

GRE写作

6.4 Argument 写作指令-找证据-文章结构

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找证据 - Discuss Evidence

Writing Instructions

1. Write a response in which you discuss what specific **evidence** is needed to evaluate the argument and explain how the evidence would weaken or strengthen the argument.

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写作“模板” - 找证据

Writing Template

1. (In order) To evaluate the argument, we first need to know	1) evidence
If there is evidence that ..., then	2) why
For example, Moreover,	3) counter.
(concluding sentences)	4) sum./ sug.
2. We also need to know	1) evidence
If evidence suggests that ..., then ...	2) why
It is possible that It is also likely that	3) counter.
(concluding sentences)	4) sum./ sug.
3. To fully evaluate this argument, we also have to learn about ...	1) evidence
If we were to learn that, then	2) why
Perhaps, Or perhaps,	3) counter.

Argument No.4 - Analysis

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a) influenced by modern civilization;
b) the visiting anthropologists; c) Dr. Field
2. Dr. Karp might have ignore children from Tertia.
3. Talking about parents does not suggest being raised by them.
a) curious; b) hateful; c) missing;
d) Dr. Karp wasn't a careful reader.
4. Despite his invalid conclusion, Dr. Field's approach might still be valid.
a) personal problem; b) no meta-analysis; *c) observation is necessary*

中间段 The Body Paragraph

1. *Things might have changed since twenty years ago.*

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Assumption:

Dr. Karp assumes that the way islanders of Tertia raise children has remained unchanged since twenty years ago.

Evidence:

To evaluate this argument, we first need to know whether the way the islanders of Tertia raise children has remained unchanged since twenty years ago. [evidence]

中间段 The Body Paragraph

To evaluate this argument, we first need to know whether the way the islanders of Tertia raise children has remained unchanged since twenty years ago. **[evidence]** If there is evidence that Tertia has changed significantly since Dr. Field conducted his observational study, then Dr. Karp's conclusion is clearly weakened. **[why]** For example, Westerners might have settled on the island in the intervening years, and they have introduced a more typical western-style family structure. **Moreover**, it could have been that the visiting anthropologists, Dr. Field included, offered to encourage village of Tertia to abandon its child-rearing tradition--which is obviously not conducive to healthy childhood development for a lack of parental love--and to have the parents raise their own children instead. **[counterexamples]** Were these scenarios true, then Dr. Karp conclusions about Dr. Field's research would be highly unpersuasive. **[summary]** (135 words)

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The first piece of evidence that we would need in order to evaluate Dr.

Karp's claims is information about whether or not Tertia and the surrounding island group have changed significantly in the past 20 years.

[summary] Dr. Field conducted his observational study 20 years ago, and it is possible that Tertia has changed significantly since then. **[why]** For example if we had evidence that in the intervening years Westerners had settled on the island and they introduced a more typical western-style family structure, it would certainly weaken Dr. Karp's argument. **[counterexample]** In that case, the original study could have been accurate, and Dr. Karp's study could be correct, as well, though his conclusion that Dr. Field's method is ineffective would be seriously weakened. **[summary]** (121 words)

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开头段 The Introductory Paragraph

Two Steps

1. briefly summarize the argument
2. challenge the argument according to the instruction

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Argument No. 4

It might seem logical, at first glance, to agree with the argument in Dr. Karp's article that children in Tertia actually are raised by their biological parents (and perhaps even, by implication, that an observation-centered approach to anthropological study is not as valid as an interview-centered one). **[briefly summarize the argument]** However, in order to fully evaluate this argument, we need to have a significant amount of additional evidence. The argument could end up being much weaker than it seems, or it might actually be quite valid. In order to make that determination, we need to know more then analyze what we learn. **[challenge the argument]** (99 words).

结尾段 The Concluding Paragraph

One to Two Steps

1. challenge argument again
2. more suggestions, if any

写作指令

Writing Instructions

1. evidence
2. assumption
- 3. question**
- 4. question**
- 5. question**
- 6. question**
7. alternative explanation
- 8. question**

Thanks

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