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RE: “Essay” Assignment #2 (80 Possible Points). Due November 14th.

Watch the following argument: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrzMhU_4m-g

Version of Argument #1: The following is a *version* of the entire argument that is given in the video:

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| 1) You can know this woman is a witch because she looks like one. | 1) _____ |
| 2) You can know this woman is a witch because she dresses like one
(even if others add a fake nose and a hat to her). | 2) _____ |
| 3) You can know this woman is a witch because she has a wart. | 3) _____ |
| 4) You can know this woman is a witch because she can turn
one into a newt (even if the person doesn't remain a
newt, or there is no evidence that that person ever was a newt). | 4) _____ |
| 5) One burns witches. | 5) _____ |
| 6) One burns wood. | 6) _____ |
| 7) Witches burn because they are made of wood. | 7) _____ |
| 8) You cannot tell that a woman is made of wood because you can
build a bridge out of her, because you can also build a bridge
out of stone. | 8) _____ |
| 9) Wood floats in water. | 9) _____ |
| 10) [Bread, apples, very small rocks, cider, gravy, cherries, mud,
churches, lead, and ...] ducks float in water. | 10) _____ |
| 11) Therefore, if this woman weighs the same as a duck,
she's made of wood. | 11) _____ |
| 12) This woman weighs as the same as a duck. | 12) _____ |
| 13) Therefore, this woman is a witch. | 13) _____ |

Question #1: This argument contains (1) **irrelevant** premises, (2) **implicit** premises, (3) **false** premises, and (4) **true** premises. The first part of the assignment is to identify which of the above applies to each of the premises that I have given above. Each line will have one answer (you print out this paper and fill in the blanks with the correct answer using pen). Write out the term and not just the # represented (3 Points for each answer)

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Question #2: Here is a more formal version of the argument:

1. All witches are things that can burn.
2. All things that can burn are made of wood.
3. So all witches are made of wood.
4. All things that are made of wood are things that can float.
5. All things that weigh as much as a duck are things that can float.
6. So all things that weigh as much as a duck are things that are made of wood.
7. Therefore, all witches are things that weigh as much as a duck.
8. This thing is a thing that weighs as much as a duck.
9. Therefore, this thing is a witch.

In this second more formal version, there are four arguments being made (each has two premises and 1 conclusion). **Question #2** of this assignment is to list out the premises and the conclusion for each of the 4 arguments. You may do this by writing in the correct answers in the *argument spaces* provided below. You should first identify the conclusions of each argument as they are given in the argument above and then the premises given as justification for each of those conclusions. You should also state whether each argument is valid or invalid by circling the correct answer (each claim in each argument is worth 2.05 points and each valid/invalid question is worth 2.05).

Argument #1:**Valid/Invalid**

P1: _____
P2: _____
C: _____

Argument #2:**Valid/Invalid**

P1: _____
P2: _____
C: _____

Argument #3:**Valid/Invalid**

P1: _____
P2: _____
C: _____

Argument #4:**Valid/Invalid**

P1: _____
P2: _____
C: _____