

Critical Thinking: Pre-Assessment

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

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Your email

Are you: *

- ☐ Freshman
- ☐ Sophomore

What is your major? *

- ☐ Liberal Arts
- ☐ Accounting
- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Nursing
- ☐ Computer Science
- ☐ Business Administration and Management
- ☐ Criminal Justice
- ☐ Other:

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Gender *

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-binary

Age *

Your answer

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.

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Do you work? *

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

Do you live: *

- ☐ With parents
- ☐ By yourself

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

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

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How motivated are you to improve your critical thinking skills?

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

Do you consider yourself a good critical thinker?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

Have you ever attended a course or training specifically focused on developing critical thinking skills before?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Consider the statement: *

"School uniforms should be mandatory as they reduce distractions and bullying."

What is the main claim here?

- ☐ School uniforms reduce distractions and bullying.
- ☐ School uniforms should be mandatory.
- ☐ Bullying and distractions are a problem in schools.
- ☐ No claim is presented.

In the previous question, which statement is used as support for the main claim? *

- ☐ School uniforms are mandatory.
- ☐ Bullying and distractions are a problem in schools.
- ☐ School uniforms reduce distractions and bullying.
- ☐ No support is presented.



A company has seen a 20% decrease in sales due to a new competitor. *

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

- ☐ Do nothing and hope sales improve.
- ☐ Discredit the competitor in the market.
- ☐ Analyze the competitor's strengths and weaknesses.
- ☐ Increase advertising budget.

Continue thinking about the scenario from the previous question. Let's say that you decided to analyze the competitor's strengths. *

They have a more user-friendly website and faster delivery times.

What could be your next step?

- ☐ Improve the company's website usability and delivery times.
- ☐ Lower the price of the products.
- ☐ Fire the sales team.
- ☐ Try to buy out the competitor.

Consider the claim: *

"Diet rich in fruits and vegetables leads to better health."

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

- ☐ A doctor recommending a fruit-rich diet without any specific reason.
- ☐ An article saying fruits and vegetables are rich in essential nutrients.
- ☐ A scientific study showing lower rates of disease in people who eat more fruits and vegetables.
- ☐ Your friend saying they feel healthier after eating more fruits and vegetables.

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:

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"All birds can fly. Penguins are birds. Therefore, penguins can fly."

What is wrong with this argument?

- ☐ Nothing, it is good.
- ☐ One of the sentences is not true.
- ☐ Two sentences are not true.

If an argument says:

"If it rains, then there are clouds. It doesn't rain. Therefore, there are no clouds."

Is the conclusion correct?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Considering the statement:

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"Home-schooling is better than traditional schooling."

Which of the following perspectives may disagree?

- ☐ A parent who wants their child to have more individualized attention.
- ☐ A student who enjoys socializing with classmates in a traditional school.
- ☐ A teacher who believes they can provide better instruction than a parent.
- ☐ A curriculum developer who designs home-schooling programs.

Consider the issue of regulation of social media content (such as laws limiting what can be shared on social media).

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Which perspective might support stricter regulations?

- ☐ A social media influencer who values complete freedom of speech.
- ☐ A government official concerned about fake news.
- ☐ A teenager who uses social media for entertainment.
- ☐ A social media company CEO concerned about user growth.

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Consider the problem:



"A bat and ball cost \$1.10 in total. The bat costs \$1.00 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?"

What's your answer?

- ☐ \$0.10
- ☐ \$0.05
- ☐ \$0.15
- ☐ \$0.5

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