

**Critical thinking in academic research, credit-test, MA2, 26.01.2012**

**Circle the best answer**

1. Which of the following senses of “true” (from Wiktionary) is illustrated here?

- (a) conforming to the actual state of reality or fact,
- (b) loyal, faithful,
- (c) genuine,
- (d) legitimate,
- (e) a state in Boolean logic.



2. “Shyness” has a negative:

- (a) polarity,
- (b) sense,
- (c) connotation,
- (d) affect,
- (e) trait.

3. “Synonyms are different words with almost identical or similar meanings.” This is a(n):

- (a) definition,
- (b) inference,
- (c) axiology,
- (d) hasty generalization,
- (e) axiom.

4. *Prima facie* means:

- (a) great guy,
- (b) at first sight,
- (c) (argument) to authority,
- (d) the same as *bona fide*,
- (e) the opposite to.

5. “All communists are atheists. Therefore, all atheists are communists”. This is fallacious because:

- (a) all atheists are communists,
- (b) some atheists are communists,
- (c) no atheists are communists,
- (d) all atheists are not communists,
- (e) some atheists are not communists.

6. The best order in research is:

- (a) data → hunch → testing → conclusion,
- (b) conclusion → data → hunch → testing,
- (c) testing → conclusion → data → hunch,
- (d) hunch → data → testing → conclusion,
- (e) hunch → testing → data → conclusion,

7. The main problem with *Wikipedia* is that it is:

- (a) untrustworthy,
- (b) incomplete,
- (c) plagiarized,
- (d) plagued with error,
- (e) culturally biased.

**Best answers: 1c, 2c, 3a, 4b, 5e, 6d, 7b.**