

# Critical Thinking: Post-Assessment

This is a short critical thinking assessment that you as a student of a CRT class will take at the end of the semester.

This assessment is NOT FOR GRADE. It is purely for internal purposes. Its aim is to improve teaching of critical thinking at the BMCC Academic Literacy and Linguistics Department.

Please answer all the questions to the best of your ability.

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\* Indicates required question

Are you: \*



Freshman



Sophomore

What is your major? \*



Liberal Arts



Accounting



Mathematics



Nusing



Computer Science



Business Administration and Management



Criminal Justice



Other:

Age \*

Your answer

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Gender \*

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-binary

What is the highest level of education your parents/guardians have completed? \*

- ☐ Did not complete high school.
- ☐ High-school degree.
- ☐ College degree.
- ☐ Graduate degree.

How many books do you or your family have at home? \*

- ☐ Less than 5
- ☐ Between 5 and 20
- ☐ Between 20 and 50
- ☐ More than 50

How comfortable are you in reading, understanding, and communicating in English? \*

- ☐ Not comfortable at all.
- ☐ Somewhat comfortable.
- ☐ Comfortable enough to understand most things.
- ☐ Fairly comfortable.
- ☐ Absolutely comfortable.

Do you work? \*

- ☐ Yes, full time.
- ☐ Yes, part-time.
- ☐ No

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Do you live: \*

- ☐ With parents
- ☐ By yourself

What was your GPA in high-school? \*

- ☐ 4.0
- ☐ 3.7
- ☐ 3.3
- ☐ 3.0
- ☐ 2.7
- ☐ 2.3
- ☐ 2.0
- ☐ 1.7
- ☐ 1.3
- ☐ 1.0

On average, how many hours of sleep do you get each night?

- ☐ Less than 4
- ☐ Between 4 and 6
- ☐ Between 6 and 8
- ☐ 8 or more

How motivated are you to improve your critical thinking skills?

- ☐ Not really motivated.
- ☐ Somewhat motivated.
- ☐ Fairly motivated.
- ☐ Very motivated.

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Do you consider yourself a better critical thinker than at the start of the semester? \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ About the same

Have you used tutoring services for your CRT course? \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Consider the statement:

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"Vaccinations should be mandatory because they prevent serious diseases."

What is the main claim?

- ☐ Vaccinations are mandatory.
- ☐ Vaccinations prevent serious diseases.
- ☐ Vaccinations should be mandatory.
- ☐ Serious diseases are a problem.
- ☐ No claim is presented.

In the previous question statement, what is used as support for the claim? \*

- ☐ Vaccinations are mandatory.
- ☐ Serious diseases are a problem.
- ☐ Vaccinations prevent serious diseases.
- ☐ No support is presented.

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A project your team is working on is over budget. \*

What could be a potential first step to address this problem?

- ☐ Request more funds without further review.
- ☐ Terminate the project.
- ☐ Analyze the budget and spending to identify cost overruns.
- ☐ Blame the team member in charge of the budget.

Continue thinking about the scenario from the previous question. \*

Let's say that you you decided to analyze the budget. You found some unnecessary expenses.

What could be your next step?

- ☐ Ignore the findings and continue with the current spending.
- ☐ Cut all the unnecessary expenses.
- ☐ Ask for a higher budget to cover the extra expenses.
- ☐ Blame the team member in charge of the budget.

Consider the claim: \*

"Regular physical activity reduces the risk of chronic diseases."

Which of the following would be the strongest evidence for this claim?

- ☐ An athlete saying they feel healthier because they exercise regularly.
- ☐ A scientific study showing that physically active people have lower rates of chronic disease.
- ☐ An article saying physical activity strengthens the muscles.
- ☐ A personal trainer recommending regular physical activity.

Continue thinking about the scenario from the previous question. \*

Based on your selected answer about the best evidence, how strongly does it support the claim (0-weak, 2-strong)?

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2

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Consider the argument: \*

"Strawberries are fruits. All fruits grow on trees. Therefore, strawberries grow on trees."

What is the mistake in this argument?

- ☐ It is not supported by logic
- ☐ One of the premises is not true
- ☐ Both

If an argument says:

"If it's hot, then people swim. It's cold. Therefore, people don't swim."

Is the logic of this argument valid or not?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Considering the statement: \*

"Online learning is more effective than traditional classroom learning."

Which of the following perspectives may disagree?

- ☐ A student who learns better in interactive, social environments.
- ☐ A teacher who finds delivering online lessons convenient.
- ☐ A parent who sees their child thriving in online classes.
- ☐ A CEO of an educational technology company.

Consider the topic of implementing stricter gun control laws. \*

Which perspective might oppose stricter regulations?

- ☐ A citizen concerned about personal safety and self-defense.
- ☐ A government official concerned about rising crime rates.
- ☐ A gun control advocate.
- ☐ A victim of gun violence.

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Consider the problem:



"A coffee and a muffin cost \$6 in total. The coffee costs \$5 more than the muffin. How much does the muffin cost?"

What's your answer?

☐ \$1.00

☐ \$1.10

☐ \$0.15

☐ \$0.5

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