

## ARGUMENT AND LOGIC: Level 11, Test 1

For each group, read the three items of supporting evidence. Then, in the space provided, write the letter of the point that is adequately supported by all the evidence.

1. ● Employees of companies with daycare centers are more productive.
- Attendance rates for workers with children are much higher in companies that have daycare centers.
  - Employees of companies with well-run daycare centers are more likely to remain—even if other companies pay better.

Point: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Employees with young children have poor attendance records.
- B. There are good reasons for companies to provide daycare centers for employees' children.
- C. Parents should stay at home until their children go to school.
- D. Many companies do not provide childcare for their employees.

2. ● Indoor plants reduce airborne toxic chemicals as much as 20 percent.
- Indoor plants have been proven to reduce stress and blood pressure in individuals, increasing productivity and health.
  - Because indoor plants help increase humidity levels and decrease dust, they have been shown to decrease various cold-related symptoms by more than 30 percent.

Point: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Indoor plants require frequent watering and can easily become diseased.
- B. Indoor plants have benefits and drawbacks.
- C. Indoor plants are a healthy addition to any home or office.
- D. Indoor plants can be expensive to purchase and maintain.

3. ● Among the Tasmanians of the South Pacific, the most dangerous type of hunting—swimming out to remote rocks in the sea to stalk and club sea otters—was assigned to women.
- Women formed the bodyguard of Dahomeyan kings because they were thought to be particularly fierce fighters.
  - In most prominent American families of the 18th and 19th centuries, girls' education centered on needlework, music, dancing, and languages.

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**Point:** \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Women's roles have varied greatly from society to society.
- B. Tasmanian and Dahomeyan women had unnatural societal roles.
- C. The women in Tasmanian and Dahomeyan tribes were slaves.
- D. There were very few men among the Tasmanian and the Dahomeyan tribes.

4. ● During two months at the peak of their popularity, 25 million Hula-Hoops were sold.
- Sales of Davy Crockett coonskin caps grossed more than 100 million dollars in the late 1950s.
  - During several Christmas-shopping seasons in the early 1980s, police had to control crowds waiting at toy stores to buy Cabbage Patch Dolls.

**Point:** \_\_\_\_\_

- A. It is easy to produce a successful toy.
- B. It is possible to predict what toys will be popular and which ones will not.
- C. Every so often, a fad toy captures the imagination of a huge number of consumers.
- D. People should not get so caught up in materialism.

5. ● In France, no house is given the number 13; and in Italy, the national lottery omits the number 13.
- Friday the 13th is often considered the unluckiest of days; some believe it to be the day Eve tempted Adam with the apple, the day the Great Flood began, and the day Jesus died.
  - In America, many modern skyscrapers, condos, co-ops, and apartments skip the number 13; the floor above level 12 is numbered 14.

**Point:** \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Thirteen is an unlucky number, and if you use it, you are just asking for trouble.
- B. Another common superstition is the fear of walking under a ladder.
- C. Everyone is superstitious about something.
- D. Many people throughout the world are superstitious about the number 13.

## ARGUMENT AND LOGIC: Level 12, Test 1

Each point is followed by two statements that provide relevant support and two that do not. In the spaces provided, write the letters of the **two** relevant statements of support.

**1. Point: We should make more use of solar energy.**

- A. Unlike fossil fuels such as oil and coal, energy from the sun is unlimited.
- B. Wind and water power have been used for centuries.
- C. Solar energy is less effective in cloudy climates.
- D. Solar energy is extremely cost-effective.

*Items that logically support the point:* \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Point: To better provide for their well-being, zoo elephants should be transferred to large nature preserves.**

- A. Adult elephants can consume from 300 to 600 pounds of food a day.
- B. Elephants in the wild are accustomed to roaming up to thirty miles a day.
- C. Zookeepers try to provide their captive elephants with the best possible veterinary care.
- D. Zoo elephants often suffer from degenerative joint problems and chronic foot infections, the result of standing for long periods on concrete or other unnatural surfaces.

