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## Multiple Choice Questions

1. Circle the correct answer.
  - (a) (5 points) A group of statements in which some of them (the premises) are intended to support another of them (the conclusion) is known as a(n)
    - A. Chain argument
    - B. Claim
    - C. Argument
    - D. Reason
  - (b) (5 points) The statements (reasons) given in support of another statement are called
    - A. An argument
    - B. The conclusion
    - C. The premises
    - D. The complement
  - (c) (5 points) These two statements “The Wall Street Journal says that people should invest heavily in stocks. Therefore, investing in stocks is a smart move” constitute
    - A. No argument
    - B. An explanation
    - C. An argument
    - D. Two conclusions
  - (d) (5 points) A deductive argument is intended to provide
    - A. Probable support for its conclusion
    - B. Persuasive support for its conclusion
    - C. Logically conclusive support for its conclusion
    - D. Tentative support for its conclusion
  - (e) (5 points) An inductive argument is intended to provide
    - A. Valid support for its conclusion

- B. Probable support for its conclusion
  - C. Weak support for its conclusion
  - D. Truth-preserving support for its conclusion
- (f) (5 points) This classic argument “All men are mortal. Socrates is a man. Therefore, Socrates is mortal” is
- A. Inductively strong
  - B. Deductively cogent
  - C. Deductively invalid
  - D. Deductively valid

## Argument Analysis

2. For each of the following passages, 1) indicate whether it contains an argument. If it does, 2) specify the conclusion, 3) specify the premises, and 4) indicate whether it is valid or invalid. Use the space provided.
- (a) (10 points) NJCU must raise tuition. Every university must provide ping pong tables, roller coasters, and free lunches to its students and the only way for NJCU to do this is to raise its prices.
- (b) (10 points) Andrea denies that she is an atheist, so she must be an atheist.
- (c) (10 points) Senator Jill: “We’ll have to cut education funding this year.”  
Senator Bill: “Why?”  
Senator Jill: “Well, either we cut the social programs or we live with a huge deficit and we can’t live with the deficit.”

- (d) (10 points) Lynch says that we should spend more state revenue on education. But Lynch is a professor who wants a better salary — so you know that his opinion is worthless.
- (e) (10 points) Hillary Clinton supports gun-control legislation. As you know, only fascists support gun-control legislation. We are forced to conclude that Hillary Clinton is a fascist.
- (f) (10 points) Senate Democrats delivered a major victory to President Obama on Thursday when they blocked a Republican resolution to reject a six-nation nuclear accord with Iran, ensuring that the landmark deal will take effect without a veto showdown between Congress and the White House.
- (g) (10 points) Senator Jones says that we should not fund the attack submarine program. I disagree entirely. I can't understand why he wants to leave us defenseless like that.
- (h) (10 points) There are those on campus who would defend a student's right to display a Confederate flag on his or her dorm room. But there is no such right. Slavery was wrong, is wrong, and always will be wrong.