

Argument Construction Notes Questions

Grade Type: Homework

Due Date: August 29 (For B, D, E); August 30 (For A, C)

Instructions: The following questions are to be copied into your Philosophy notebook. Leave space (either between each question or at the end of the question list) for answers to be filled in throughout this section of the unit. Be sure to show me your completed copied questions list in class on the specified due date.

1. What are the four things arguments can do?
2. What is necessity?
3. What is sufficiency?
4. What is a conditional? Give an example.
5. What is an antecedent? Give an example.
6. What is a consequent? Give an example.
7. Give an example of a conditional that is true even though its antecedent and consequent are false
8. Give an example of a conditional that is false even though its antecedent and consequent are true
9. Fill in the blank:
Antecedents are _____ for consequents.
Consequents are _____ for antecedents
10. What's a counterexample?
11. Counterexamples are often used in what kind of valid argument form?
12. In a Modus Tollens Counterexample argument, what is the antecedent of the conditional premise?
13. In a Modus Tollens Counterexample argument, what is the consequent of the conditional premise?
14. In a Modus Tollens Counterexample argument, what is premise that is NOT the conditional?
15. In a Modus Tollens Counterexample argument, what is the conclusion?
16. Write the form of Modus Tollens, and label each part of the argument with the labels from questions 10-13 above. (leave plenty of room to draw this one)
17. What does "if and only if" mean?
18. What is a definition?