Argument Writing: Claims, Reasons, and Evidence

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Quick Review

Focus on argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence. Strong test answers are precise, purposeful, and supported by the wording of the task.

PRACTICE

Answer each question. Choose the best answer for multiple-choice items and write complete short responses.

1. Which choice BEST demonstrates argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence?

A. Everyone knows tutoring is good, so the school should do it.

B. The school should expand peer tutoring because attendance records show tutored students missed fewer assignments and reported greater confidence.

C. Peer tutoring is fun and some students like it.

D. Tutoring should happen because I personally enjoyed it last year.

2. Which revision best applies argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence? Original: The city should build bike lanes because bikes are nice.

A. The city should build protected bike lanes because crash reports show three of the busiest routes also have the highest number of bicycle injuries.

B. The city should build bike lanes because bikes are nice.

C. Everyone knows tutoring is good, so the school should do it.

D. Peer tutoring is fun and some students like it.

3. A student is working on this task: A student is arguing for later library hours. Which choice would be MOST effective?

A. Everyone knows tutoring is good, so the school should do it.

B. Peer tutoring is fun and some students like it.

C. Use library sign-in data and student survey results to show need.

D. Tutoring should happen because I personally enjoyed it last year.

4. Which explanation best describes why the stronger choice works?

A. It is longer than the other choices, so it must be better.

B. It uses complicated words even if they do not fit.

C. It avoids evidence so the reader can decide alone.

D. It is specific, relevant to the task, and controlled by argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence.

5. Which next step would most strengthen the student's work?

A. Add an unrelated personal story.

B. Address the counterclaim that staffing costs may increase.

C. Replace precise words with vague ones.

D. Remove the clearest evidence.

6. Which mistake should the student avoid?

A. Relying on popularity instead of evidence.

B. Checking that each choice fits the audience.

C. Using evidence that directly supports the point.

D. Rereading the sentence after revising it.

7. Which answer is too vague to earn full credit?

A. It works because it applies argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence to the exact task.

B. It is stronger because the evidence is relevant and sufficient.

C. It is better because it sounds good.

D. It improves clarity without changing the meaning.

8. Which habit best supports accuracy on this type of question?

A. Choose the first familiar word.

B. Ignore the audience and purpose.

C. Pick the longest answer every time.

D. Read the whole sentence or task before choosing an answer.

9. Write one claim and two evidence-based reasons for a school policy argument.

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10. Explain why a counterclaim makes an argument stronger when it is answered fairly.

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Answer Keys

1	A	**B**	C	D	6	**A**	B	C	D
2	**A**	B	C	D	7	A	B	**C**	D
3	A	B	**C**	D	8	A	B	C	**D**
4	A	B	C	**D**	9	See below			
5	A	**B**	C	D	10	See below			

Explanations

1. B	The correct choice demonstrates argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence clearly and precisely.
2. A	The revision improves the original while preserving its intended meaning.
3. C	The correct choice fits the task and gives the writer or speaker a concrete move to make.
4. D	Length and difficult vocabulary do not make an answer strong; relevance and control do.
5. B	The best next step improves clarity, support, or control of the skill.
6. A	The correct answer names a common error that weakens this skill.
7. C	A test response must explain the reason, not merely praise the answer.
8. D	Careful reading prevents attractive but wrong choices.
9.	**Answer:** Strong answers should explicitly use argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence, stay specific, and explain the reason for the choice. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.
10.	**Answer:** Strong answers should include a corrected example or explanation that preserves meaning while improving argument writing with a clear claim and relevant evidence. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.

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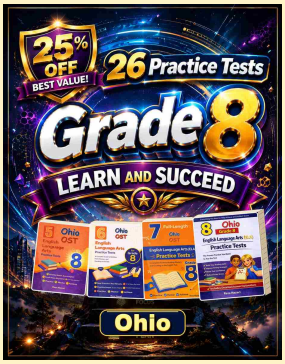

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