

**Critical thinking**

# **Main Conclusion**

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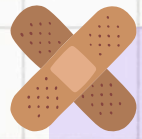
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# What is “the main conclusion”?

- The most relevant/important opinion in the text
- What is the opinion of the author or what is he or she trying to make me take home from this passage.
- What is his main point
- Usually will be connected by an supporting evidence before or after the conclusion in order to explain and support the conclusion given.



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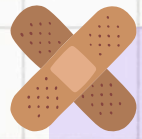
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# Steps to find the main conclusion

## Steps

1. Read the question to make sure you are dealing with Conclusion type of question.
2. Look for trigger words in the passage & Identify possible conclusions ( underline ).
3. Make your own conclusion in your head and identify the most likely conclusion from the text.
4. Match your conclusion to the answers,



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# Signal words

**You should use some of these signal words to guide you to the authors conclusion but sometimes it may not be clearly shown so you will have to use common sense.**

- In conclusion
- To sum up
- we can expect
- since
- So
- as a result
- Therefore
- Thus
- Hence
- In essence
- In brief
- in summary



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# Question 1 (easy)

## Passage:

Many people believe that drinking coffee in the evening will keep them awake at night. However, research shows that this is not always the case. Some individuals can drink coffee before bed and still fall asleep easily. Therefore, the effect of coffee on sleep varies from person to person.

## Question:

What is the main conclusion of the passage?

- a) Coffee always keeps people awake at night.
- b) Everyone should avoid drinking coffee before bed.
- c) The effect of coffee on sleep differs between individuals.
- d) Drinking coffee before bed is beneficial for sleep.







## Question 2 (easy)

### Passage:

Regular exercise is often recommended for improving physical health. However, it is also beneficial for mental health. Studies show that people who exercise regularly experience lower levels of stress and anxiety compared to those who do not exercise.

### Question:

What is the main conclusion of the passage?

- a) Exercise only improves physical health.
- b) Exercise has benefits for both physical and mental health.
- c) People should exercise to lose weight.
- d) Stress and anxiety are unrelated to exercise.







## Question 3 (easy)

### Passage:

Eating a balanced diet is crucial for maintaining good health. While some people believe that taking vitamins and supplements can replace a healthy diet, experts argue that it is better to get nutrients from food. A well-rounded diet provides not just vitamins, but also fiber, antioxidants, and other essential compounds that supplements cannot fully replace.

### Question:

What is the main conclusion of the passage?

- a) Vitamins and supplements are better than food.
- b) A balanced diet is essential for good health.
- c) Supplements provide all necessary nutrients.
- d) Fiber and antioxidants are unimportant for health.







# IMAT 2022 Q1

We have two standard forms of treatment for depression: antidepressant medication and psychological therapy. But over the last 30 years these treatments have not reduced either the prevalence of, or the disability caused by, depression: it is likely to remain a significant and largely intractable mental health problem. There are three key issues here: access, compliance and relapse. Access to treatment tends to be restricted to the minority of people who live in urban areas of wealthy countries. But even those who have access to care do not always comply with treatment recommendations – for many understandable reasons. To compound all this, high numbers of people who respond well to treatment later relapse: this is one of the reasons why depression remains so widespread.

**Which one of the following best expresses the main conclusion of the above argument?**

- A)** Depression is likely to remain a significant and largely intractable mental health problem.
- B)** Over the past 30 years, treatments have not reduced the prevalence of or disability caused by depression.
- C)** One of the reasons why depression remains so widespread is the high rate of relapse.
- D)** Access, compliance and relapse are the three key issues in the treatment of depression.
- E)** Access to treatment for depression tends to be restricted to people in urban areas of wealthy countries.







# TSA 2022 Q1

Throughout history, gold has been revered and used for expensive jewellery and ornamentation. But in the future, it will be prized for its practical uses rather than for its aesthetic appeal. It wasn't until early in the last century that gold's electrical conductivity properties were discovered. Solid state electronic devices use very low voltages and currents, which are easily interrupted by corrosion at the contact points. Gold is such an efficient conductor that it can carry these tiny currents and remain free of corrosion, making the devices highly reliable. A small amount of gold is used in almost every modern electronic device, and it is predicted that within ten years, more gold will be used in the production of electronics than in jewellery.

**Which one of the following best expresses the main conclusion of the above argument?**

- A)** In the future gold will be prized for its practical uses rather than for its aesthetic appeal.
- B)** It wasn't until early in the last century that gold's electrical conductivity properties were discovered.
- C)** Gold is such an efficient conductor that it can carry tiny electrical currents and remain free of corrosion.
- D)** A small amount of gold is used in almost every modern electronic device.
- E)** Within ten years, more gold will be used in the production of electronics than in jewellery.







**ANY QUESTIONS?**

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