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✨ Grade 8 English — Persuasive Arguments ✨

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1. Which is a stronger, more logical argument? "Schools should provide free sanitary products in bathrooms because a pilot program found student absenteeism related to this issue dropped noticeably within a term." or "Schools should provide free sanitary products in bathrooms because everyone knows it's right."

2. Which is a stronger, more logical argument? "Recycling bins should be placed in every classroom because a trial in 20 schools found paper recycling rates nearly doubled once bins were placed inside classrooms rather than only in hallways." or "Recycling bins should be placed in every classroom because it's the obvious choice."

3. Which argument is better supported by evidence? "Local councils should fund more free Wi-Fi in public parks because trial parks with free Wi-Fi saw visitor numbers increase by a third within six months." or "Local councils should fund more free Wi-Fi in public parks because everyone knows it's right."

4. Answer both (separate your two answers with a comma). 1) Which is a stronger, more logical argument? "The town should invest in bike lanes because traffic counts show cycling commutes doubled since the pilot path opened last year." or "The town should invest in bike lanes because cycling is fun." 2) Which argument is better supported by evidence? "Supermarkets should clearly label the country of origin for all fresh produce because consumer surveys show 72% of shoppers would change their buying habits with clearer labelling." or "Supermarkets should clearly label the country of origin for all fresh produce because people want to know."

5. Answer both (separate your two answers with a comma). 1) Which is a stronger, more logical argument? "Community sports fields should have free lighting at night because council data shows evening participation in local sports rose 45% in parks after lighting was installed." or "Community sports fields should have free lighting at night because it would be nice." 2) Which is a stronger, more logical argument? "Street bins should be emptied twice a week instead of once because overflow complaints fell by 80% in suburbs that switched to twice-weekly collection." or "Street bins should be emptied twice a week instead of once because bins get full."

6. Which argument is better supported by evidence? "New housing developments should be required to include bike storage because developments with bike storage included saw significantly higher resident cycling rates in post-occupancy surveys." or "New housing developments should be required to include bike storage because it seems fair."

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Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) Which argument is better supported by evidence? "The school day should start thirty minutes later because a study of 800 students found later starts reduced reported fatigue and improved first-period test scores." or "The school day should start thirty minutes later because mornings are hard." 2) Which argument is better supported by evidence? "Supermarkets should clearly label the country of origin for all fresh produce because consumer surveys show 72% of shoppers would change their buying habits with clearer labelling." or "Supermarkets should clearly label the country of origin for all fresh produce because people want to know." 3) Which is a stronger, more logical argument? "Community sports fields should have free lighting at night because council data shows evening participation in local sports rose 45% in parks after lighting was installed." or "Community sports fields should have free lighting at night because it would be nice."

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Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) Which is a stronger, more logical argument? "School uniforms should be mandatory because they reduce visible inequality between students, and a 2019 survey of 40 schools found clothing-related bullying dropped by 25% after uniforms were introduced." or "School uniforms should be mandatory. Everyone knows they're a good idea." 2) Which is a stronger, more logical argument? "Community sports fields should have free lighting at night because council data shows evening participation in local sports rose 45% in parks after lighting was installed." or "Community sports fields should have free lighting at night because it would be nice." 3) Which argument is better supported by evidence? "Mobile phones should be banned in class because a trial across 12 schools found test scores rose 6% after the policy began." or "Mobile phones should be banned in class because they are distracting."

9. Which argument is better supported by evidence? "Homework should be limited to 30 minutes a night because a meta-analysis of 50 studies found no extra academic benefit beyond that point for teenagers." or "Homework should be limited to 30 minutes a night because it just makes sense."

10. Answer both (separate your two answers with a comma). 1) Which argument is better supported by evidence? "School start times should shift later because sleep studies of over 1,000 teenagers link later starts to improved attendance and grades." or "School start times should shift later because mornings are hard." 2) Which argument is better supported by evidence? "Junk food advertising to children should be restricted because studies link it to a 15% rise in childhood obesity rates over the past decade." or "Junk food advertising to children should be restricted because it's unfair."