

Test Questions

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Prompt: *As a teacher, create a combination of 30 multiple-choice and True or False test questions for first-year college students based on the contents of the attached file: Chapter 4 - Recognizing and Challenging Assumptions*

1. Which of the following best defines an assumption?

- A. A proven fact
- B. A belief accepted as true without proof
- C. A conclusion based on data
- D. A question posed by a writer

Answer: B

2. What distinguishes an explicit assumption from an implicit one?

- A. Explicit assumptions are always false
- B. Implicit assumptions are clearly stated
- C. Explicit assumptions are openly stated
- D. Implicit assumptions require no interpretation

Answer: C

3. Which of the following is an example of an explicit assumption?

- A. The use of rhetorical questions
- B. Cultural bias
- C. A thesis statement
- D. Emotional appeals

Answer: C

4. Which term describes an assumption not directly stated in writing?

- A. Formal assumption
- B. Logical fallacy
- C. Explicit assumption
- D. Implicit assumption

Answer: D

5. Why are assumptions necessary in writing?
- A. To avoid evidence
 - B. To exaggerate claims
 - C. To support thoughts and arguments
 - D. To mislead readers

Answer: C

6. What is a risk of relying on unexamined assumptions?
- A. Increased reader trust
 - B. Stronger conclusions
 - C. Distorted reasoning
 - D. Clearer analysis

Answer: C

7. Which strategy helps reveal hidden assumptions?
- A. Add more evidence
 - B. Ask 'What must be true for this claim to hold?'
 - C. Ignore opposing views
 - D. Avoid conclusion statements

Answer: B

8. Which of the following may signal an underlying assumption?
- A. Facts and statistics
 - B. The word 'clearly'
 - C. Definitions
 - D. Charts and graphs

Answer: B

9. What does 'reversing the argument' help uncover?
- A. The conclusion
 - B. The writer's tone
 - C. The opposite assumption
 - D. The research design

Answer: C

10. Which revision technique involves including exceptions to a claim?
- A. Reframing the question
 - B. Adding qualifiers
 - C. Integrating counterexamples
 - D. Ignoring contradictory evidence

Answer: C

11. Which term best describes the unconscious tendency to favor ideas that support our beliefs?
- A. Ideological drift
 - B. Confirmation bias
 - C. Academic dishonesty
 - D. Logical deduction

Answer: B

12. In which area is confirmation bias **not** commonly found?
- A. Science
 - B. Social media
 - C. Education
 - D. It is found in all of the above

Answer: D

13. Which of the following is a result of unchecked confirmation bias?
- A. Improved objectivity
 - B. Reinforced stereotypes
 - C. Better communication
 - D. Transparent reasoning

Answer: B

14. Which of the following is **not** a technique for revising assumptions?
- A. Practicing reflexivity
 - B. Adding qualifiers
 - C. Reframing the question
 - D. Avoiding counterarguments

Answer: D

15. Why should writers acknowledge their own biases?
- A. To strengthen evidence
 - B. To appear more persuasive
 - C. To build trust and integrity
 - D. To hide personal views

Answer: C

16. Which question would help identify the values behind an assumption?
- A. What is the author's main point?
 - B. What values does this statement reflect?

- C. Is the conclusion valid?
- D. How many examples are given?

Answer: B

17. Which assumption is found in the statement: 'Urban development is the key to solving the housing crisis'?
- A. Rural housing is more important
 - B. Housing problems only exist in cities
 - C. Cities are not responsible for housing
 - D. Development isn't related to housing

Answer: B

18. What is the effect of using words like 'obviously' or 'everyone knows'?
- A. They clarify ideas
 - B. They highlight explicit assumptions
 - C. They signal implicit assumptions
 - D. They show strong evidence

Answer: C

19. Which of the following statements most clearly includes an assumption?
- A. Research was conducted in 2021
 - B. Smaller classes improve learning
 - C. Students completed the survey
 - D. The study followed ethical guidelines

Answer: B

20. What is the ultimate goal of assumption analysis?
- A. To eliminate all bias
 - B. To summarize arguments
 - C. To enhance critical thinking
 - D. To memorize information

Answer: C

True & False

- 21. Assumptions can be both helpful and harmful in academic writing. (Answer: True)
- 22. Implicit assumptions are always clearly stated in a text. (Answer: False)
- 23. Asking diagnostic questions can help reveal assumptions. (Answer: True)
- 24. Confirmation bias is only found in scientific disciplines. (Answer: False)
- 25. Revising assumptions means the argument is always wrong. (Answer: False)
- 26. Qualifiers help introduce nuance into a claim. (Answer: True)

- 27. Writers should ignore their own perspectives to remain unbiased. (Answer: False)
- 28. Confirmation bias can influence what evidence is selected. (Answer: True)
- 29. Critical thinking involves identifying and questioning assumptions. (Answer: True)
- 30. Academic writing never involves assumptions. (Answer: False)