

# GRE ANALYTICAL WRITING

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# ARGUMENT主体段

- 正文段数量：3-4段（每段攻击一个逻辑错误）；
- 每段120词左右；
- 使用题目内容（中间结论、最终结论、例证、假设）时，一定要改写题目文字；
- 注意原文时态，改写原文时不要改变时态，其他正文部分采用现在时态；
- 可以指出逻辑错误类型，但是ETS没有要求。

## RUBRICS

- develops ideas cogently, organizes them logically, and connects them with clear transitions
- conveys ideas fluently and precisely, using effective vocabulary and sentence variety
- demonstrates superior facility with the conventions of **standard written English** (i.e. grammar, usage, and mechanics) but may have minor errors.

段落之间/段落内部保持连贯：善用逻辑连接结构

- Firstly, secondly, ...lastly...
- The major questionable assumption in the argument ...;  
Another problematic postulation is...; Additionally, the arguer groundlessly presumes ...

# OUTLINE

- 常见逻辑错误4

## ④ 草率推广

- Argument结尾段写法

# 逻辑错误④ – 草率推广

## HASTY GENERALIZATION

找出下列论述中可能存在的推广不当

### 练习1

小A所在的GRE班级平均分是335分，小A的成绩也是335分。

### 练习2

在过去的十年中，中国学英语的人数年年攀升。在未来的十年里，中国考GRE的人数也会不断上升。

# 逻辑错误④ – 草率推广

## HASTY GENERALIZATION

### 个体VS整体

- 个体推整体
- 整体推个体 【包括平均值推个体】

### 假定一成不变 【时间】

# CASE STUDY

The following appeared in a letter to the editor of the *Parkville Daily* newspaper.

“Throughout the country last year, as more and more children below the age of nine participated in youth-league sports, over 40,000 of these young players suffered injuries. When interviewed for a recent study, youth-league soccer players in several major cities also reported psychological pressure exerted by coaches and parents to win games. Furthermore, education experts say that long practice sessions for these sports take away time that could be used for academic activities. Since the disadvantages outweigh any advantages, we in Parkville should discontinue organized athletic competition for children under nine.”

Write a response in which you examine the stated and/or unstated assumptions of the argument. Be sure to explain how the argument depends on these assumptions and what the implications are for the argument if the assumptions prove unwarranted. (63)



# SAMPLE ESSAY 1

One problem with the argument is that it assumes that the nationwide statistics about the incidence of sports injuries among youngsters applies equally to Parkville's children. Yet, this might not be the case, for a variety of possible reasons. Perhaps Parkville might maintain more stringent safety standards than the national norm; or perhaps children's sporting events in Parkville are better supervised by adults, or supervised by more adults. Without ruling out such possibilities, the author cannot justifiably conclude that Parkville has a sports-injury problem to begin with.

# SAMPLE ESSAY 2

A second problem with the argument is that it unjustifiably assumes that in Parkville parents and coaches unduly pressure youngsters to win organized athletic competitions. The only evidence the author provides to substantiate this assumption is the reports from “big city” children. We are not informed whether Parkville is a big city. Perhaps people who live in big cities are generally more competitive than other people. If so, and if Parkville is not a big city, then the author cannot justifiably rely on these reports to conclude that the proposed course of action is necessary.

# EXERCISE 1

A recent sales study indicates that consumption of seafood dishes in Bay City restaurants has increased by 30 percent during the past five years. Yet there are no currently operating city restaurants whose specialty is seafood. Moreover, the majority of families in Bay City are two-income families, and a nationwide study has shown that such families eat significantly fewer home-cooked meals than they did a decade ago but at the same time express more concern about healthful eating. Therefore, the new Captain Seafood restaurant that specializes in seafood should be quite popular and profitable. Write a response in which you discuss what specific evidence is needed to evaluate the argument and explain how the evidence would weaken or strengthen the argument. (39)

# STRATEGIES FOR EXERCISE 1

- 个体
- 整体
- 时间

# SAMPLE ESSAY 1

A 30% increase in seafood consumption at Bay City restaurants does not necessarily indicate a sufficient demand for a new Bay City restaurant serving seafood dishes only. Although a 30% increase seems significant, the actual level of consumption might nevertheless be very low. This scenario is quite possible, especially considering that there are currently no seafood restaurants in Bay City. Lacking evidence that a significant number of the city's restaurant patrons are ordering seafood, the argument's conclusion that a new seafood restaurant would be popular and profitable is unjustified.

# SAMPLE ESSAY 2

The nationwide study showing clear trends among two-income families toward dining out and eating healthily does not necessarily apply to Bay City. It is quite possible that Bay City's two-income families do not follow these general trends. For that matter, in Bay City the trend might be just the opposite; they might prefer to cook at home. Even if such families visit restaurant more frequently, their pursuit for healthy eating does not mean they would order more seafood. Instead, they might be inclined to vegetables. Thus, the nationwide trends that the argument cites amount to scant evidence that Bay City residents in particular would frequent a new seafood restaurant in their city.

# EXERCISE 2

Three years ago, because of flooding at the Western Palean Wildlife Preserve, 100 lions and 100 western gazelles were moved to the East Palean Preserve, an area that is home to most of the same species that are found in the western preserve, though in larger numbers, and to the eastern gazelle, a close relative of the western gazelle. The only difference in climate is that the eastern preserve typically has slightly less rainfall. Unfortunately, after three years in the eastern preserve, the imported western gazelle population has been virtually eliminated. Since the slight reduction in rainfall cannot be the cause of the virtual elimination of western gazelle, their disappearance must have been caused by the larger number of predators in the eastern preserve.

Write a response in which you discuss what specific evidence is needed to evaluate the argument and explain how the evidence would weaken or strengthen the argument. (91)

# STRATEGIES FOR EXERCISE 2

- 个体
- 整体
- 时间



# ARGUMENT结尾段写法 – CS原则

- Conclusion                      重申答卷的总论点
- Solution/ Suggestion          引出针对原文解决方案/建议

# CS TEMPLATE

## Conclusion

To sum up, this argument fails to substantiate its claim that..., because the evidence cited in the analysis does not lead to strong support to what the arguer maintains.

## Solution/ Suggestion

- In order to make the argument more convincing,
  - better access/ evaluate the argument,
  - strengthen the argument,

the arguer would have to provide more evidence with regard to...
- Additionally, he would have to justify his assumption that...
- Furthermore, the readers would need more information concerning...

# ARGUMENT时间安排

- 审题：1-2分钟
- 开头段：2-3分钟
- 正文段1-3： 6-7分钟/段
- 结尾段：2-3分钟
- 检查：2分钟