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Argumentative Writing — Practice Test

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1 **Which sentence best states a counterclaim to the idea that school uniforms improve learning?**

- A Many schools require uniforms.
- B Uniforms are sold in stores.
- C Some students say uniforms do not affect how well they learn.
- D Uniforms come in many colors.

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2 **A red herring fallacy occurs when a writer does what?**

- A Quotes an expert correctly
- B Distracts from the real issue with an unrelated topic
- C Uses strong evidence fairly
- D Admits a mistake openly

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3 **An appeal to false authority occurs when a writer does what?**

A Cites a qualified researcher fairly

B Uses no sources at all

C Quotes a dictionary definition

D Cites someone famous but unqualified on the topic as an expert

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4 **Which of the following is the best hook for an argumentative essay about school lunch?**

A Lunch is served at noon.

B This essay is about lunch.

C Some foods are good.

D Every day, thousands of students throw away lunches they cannot eat.

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5 **In an argumentative essay, the introduction should most often do what?**

- A End with a question and no position
- B Repeat the conclusion twice
- C Present the issue and state the thesis clearly
- D List every piece of evidence in full

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6 **Which transition best introduces a rebuttal?**

- A For example, cats are animals.
- B However, this concern overlooks an important fact.
- C First of all, the sky is blue.
- D In conclusion, lunch is served.

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7 **A writer who cherry picks evidence does what?**

A Selects only evidence that supports one side and ignores the rest

B Examines all relevant evidence fairly

C Cites every source available

D Admits when evidence is weak

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8 **Which claim is debatable and therefore suitable for an argumentative essay?**

A Cities should build more bike lanes to improve safety.

B Water is made of hydrogen and oxygen.

C The sun rises in the east.

D Two + two equals four.

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9 **Why should an argumentative writer define key terms?**

- **A** Definitions make the essay longer.
- **B** Clear definitions prevent confusion about what the argument means.
- **C** Definitions replace evidence.
- **D** Definitions hide the writer's position.

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10 **A strong conclusion to an argumentative essay should do what?**

- **A** Restate the claim, summarize key reasons, and end with a call to action.
- **B** Introduce a new claim never discussed.
- **C** Apologize for writing the essay.
- **D** List unrelated topics for later.

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ANSWER KEY

1. C
2. B
3. D
4. D
5. C
6. B
7. A
8. A
9. B
10. A

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