clear from research that has analyzed the history of homelessness programs in recent years. Parsell, Jones & Head draw on an extensive list of published articles and government reports analyzing homelessness programs in the UK, USA and Australia to arrive at the conclusion that “attracted by the successes in the UK and USA, Australian policy makers attempted a piecemeal transfer making it unlikely that the goal of permanently ending homelessness will be achieved” (Parsell, Jones & Head, 2012).*

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Secondary

1.Question 1

What is the difference between a bias and an assumption?

*Check one option.*

A bias is a prejudice for or against someone or something and an assumption is a type of claim with no evidence.

2.Question 2

Consider the following statement.

*We can see three types of homeless living on the streets of Albuquerque. There are those poor souls that are homeless due to bad luck; there are drunkards and drug addicts; and there are inveterate criminals.*

What is the main kind of bias present?

*Check one option.*

False classification scheme

3.Question 3

What kind of bias is present in the following statement?

*The key to solving homelessness is social housing.*

*Check one option.*

Use of certain or definitive language

1.Question 1

What problem is there with the following evidence?

*Homelessness is an increasingly worrying problem in the USA. According to Langdon and Kass (1985), “[homelessness] is a national crisis of ever-increasing proportions. Hundreds of thousands of persons across the country are so desperately poor that they lack even minimal shelter” (p.305). They state that there are more homeless people now than any time since the Great Depression.*

*Reference:*

Langdon, J. K. & Kass, M.A. (1985). Homelessness in America: Looking for the Right to Shelter.*Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems, 19*(3), 305-392.

Currency

2.Question 2

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

*Check two options.*

Does the evidence support the conclusion?

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

3.Question 3

What problem is there with the following argument?

*There are more homeless people now than at any time since the Great Depression. The Great Depression ended with the onset of World War II. Therefore, a similar momentous event is needed to end the current plight of homelessness.*

*Check two options.*

The link between the two premises is only a correlation, not a causal relationship.

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

1.Question 1

Consider the following statement.

“In the case of some areas of the internet that are heavily regulated, online trade has suffered from excess government regulation and control. It’s not hard to imagine the same thing happening if that kind of control was extended to all areas of the online economy.”

What type of argument is this?

Generalization

2.Question 2

Consider the following statement.

“There are many vulnerable children on the internet outside government protection, but vulnerable children need the government to protect them, so more government surveillance is needed.”

What type of argument is this?

Quasilogical argument

3.Question 3

Consider the following statement.

“A failure to act on threats made on social media sites by both the government and authorities has led to female users abandoning certain sites.”

What type of argument is this?

Argument from analogy