# Assertion Skills

## Key Understanding

| Assertion | Inference |
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| Stand | P |
| Evidence | E |
| Extension | E |

B.S.A (Beyond the Source)

## Summary

Assertion comprises of:

- Prediction
- All sources except Background Information
    - Background Information can only be used for Surprise + Reliability + Utility
- Roles
    - Show the other roles
- Perspective (Y/N)

## What is Assertion?

### SBQ Assertion

- Last question in SBQ segment
- Requires an understanding of all sources Assertion question is typically a <u>broader scope</u> compared to the SBCS issue.

> "The American healthcare system has been successful in meeting the healthcare needs of the American people."

**vs**

> "How much should the Government interfere in the provision of healthcare in the USA?"

## How to Approach Assertion?

### Steps to Approach Assertion

1. Categorise sources into two sides (e.g. agree/disagree)
2. Choose 2 sources from each side to address the question
3. Write one paragraph per source

- Framework: Stand, Evidence, BSA (SE + BSA)

## Before we go any further...

Notice you only need to select _4 sources out of the 6_ provided

Choose the **4** that you are **most confident** in.

## Mistakes to avoid

- Source A shows that "..." (No stand stated)
- I disagree with the statement as source A, D, and E contradicts the statement. Source A states "...", while source D states "..." and source E states "..." (Multiple sources in 1 paragraph)
- I disagree as the source mentions how people in America are not able to be insured if they have pre-existing conditions. (No specific source identified and no direct quote of the source)

# Writing Frames

### SE + BSA

- Stand
    - I agree with the statement as Source A supports it
    - I disagree with the statement as Source B contradicts it by showing _____
- Evidence
    - Source A states "..." (directly quote)
- Because... So... As a result (Linking to a larger context)

### How do I do BSA?

1. Identify the **main information** that the source is telling you

**\* Predict the effect of this information**

2. Because: Immediate impact/implication of the information
3. So: **Result** of the immediate impact highlighted previously
4. As a result: **Wider outcome** based on what was identified in your previous 2 portions.

| Larger Outcome (individual → community → national) | Further consequence (Because of this, something else will happen) |
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EIP → Common Space → Interaction → Understanding → Friendship → Overcome tensions → Reduce stereotypes → Manage challenges

_I agree with the statement as Source B supports it. Source B states "the ACA will offer you a variety of quality, affordable, private health insurance plans to choose from. Insurance companies will no longer be able to discriminate against any American with a pre-existing health condition". Because more individuals would be able to obtain access to affordable insurance coverage, so their medical needs would be addressed more promptly as individuals no longer have to worry about being unable to afford the medical costs. As a_

*result, the overall health of the American population would increase as illnesses are addressed more promptly and not allowed to deteriorate further, ensuring that a larger proportion of the population remains healthy for a longer period of time. Therefore, the American healthcare system has been successful in meeting the healthcare needs of the public.*

## Analysis of Response

### Evidence

The ACA will offer you a variety of quality, affordable, private health insurance plans to choose from. Insurance companies will no longer be able to discriminate against any American with a pre-existing health condition.

### Because

More individuals would be able to obtain access to affordable insurance coverage.

### So

Their medical needs would be addressed more promptly as individuals no longer have to worry about being unable to afford the medical costs.

### As a result

The overall health of the American population would increase as illnesses are addressed more promptly and not allowed to deteriorate further, ensuring that a larger proportion of the population remains healthy for a longer period of time. Therefore, the American healthcare system has been successful in meeting the healthcare needs of the public.

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