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Circle the best answer

1. In defining, one:

- (a) discovers,
- (b) describes,
- (c) regulates,
- (d) explains.

2. Venn diagrams can be used to:

- (a) show variable distributions,
- (b) draw the bell (Gauss) curve,
- (c) make a scatterplot,
- (d) show set relations.

3. In our search for truth we could:

- (a) rely on authority,
- (b) make it subjective,
- (c) avoid it,
- (d) apply value judgement.

4. "Nie wszystko już jest – na szczęście – w internecie" is a claim:

- (a) interesting empirically,
- (b) which is heavily axiological,
- (c) which is falsified,
- (d) attempting to explain.

5. "Argumentum ad misericordiam" is about:

- (a) falsifiability,
- (b) authority,
- (c) ignorance,
- (d) mercy.

6. "Dlaczego jest święto Bożego Narodzenia? [...] Dlatego, żeby podawać sobie ręce" has a problem with:

- (a) causality/teleology,
- (b) definiendum/definiens,
- (c) induction/deduction,
- (d) hypothesizing/inferring.

7. Each MA thesis should be written:

- (a) ad verecundiam,
- (b) per genus,
- (c) post hoc, ergo propter hoc
- (d) bona fide.

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

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1. Experimenting requires:

- (a) control,
- (b) laboratories,
- (c) human subjects,
- (d) statistics.

2. "The reason why I'm interested in X is that X is my hobby" may be guilty of:

- (a) empiricism,
- (b) rationality,
- (c) perceptual illusion,
- (d) circularity.

3. The closest synonym to "erring" is:

- (a) axiology,
- (b) fallacy,
- (c) essentialism,
- (d) falsification.

4. "Bad quotes" of source X in research writing may be due to:

- (a) X's temporal priority in the field,
- (b) X's innovativeness in the field,
- (c) X author's fame in the field,
- (d) X's plagiarism of other sources.

5. The 'best' kind of truth is:

- (a) subjective,
- (b) objective,
- (c) intersubjective,
- (d) interobjective.

6. It is a requirement that the MA thesis must be:

- (a) experimental,
- (b) empirical,
- (c) based on bibliography,
- (d) explanatory.

7. The phrase connected with time is:

- (a) sine ira et studio,
- (b) tertium non datur,
- (c) ignotum per ignotum,
- (d) status quo.

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