

Chapter Breather 2 FAST 2 QUESTION STEM QUIZ

If you want to get faster at LR, identifying the question stem more quickly is an easy way to shave 30 seconds off your time. That's why I'm uploading a bonus question stem quiz solely focused on timing.

Before you take this quiz, study The Fast and The Question Stem Quiz from *The Loophole in LSAT Logical Reasoning* and review your weaker areas. Obviously, you're going to know the question stem when it's something like "Which of the following weakens the argument?" But you should make sure you know the more complex stems before you take this quiz. This quiz is timed (*gasp*).



Another question stem quiz, another forced reference to *The Fast and the Furious*. I am nothing if not consistent.

INSTRUCTIONS

Start a stopwatch and then **identify each of the following question stems out loud; say whether it's powerful or provable out loud as well. Do not write down the question type and whether it's powerful or provable on your first pass.** The goal is to see how fast you can identify the question stems. If we factor in how long it takes you to write out names, it screws up the data. After you've finished your **out loud** identification, stop the stopwatch. Write in your answers so you can check them.

For example, if I read, "Which of the following weakens the argument?" I would say, "Weaken Powerful" out loud and then move on to the next question stem. After finishing the entire drill and stopping the stopwatch, I would write all the identifications in the blanks so I can check my accuracy.

| | QUESTION STEM | QUESTION TYPE | POWERFUL/PROVABLE |
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| 1. | Which one of the following, if true, most tends to undermine the argument? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 2. | Which one of the following is an assumption that would allow the conclusion above to be properly drawn? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 3. | The scholar's reasoning is flawed because the scholar presumes without giving sufficient justification that | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 4. | Which one of the following is an assumption on which the argument depends? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 5. | Which one of the following, if true, is the strongest counter Maxwell can make to Betsey's objection? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 6. | Which one of the following would it be most helpful to know in order to judge whether what the scientist subsequently learned calls into question the hypothesis? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |

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| 7. | Which one of the following is most appropriate as an analogy demonstrating that the reasoning in the argument above is flawed? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 8. | Scott responds to Patrick's argument by | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 9. | Which one of the following propositions is best illustrated by the situation described in the passage? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 10. | The statement that the law should require explicit safety labels on toys serves which one of the following functions in the consumer advocate's argument? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 11. | The argument's conclusion can be properly drawn if which one of the following is assumed? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 12. | Which one of the following principles, if valid, most strongly supports the reasoning above? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 13. | The pattern of reasoning in the argument above is most closely paralleled in which one of the following? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 14. | Of the following, which one most accurately describes Gamba's strategy of argumentation? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 15. | The reasoning in the argument is most vulnerable to criticism on the grounds that the argument | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 16. | If the statements above are true, which one of the following is an inference that can be properly drawn on the basis of them? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 17. | If Lela and Francis are both sincere in what they say, then it can be properly concluded that they agree that | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 18. | Which one of the following is an assumption on which the argument relies? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |

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| 19. Which one of the following is the point at issue between Bella and Sabina? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 20. If the statements above are true, then on the basis of them which one of the following CANNOT be true | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 21. Which one of the following statements follows logically from the statements above? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 22. Which one of the following is an assumption required by the argument? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 23. Which one of the following most accurately expresses the overall conclusion drawn in the argument? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 24. The statements above, if true, most strongly support which one of the following? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |
| 25. Which one of the following, if true, most helps to resolve the apparent discrepancy in the information above? | _____ | Powerful or Provable? |

Your Time: _____

Just so you can judge how fast/slow you were, I had a few people time their 2 Fast 2 Question Stem Quizzes to give you a baseline:

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| My time | 1:20 |
| My star student/savior's time | 1:26 |
| Experienced student who needs to study question stems | 2:33 |
| Beginner student who really needs to study question stems | 4:02 |

The craziest part of this is that the students taking 2+ minutes to identify the question stems are likely not identifying the question stem at all when they do timed sections. This is an easy problem to fix! Memorize your question stems.

2 Fast 2 Question Stem ANSWER KEY

| | QUESTION STEM | QUESTION TYPE | POWERFUL/PROVABLE |
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| 1. | Which one of the following, if true, most tends to undermine the argument? | Weaken | Powerful |
| 2. | Which one of the following is an assumption that would allow the conclusion above to be properly drawn? | Sufficient Assumption | Powerful |
| 3. | The scholar's reasoning is flawed because the scholar presumes without giving sufficient justification that | Loophole Flaw | Provable |
| 4. | Which one of the following is an assumption on which the argument depends? | Necessary Assumption | Provable |
| 5. | Which one of the following, if true, is the strongest counter Maxwell can make to Betsey's objection? | Counter | Powerful |
| 6. | Which one of the following would it be most helpful to know in order to judge whether what the scientist subsequently learned calls into question the hypothesis? | Evaluate | Powerful |
| 7. | Which one of the following is most appropriate as an analogy demonstrating that the reasoning in the argument above is flawed? | Parallel Flaw | Provable |
| 8. | Scott responds to Patrick's argument by | Method | Provable |
| 9. | Which one of the following propositions is best illustrated by the situation described in the passage? | Principle Conform | Provable |
| 10. | The statement that the law should require explicit safety labels on toys serves which one of the following functions in the consumer advocate's argument? | Argument Part | Provable |
| 11. | The argument's conclusion can be properly drawn if which one of the following is assumed? | Sufficient Assumption | Powerful |
| 12. | Which one of the following principles, if valid, most strongly supports the reasoning above? | Strengthen | Powerful |

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| 13. | The pattern of reasoning in the argument above is most closely paralleled in which one of the following? | Parallel Reasoning | Provable |
| 14. | Of the following, which one most accurately describes Gamba’s strategy of argumentation? | Method | Provable |
| 15. | The reasoning in the argument is most vulnerable to criticism on the grounds that the argument | Classic Flaw | Provable |
| 16. | If the statements above are true, which one of the following is an inference that can be properly drawn on the basis of them? | Inference | Provable |
| 17. | If Lela and Francis are both sincere in what they say, then it can be properly concluded that they agree that | Agreement | Provable |
| 18. | Which one of the following is an assumption on which the argument relies? | Necessary Assumption | Provable |
| 19. | Which one of the following is the point at issue between Bella and Sabina? | Controversy | Provable |
| 20. | If the statements above are true, then on the basis of them which one of the following CANNOT be true | Contradiction | Powerful |
| 21. | Which one of the following statements follows logically from the statements above? | Inference | Provable |
| 22. | Which one of the following is an assumption required by the argument? | Necessary Assumption | Provable |
| 23. | Which one of the following most accurately expresses the overall conclusion drawn in the argument? | Conclusion | Provable |
| 24. | The statements above, if true, most strongly support which one of the following? | Most Strongly Supported | Provable |
| 25. | Which one of the following, if true, most helps to resolve the apparent discrepancy in the information above? | Resolution | Powerful |