

Critical thinking in academic research, credit-test, BA3, 27.01.2015

Circle the best answer

1. The problem of a tree falling alone in the woods has to do with:

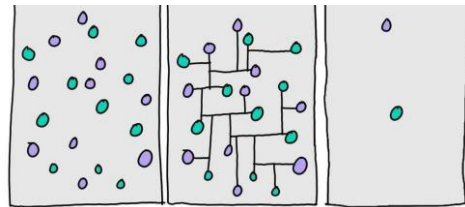
- (a) measurement,
- (b) defining,
- (c) explanation,
- (d) observation,
- (e) prediction.

2. "Considering that Clinton's departure will leave only 16 women in the Senate out of 100 senators, many feminists believe women are underrepresented on Capitol Hill". The locus of problem (in terms of critical thinking) here is:

- (a) Clinton's departure,
- (b) 100 senators,
- (c) many feminists,
- (d) believe,
- (e) underrepresented.

3. This sequence represents pictorially (left to right):

- (a) facts>data>information,
- (b) knowledge>wisdom>truth,
- (c) information>knowledge>wisdom,
- (d) data>knowledge>truth,
- (e) data>information>facts.



4. The term "deduction" is derived from the Latin word meaning:

- (a) the end,
- (b) to lead,
- (c) to fix,
- (d) precise,
- (e) to reveal.

5. Terms heavily marked axiologically (such as 'cybersex') are hard to define because of:

- (a) ignotum per ignotum,
- (b) idem per idem,
- (c) their persuasive element,
- (d) their fuzziness,
- (e) their essentialism.

6. Which is the odd-man-out below?

- (a) argumentum ad populum,
- (b) argumentum ad rem,
- (c) argumentum ad personam,
- (d) argumentum ad hominem,
- (e) argumentum ad baculum.

7. Science proceeds mainly by:

- (a) defining,
- (b) describing,
- (c) reading up,
- (d) hypothesizing,
- (e) falsifying.

Best answers: 1d, 2d, 3c, 4b, 5c, 6b, 7e.