*Items that logically support the point:* \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Point: People react to stress at three levels: emotional, physiological, and behavioral.**

- A. Because today's society is so fast-paced, people are subject to a great deal of stress.
- B. When your pulse quickens and your stomach knots up, you're exhibiting physiological responses to stress.
- C. When you honk because the driver in front of you is moving too slowly, your behavior reveals an emotional response to stress.
- D. Patting a dog or cat can lower a person's level of stress.

*Items that logically support the point:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. Point: The flu epidemic of 1918 was horrendous.**

- A. Worldwide, 40 million people died of the 1918 flu—more than the number killed in World War I.
- B. Ordinary flu usually results in fever, coughing, and headache for three or four days.
- C. Bubonic plague, another terrible disease, killed about 70,000 people in London between 1664 and 1666.
- D. The flu strain that swept the world in 1918 was so severe that people would show the first symptoms in the morning and be dead by nightfall.

*Items that logically support the point:* \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Point: America's top corporate executives are often greatly overpaid regardless of their performance.**

- A. Many executives use their enormous incomes to support an overly lavish lifestyle.
- B. Some wealthy executives are generous in their support of worthy causes.
- C. Top executives often make thousands of times the amount their employees earn, even if the executives are not performing well.
- D. Some corporate executives have gotten multi-million-dollar bonuses even though their companies lost money.

*Items that logically support the point:* \_\_\_\_\_

## ARGUMENT AND LOGIC: Level 12, Test 2

Each point is followed by two statements that provide relevant support and two that do not. In the spaces provided, write the letters of the **two** relevant statements of support.

**1. Point: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was a musical genius.**

- A. Much of Mozart's music is still performed today.
- B. Mozart composed at superhuman speed; for example, he wrote the overture to his opera *Don Giovanni* the night before its first performance.
- C. Mozart's father encouraged his son's interest in music.
- D. Mozart started composing symphonies at age 9 and had written his first opera by age 13.

*Items that logically support the point:* \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Point: Animal owners should neuter their pets.**

- A. Having pets neutered helps ease the burden on crowded animal shelters.
- B. Neutering makes pets less likely to bite people.
- C. Neutering a pet has no effect on how likely it is that the animal will attract fleas and ticks.
- D. Purebred cats and dogs often have more health problems than do mixed breeds.

*Items that logically support the point:* \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Point: The GPS (Global Positioning System) ankle bracelet is the wave of the future in using technology to fight crime.**

- A. For people on probation or parole, the GPS ankle bracelet can be programmed with the offender's work schedule and location.
- B. The signals of a GPS ankle bracelet tend to fade, and the tracking isn't always real-time.
- C. For those under house arrest, a GPS ankle bracelet can alert authorities if the offender leaves the approved location.
- D. The use of ankle bracelets could raise privacy concerns, such as when a student who skips classes is required to wear one around the clock, even when not in class.

*Items that logically support the point:* \_\_\_\_\_

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4. **Point:** When naming a baby, parents should consider the effect that a name may have on their child.
- A. The most common family name in the world is the Chinese name Chung, shared by at least 104 million people.
  - B. Michael, Christopher, and Jessica are among the most popular children's names today.
  - C. Unusual or out-of-date names such as Zipperath and Ubaldus may make a child a target for teasing by classmates.
  - D. Children's initials have been known to have a negative impact on them. Patricia Irene Graham and Anthony Steven Smith are fine names, but when these children's friends realize what the initials spell, Patricia and Anthony may never hear the end of it.

*Items that logically support the point:* \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Point:** Genetic testing can have unintended negative effects.
- A. Determining a person's genetic makeup may lead to early detection or prevention of a disorder.
  - B. A genetic profile may be used to deny a job, insurance, or other benefits.
  - C. Genetic research can help scientists discover treatments for diseases that are at the moment considered incurable.
  - D. It might be extremely anxiety-producing for a person to learn that she or he has the gene for an incurable disease.

*Items that logically support the point:* \_\_\_\_\_