

## Critical thinking: Knowledge, skills and attitudes

### Self evaluation

For each of the following statements, rate your responses as outlined below. Note that 'strongly disagree' carries no score.

4 = 'strongly agree' 3 = 'agree' 2 = 'sort of agree' 1 = 'disagree' 0 = 'strongly disagree'

Rating 4-0

Score out of 100

1. I feel comfortable pointing out potential weaknesses in the work of experts
2. I can remain focused on the exact requirements of an activity
3. I know the different meanings of the word 'argument' in critical thinking
4. I can analyse the structure of an argument
5. I can offer criticism without feeling this makes me a bad person
6. I know what is meant by a line of reasoning
7. I am aware of how my current beliefs might prejudice fair consideration of an issue
8. I am patient in identifying the line of reasoning in an argument
9. I am good at recognising the signals used to indicate stages in an argument
10. I find it easy to separate key points from other material
11. I am very patient in going over the facts in order to reach an accurate view
12. I am good at identifying unfair techniques used to persuade readers
13. I am good at reading between the lines
14. I find it easy to evaluate the evidence to support a point of view
15. I usually pay attention to small details
16. I find it easy to weigh up different points of view fairly
17. If I am not sure about something, I will research to find out more
18. I can present my own arguments clearly
19. I understand how to structure an argument
20. I can tell descriptive writing from analytical writing
21. I can spot inconsistencies in an argument easily
22. I am good at identifying patterns
23. I am aware of how my own up-bringing might prejudice fair consideration of an issue
24. I know how to evaluate source materials
25. I understand why ambiguous language is often used in research papers