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## Shadows and Truth: Sophomore Critical Reading Lab

Examine the tension between rhetoric and reality by dissecting logical fallacies, implicit bias, and the weight of archival evidence in complex arguments.

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**1. An author arguing for urban renewal focuses exclusively on the visual aesthetics of new developments while omitting data on the displacement of long-term residents. This represents which critical reading concern?**

- A. Hasty generalization
- B. Selection bias and omission
- C. Ad hominem attack
- D. Red herring strawman

**2. True or False: In a high-level critical analysis, an 'objective' tone is a definitive guarantee that the text is free from ideological bias.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. A presidential speechwriter uses the phrase 'our common destiny' to create \_\_\_\_; a critical reader identifies this as an attempt to minimize internal socio-economic divisions.**

- A. a false dichotomy
- B. rhetorical synthesis
- C. universalizing language
- D. statistical validity

**4. Which of these pairs represents the most challenging distinction for a critical reader evaluating a historical monograph?**

- A. Fact vs. Fable
- B. Informed Interpretation vs. Implicit Bias
- C. Date of Publication vs. Context
- D. Primary Source vs. Social Media Post

**5. True or False: The validity of a syllogism (Logic A + Logic B = Conclusion C) depends entirely on the truth of its underlying premises.**

- A. True
- B. False

**6. When reading an academic paper on AI ethics, the presence of 'counter-argumentation' serves primarily to:**

- A. Confuse the reader regarding the author's true stance
- B. Fulfill a word count requirement

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- C. Establish the author's credibility through intellectual honesty
- D. Prove that the author's original claim is actually incorrect

**7. A journalist reports that 'The senator's policy is a recipe for disaster.' A critical reader labels this as \_\_\_\_\_ because it uses metaphorical, value-laden language rather than empirical data.**

- A. quantitative evidence
- B. subjective editorializing
- C. archival research
- D. peer-reviewed fact

**8. If an article about deep-sea exploration is funded by an oil company, a critical reader should prioritize evaluating the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. font and layout of the publication
- B. potential conflict of interest regarding conclusions
- C. biographical details of the individual divers
- D. number of adjectives used in the introduction

**9. True or False: Annotating a text by only highlighting key terms is a form of deep critical reading.**

- A. True
- B. False

**10. In her essay, the philosopher uses \_\_\_\_\_ by comparing the human mind to a vast, interconnected library, helping her argue for the importance of cognitive architecture.**

- A. an extended analogy
- B. a logical fallacy
- C. circular reasoning
- D. anecdotal evidence