

## Argumentation Quality — Annotation Guidelines

Please read the conclusion and the reasons the author provides to support the conclusion. Then select the most appropriate rating.

**Local Acceptability:** The reasons are individually believable: they could be true.

The acceptability of the reasons is ...

- ☐ 3 (High)
- ☐ 2 (Medium)
- ☐ 1 (Low)
- ☐ ? (Cannot judge)

**Global acceptability:** The reasons and conclusion combined are believable: everything taken together could be true.

The acceptability of the conclusion given the reasons is ...

- ☐ 3 (High)
- ☐ 2 (Medium)
- ☐ 1 (Low)
- ☐ ? (Cannot judge)

**Local relevance:** The reasons (assuming they are true) are relevant to the conclusion: they tell why one could accept the conclusion.

The reasons' relevance to the conclusion is ...

- ☐ 3 (High)
- ☐ 2 (Medium)
- ☐ 1 (Low)
- ☐ ? (Cannot judge)

**Global relevance:** The reasons (assuming they are true) are relevant for resolving a discussion around the conclusion's topic.

The reasons' relevance for resolving a discussion is ...

- ☐ 3 (High)
- ☐ 2 (Medium)
- ☐ 1 (Low)
- ☐ ? (Cannot judge)

**Local sufficiency:** The reasons (assuming they are true) are sufficient to draw the conclusion: no other reason is necessary to arrive at the conclusion.

The sufficiency of the reasons for drawing the conclusion is ...

- ☐ 3 (High)
- ☐ 2 (Medium)
- ☐ 1 (Low)
- ☐ ? (Cannot judge)

**Global sufficiency:** The reasons (assuming they are true) are sufficient in that they consider any counter-arguments that may arise.

The sufficiency of the reasons for considering counter-arguments is ...

- ☐ 3 (High)
- ☐ 2 (Medium)
- ☐ 1 (Low)
- ☐ ? (Cannot judge)

**Credibility:** The reasons make the author seem trustworthy and knowledgeable.

The success of the reasons in making the author seem credible is ...

- ☐ 3 (High)
- ☐ 2 (Medium)
- ☐ 1 (Low)
- ☐ ? (Cannot judge)

**Emotional appeal:** The reasons can make people feel emotions that make them willing to agree with the author.

The success of the reasons in appealing to emotion is ...

- ☐ 3 (High)
- ☐ 2 (Medium)
- ☐ 1 (Low)
- ☐ ? (Cannot judge)

**Clarity:** The author uses clear, grammatically correct and unambiguous language.

The author sticks to the main topic and does not make things overly complicated.

The clarity of the reasons is ...

- ☐ 3 (High)
- ☐ 2 (Medium)
- ☐ 1 (Low)
- ☐ ? (Cannot judge)

**Appropriateness:** The author uses an appropriate style for the reasons and this style fits to the topic's importance.

The appropriateness of the reasons' style is ...

- ☐ 3 (High)
- ☐ 2 (Medium)
- ☐ 1 (Low)
- ☐ ? (Cannot judge)

**Arrangement:** The reasons are properly organized: coherent, easy to follow, wellstructured.

The quality of the reason's arrangement is ...

- ☐ 3 (High)
- ☐ 2 (Medium)
- ☐ 1 (Low)
- ☐ ? (Cannot judge)