

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 1

“Uriah Gomez, Ph.D., told you that investing in real estate guaranteed at least a 20 percent return on your money. So, since a doctor of philosophy says so, real estate must be a good place to put your money.”

This argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. Ad Hominem
- B. Genetic
- C. Appeal to Ignorance
- D. Converse of Ad Hominem (Praise the person)
- E. Appeal to (questionable) authority

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 2

“Many parapsychology professors have testified that evidence is accumulating that ESP is real, but I doubt this. Remember that these same professors are the ones who receive grant money for research on this subject.” This argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. Ad Hominem
- B. Genetic
- C. Appeal to Ignorance
- D. Converse of Ad Hominem
- E. Appeal to authority

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 3

“Banks told the Herald Examiner yesterday that his wife could levitate. But Banks is a bank robber, so I don't believe anything he says.” This argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. Ad Hominem
- B. Genetic
- C. Appeal to Ignorance
- D. Converse of Ad Hominem
- E. Appeal to authority

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 4

“The people of Iceland believe in leprechauns. Some of their roads even go around the “houses” of leprechauns. The people of Iceland have been believing this way for centuries, so I think it is right and proper that they should carry on with this time-honored belief.” This argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. Ad Hominem
- B. Past Practice
- C. Appeal to Ignorance
- D. Poisoning the well
- E. Appeal to authority

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 5

“Have you ever been a soldier? No? Then shut up and don’t tell real soldiers how they should fight this war.” This argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. Bandwagon
- B. Past Practice
- C. False dichotomy
- D. Poisoning the well
- E. Appeal to authority

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 6

“A recent poll showed that 87 percent of Americans believe that some people can know about events before they happen. This is very strong evidence that precognition is real.” This argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. Ad Hominem
- B. Genetic
- C. Appeal to Ignorance
- D. Bandwagon
- E. Appeal to authority

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 7

Arthur: “Aren’t you taking advantage of people’s ignorance when you sell them these worthless biorhythm charts?”

Bret: “But how is this any different from the astrologer who sells people their horoscopes? ”

Bret’s argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. “If I feel it, it must be true”
- B. Begging the question (Circular reasoning)
- C. Appeal to Ignorance
- D. Equivocation
- E. Two wrongs make a right

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 8

“If we pull out of Afghanistan, then we may have more terrorist attacks like the September 11th tragedy here in America, and you and your family would be killed. So you should support the war in Afghanistan.” This argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. naturalistic fallacy
- B. appeal to fear
- C. composition fallacy
- D. division/ecological fallacy
- E. ad hominem

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 9

“Objects were mysteriously moving in the house. Either someone was moving them by psychokinesis, or it was ghosts. There was nothing to indicate that it was psychokinesis, so it had to be ghosts.” This argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. Bandwagon
- B. Past Practice
- C. False dichotomy
- D. Poisoning the well
- E. If I feel it, it must be true

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 10

“I know that Dennis Adams can heal me, because just thinking about him makes me hopeful.”

This argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. “If I feel it, it must be true”
- B. Begging the question (Circular reasoning)
- C. Appeal to Ignorance
- D. Equivocation
- E. Two wrongs make a right

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 11

“Reincarnation is a fact, because every person has actually been through several previous lifetimes.”

This argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. “If I feel it, it must be true”
- B. Begging the question (Circular reasoning)
- C. Appeal to Ignorance
- D. Equivocation
- E. Two wrongs make a right

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 12

“People who favor abortion rights think all babies should be killed, and that would mean the end of the human race. That’s why I’m pro-life.” This argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. “If I feel it, it must be true”
- B. Old news
- C. Loaded question
- D. Straw man

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 13

“Basketball player Tracy McGrady just retired. He's my favorite player, so he will certainly end up in the basketball Hall of Fame ” This argument illustrates the _____fallacy.

- A. Poisoning the well
- B. Old news
- C. Loaded question
- D. Straw man
- E. Irrelevant thesis

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 14

“Skeptics have been trying to show that spiritualism is a fraud and that spirits don't exist. But it's obvious that spirits do exist. Just watch people, especially at Christmas or New Year. Practically everybody catches the *spirit* at those times.” This argument illustrates the _____fallacy.

- A. “If I feel it, it must be true”
- B. Begging the question (Circular reasoning)
- C. Appeal to Ignorance
- D. Equivocation
- E. Two wrongs make a right

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 15

“After all this time there is not a shred of evidence of life in other parts of the universe. It is quite certain, then, that we are the only living creatures in the universe. ” This argument illustrates the _____fallacy.

- A. Ad Hominem
- B. Genetic
- C. Appeal to Ignorance
- D. Converse of Ad Hominem
- E. Appeal to authority

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 16

“Jack didn't have an answer when I asked him ‘Where did you put the money you stole?’ That's when I knew he was guilty.” This argument illustrates the _____fallacy.

- A. “If I feel it, it must be true”
- B. Old news
- C. Loaded question
- D. Straw man
- E. Irrelevant thesis

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 17

“Sodium and Chloride are both dangerous to humans. Therefore table salt, which is made up of sodium and chloride, is also dangerous to humans.” This argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. naturalistic fallacy
- B. appeal to fear
- C. composition fallacy
- D. equivocation
- E. ad hominem

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 18

“Sodium chloride (table salt) may be safely eaten. Therefore its constituent elements, sodium and chloride, may be safely eaten.” This argument illustrates the _____ fallacy.

- A. naturalistic fallacy
- B. appeal to fear
- C. composition fallacy
- D. division/ecological fallacy
- E. ad hominem

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 19

After Josh forgot to pick up an important document, his advisor said “You just want to make me mad”. The advisor is committing the

- A. “false dichotomy” fallacy
- B. ecological fallacy
- C. hindsight bias
- D. consequence-intentionality fallacy
- E. the “two wrongs make a right” fallacy

ISS 305: Mini-quiz Question 20

You notice that your new neighbor, Garth, looks very sad when he first moved in next door and you suspect that he is depressed. You remember (from hearing it through the wall) that he listens to The Smiths (super depressing music) a lot, but don’t remember all the times he was listening to Jock Jams (super upbeat music).

- A. You are exhibiting the confirmation bias.
- B. You are exhibiting the hindsight bias.
- C. You are exhibiting the consequent-intentionality fallacy.
- D. You are exhibiting the composition fallacy
- E. You are exhibiting the ecological fallacy.