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Argumentative Writing — Practice Test

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1 **In an argument, a rhetorical question is most often used to do what?**

- A Make the reader think about the issue.
- B Ask for a factual answer on a test.
- C Replace all evidence.
- D End the essay without a conclusion.

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2 **In an argument, a short personal story is called what, and what is its main limit?**

- A A study, and it proves a general rule.
- B A thesis, and it states the main claim.
- C An anecdote, and it shows only one person's experience.
- D A rebuttal, and it answers the other side.

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3 **Vanilla ice cream cone in a waffle cone on a white table. A town notes that ice cream sales and drownings both rise in summer, then claims ice cream causes drowning. The error is what?**



A A strong use of logos.

B Confusing correlation with causation, since warm weather likely explains both.

C A fair concession.

D A correct rebuttal.

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4 **Loaded language in an argument is best described as what?**

A Neutral words with no feeling.

B Technical words with clear definitions.

C Words that are always false.

D Words chosen to stir strong feelings rather than to present fair evidence.

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5 **Why should a writer think about the audience when building an argument?**

A Different audiences need different reasons and evidence to be persuaded.

B Audiences never matter.

C All readers agree already.

D Arguments should never change.

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. D
5. A

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