

CRITICAL REASONING NOTES

Five things asked: strengthen, weaken and assumption made by the author, paradox questions, what logically follows, inference based questions?

Four things involved: premise, assumption, information, conclusion.

Assumption- helps you to lead from premise to conclusion. Its an unstated idea or thought flow, without which the conclusion would break down.

Premise: Country is intolerant.

Conclusion: Nobody is at peace.

Assumption that can be taken out here: Intolerance negatively affects peace.

Information: additional text given in order to support the premise.

Therefore, so, hence, implies, thus, indicates-> point to the conclusion.

Assumptions can be of three types:

1. Casual: More like cause-effect assumption, some effect has been given in the conclusion, you give the plausible cause for it.
2. Analogy: some assumption based on comparisons, implicitly stated in the passage.
3. Statistical: Using statistics stated in the passage, to make an assumption to lead to the conclusion.

Things related to CR questions: Always read the question first then the passage.

Argument- is a view-point which topic being discussed in the passage.

Assumption- the thing on which the argument is based on. The reasoning on which your argument is based. **Something if you remove, the argument falls apart.**

Inference- is an extension of the argument itself. It is also not explicitly stated. Also, avoid options that are more extreme.