1. 1. “In 2021, the city council was justified in introducing congestion pricing to reduce downtown traffic.” Which assumption is not required?  
   (A) The council has authority to levy congestion fees.  
   (B) Downtown traffic contributed significantly to congestion.  
   (C) Every commuter supported the pricing scheme.  
   (D) Pricing mechanisms can influence commuter behavior.
2. 2. “The teachers’ union did the right thing by striking to demand timely payment of salaries.” Which assumption is not required?  
   (A) Salary payments were delayed.  
   (B) Striking is a legally permitted form of protest.  
   (C) No other lawful remedy was available to the union.  
   (D) The strike aimed at securing timely salary payments.
3. 3. “It was prudent for the regulator to cap interest rates on payday loans to protect borrowers.” Which assumption is not required?  
   (A) High interest rates can harm vulnerable borrowers.  
   (B) The regulator has legal power to impose caps.  
   (C) All payday lenders were violating the law.  
   (D) A cap could mitigate borrower harm.
4. 4. “The university was right to mandate open-access publishing for faculty research funded by public grants.” Which assumption is not required?  
   (A) Public funding was used for the research.  
   (B) Open access increases public availability of results.  
   (C) Open access is free from all publication costs.  
   (D) The university can set conditions on publicly funded research outputs.
5. 5. “The government’s decision to subsidize solar rooftops was appropriate to accelerate clean energy adoption.” Which assumption is not required?  
   (A) Subsidies can increase adoption rates.  
   (B) Solar rooftops reduce fossil-fuel dependence.  
   (C) Every household is able to install solar panels.  
   (D) The government can allocate funds for such subsidies.
6. 6. “The hospital administration acted correctly in making vaccination compulsory for frontline staff.” Which assumption is not required?  
   (A) The hospital can set employment-related health policies.  
   (B) Vaccination reduces transmission risk among staff/patients.  
   (C) Every staff member faces identical medical circumstances.  
   (D) Frontline staff interact closely with vulnerable patients.
7. 7. “It was reasonable for the airline to deny boarding to visibly intoxicated passengers to ensure flight safety.” Which assumption is not required?  
   (A) Intoxication can impair passenger behavior and safety.  
   (B) The airline has discretion to refuse boarding in safety interests.  
   (C) All intoxicated passengers inevitably cause incidents.  
   (D) Flight safety can be compromised by disruptive passengers.
8. 8. “The city was right to reserve street-vending zones to balance livelihoods and pedestrian safety.” Which assumption is not required?  
   (A) Unregulated vending can obstruct pedestrian movement.  
   (B) Zoned vending can reduce walkway congestion.  
   (C) Every vendor prefers the new zones.  
   (D) The city can demarcate public-space usage.
9. 9. “The board acted properly in insisting on independent audits after allegations of financial irregularities.” Which assumption is not required?  
   (A) Independent audits can uncover or deter irregularities.  
   (B) The board can commission such audits.  
   (C) Allegations existed regarding irregularities.  
   (D) Every past audit conclusively proved misconduct.

10. “The school’s decision to shift to need-based scholarships was justified to improve equity.” Which assumption is not required?  
(A) Need-based aid targets students with fewer financial resources.  
(B) The school controls how scholarships are allocated.  
(C) Merit-based awards never promote equity.  
(D) Equity is a legitimate goal for scholarship policy.