

# Lecture Seven

(灵活类题目讲解 三)

# 本节课授课要点

- 灵活类题目讲解
  - 对话类
  - 平行结构（LSAT列举）

## 灵活类题目讲解

- 对话类讲解
  - e.g. Keith: Compliance with new government regulations requiring...  
Laura: The \$25 billion spent by some businesses will be revenue...  
Laura responds to Keith by?
- 平行结构讲解 (LSAT列举)
  - e.g. Which one of the following arguments is most similar in its flawed reasoning to the politician's argument?

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- C. Most merchandise orders placed in response to advertisements in Systems last year were placed by Systems subscribers over age thirty-five.
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- A. Gold is the background color on the label of many of the wines produced by Danville Winery.
- B. When the bottles are viewed side by side, Danville Winery's bottle is perceptibly taller than Mourdet Winery's.
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The pattern of reasoning in which one of the following arguments is most similar to that in the argument above?

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2. In university towns, police issue far more parking citations during the school year than they do during the times when the students are out of town. Therefore, we know that most parking citations in university towns are issued to students.

Which one of the following is most similar in its flawed reasoning to the flawed reasoning in the argument above?

- A. We know that children buy most of the snacks at cinemas, because popcorn sales increase as the proportion of child moviegoers to adult moviegoers increases.
- B. We know that this houseplant gets more of the sunlight from the window, because it is greener than that houseplant.
- C. We know that most people who go to a university are studious because most of those people study while they attend the university.
- D. We know that consumers buy more fruit during the summer than they buy during the winter, because there are far more varieties of fruit available in the summer than in the winter.
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The flawed pattern of reasoning in the argument above is most similar to that in which one of the following arguments?

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B. Any time that one of Global Airlines' local ticket agents misses a shift, the other agents on that shift need to work harder than usual. Since none of Global's local ticket agents missed a shift last week, the airline's local ticket agents did not have to work harder than usual last week.

C. Any time the price of fuel decreases, Global Airlines' expenses decrease and its income is unaffected. The price of fuel decreased several times last year. Therefore, Global Airlines must have made a profit last year.

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C. Future generations, understanding of today's publishing trends will be distorted if they judge by works published in CD-ROM format, since it is primarily publishers interested in computer games that are using CD-ROM.

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- 考场状态讲解
  - 没有方法的状态
  - 没有理性的状态
  - 完全灵活的状态

*The End*