# Critical Reasoning

4 Questions

# Logical Argument

The argument consists of the following:

Cause(s)/Premise(s) leading to one effect/Conclusion

# Types of Critical Reasoning Questions

1.  <u>Premise(s)</u>= Stated Cause(s) (Explain-Since-Because)

2.  <u>Assumption</u>= Unstated Cause

Eg.: In one of the periods of slowdown in sales, one of the largest automobile manufacturers decided to raise the price of cars. As a result, he made profit.

3. <u>Conclusion</u>= general/no specific details or examples

The answer to each one of the questions above is based on the information in the argument.

# Types of Critical Reasoning Questions

4. <u>Weakening</u> the argument (undermine, cast doubt, prone to criticism, strengthen EXCEPT, flawed)

Eg.1:    Cause                          Effect

   Eating chocolate            Becoming obese

Eg.2:    Cause                          Effect

      Manipulator                 Drug Addict

# Types of Critical Reasoning Questions

5. <u>Strengthening</u> the argument (provide the best basis, justify, weaken EXCEPT)

| Cause | Effect |
|-------|--------|
| Eg.: Eating chocolate | Obesity |

The answers to Q4 and Q5 could be from outside the argument

# Types of Critical Reasoning Questions

6. <u>Relationship between the sentences in bold</u>

A. Connectors

B. Keywords indicating their functions

# Patterns of Wrong Answer Choices in Critical Reasoning

1. Irrelevant
2. Specifying something that is general and generalizing something that is specific
3. Mismatching quantifiers
4. "Should"
5. Mismatching years
6. Being limited to the present situation in the argument(unrelated to the past or the future)