

Argument全文结构&写作要求

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a. 全文结构

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开头段落结构



• 必备要素: conclusion (C) + evaluation (Ev)

• 可选要素: evidence (E)

$$E + C + Ev$$

$$Ev + C + E$$

$$C + Ev$$

开头段 sample 1



In this argument, the author concludes that... To support this conclusion,

the author points out that... In addition, he indicates that...Further more,

the arguer sets sb or sth as a typical example to support... However, these

all do not constitute a logical argument, in favor of its conclusion, and

fail to provide convincing support making this argument sound and

invulnerable.

开头段 sample 2



In the argument above, the arguer concludes that..., however, lacking more accurate information we can not make sure if the proposal could bring about desired effect as predicted.





- 整体结构
- 段落结构





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 - 3-4段
 - 顺序、主次、让步
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 it is true、undoubtedly、may
 seem、appear、admittedly
- 段落结构



• 段落结构

必备要素: position + detail analysis + conclusion

可选要素: principle、conjunction



常用语言:

- (1) first, second, thirdly
- (2) moreover, further more, finally
- (3) The threshold assumption with this argument is that...
- (4) Another problem that weaken the logic of this argument is that...
- (5) The author also hastily assumes that ...

结尾段落结构



• 必备要素: conclusion (C) + evaluation (Ev)

• 可选要素: suggestion (S)

结尾段 sample



To sum up, the arguer fails to substantiate his claim that ... because the evidence cited does not lend strong support to what the arguer maintains. To make the argument more convincing, the author would have to provide more information with regard to...



b. 写作要求

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写作要求 (一)



Write a response in which you examine the stated and/or unstated assumptions of the argument. Be sure to explain how the argument depends on these assumptions and what the implications are for the argument if the assumptions prove unwarranted.

【举例】A 167



During the past year, Alta Manufacturing had thirty percent more

on-the-job accidents than nearby Panoply Industries, where the work shifts

are one hour shorter than ours. Experts believe that a significant contributing

factor in many accidents is fatigue caused by sleep deprivation among

workers. Therefore, to reduce the number of on-the-job accidents at Alta,

we recommend shortening each of our three work shifts by one hour.

If we do this, our employees will get adequate amounts of sleep.





The arguer fails to establish the causal relationship between accidents and fatigue.

It's highly possible that other factors contribute to accidents. For instance, accidents might have resulted from inadequate equipment maintenance. It is also likely that the inherent hazards of Alta's manufacturing processes caused accidents. Lacking evidence that links fatigue to accidents, it is presumptuous to suggest that fatigue was responsible for accidents.





Secondly, the author assumes that some accidents at Alta are caused by fatigue or sleep deprivation. However, the author overlooks other possible causes, such as inadequate equipment maintenance or worker training, or the inherent hazards of Alta's manufacturing processes. By the same token, Panoply's comparatively low accident rate might be attributable not to the length of its work shifts but rather to other factors, such as superior equipment maintenance or worker training. In other words, without ruling out alternative causes of on-the-job accidents at both companies, the author cannot justifiably conclude that merely by emulating Panoply's work shift policy Alta would reduce the number of such accidents.

写作要求 (二)



Write a response in which you discuss what specific evidence is needed to evaluate the argument and explain how the evidence would weaken or strengthen the argument.



写作要求 (三)



Write a response in which you discuss what questions would need to be answered in order to decide whether the recommendation and the argument on which it is based are reasonable. Be sure to explain how the answers to these questions would help to evaluate the recommendation.

写作要求 (四)



Write a response in which you discuss one or more alternative explanations that could rival the proposed explanation and explain how your explanation(s) can plausibly account for the facts presented in the argument.

