March 24 GRE Analytical Writing 3-4 Class Notes and Assignment

Assignment

Deadline: 10:00 p.m., May 28

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The following is a recommendation from the Board of Directors of Monarch Books.

"We recommend that Monarch Books open a caféin its store. Monarch, having been in business at the same location for more than twenty years, has a large customer base because it is known for its wide selection of books on all subjects. Clearly, opening the cafe would attract more customers. Space could be made for the cafe by discontinuing the children's book section, which will probably become less popular given that the most recent national census indicated a significant decline in the percentage of the population under age ten. Opening a cafe will allow Monarch to attract more customers and better compete with Regal Books, which recently opened its own café."

Write a response in which you discuss what questions would need to be answered in order to decide whether the recommendation is likely to have the predicted result. Be sure to explain how the answers to these questions would help to evaluate the recommendation.

Cause and Effect Flaw Template

1. Non-causal Relationship/ No Causal Relationship

* The arguer fails to establish the causal relationship between the fact that… and the claim that…
* This argument is unacceptable unless there is compelling evidence to support the connection between these two events.

1. Confusing Concurrence with Causal Relationship

* The argument observes a correlation between… and…. Then the author concludes that the former is the cause of the latter. However, the argument fails to rule out other possible explanations that…
* Without ruling out all other factors, it is unfair to conclude that… is responsible for…

1. Post hoc, ergo propter hoc (After this, therefore because of this)

* Based on the fat that… occurred after…, the editor infers that…should be responsible for… However, the sequence of these events, in itself, does not suffice to prove that earlier development caused the later one. It might have resulted from some other events instead, such as…
* Without ruling out scenarios/ possibilities above, the editor cannot establish a cause-and-effect relationship between… and… upon which the argument/ recommendation depends.

1. Confusing the Cause and Effect

It is possible that the author has confused cause with effect respecting… Perhaps A was a response to B.

Analogy & Comparison Fallacy

1. The arguer’s conclusion/ prediction/ recommendation/ suggestion relies on what might be a poor analogy between A and B. The analogy falsely depends on the assumption that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in both A and B are similar. However, it is entirely possible that A is entirely different from B. In short, without accounting for important possible differences between A and B, the arguer cannot reasonably prove the proposed method will help A…
2. \_\_\_\_A’s something\_\_\_\_\_ do/ does not necessarily make B the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Thus, the mere fact that (A…) lends scant support to the recommendation.
4. The incomplete comparison is a misleading assertion that cannot be tested. Therefore, providing merely the incomplete information without an all-round comparison showing the similarities that…, the author cannot convince readers effectively.
5. It is unfair to conclude based on (A…), B will ….

Hasty Generalization

1. A threshold problem involves the definition of…. The speaker fails to define this critical term. If \_\_\_\_ is defined as…, then …. In short, without a clear definition of …, it is impossible to assess the strength of the argument.
2. One problem with the argument is that it assumes that the nationwide statistics about the incidence A applies equally to B. Yet, this might not be the case, for a variety of possible reasons.
3. Without ruling out such possibilities, the author cannot justifiably conclude that…
4. The argument resets on the assumption that a single case typifies nationwide conditions/ that a national survey applies to a specific condition. With scant information, it is difficult to assess the merit of the memo’s recommendation.
5. The overall trend in the nation may not reply the basic conditions of this specific area.