

READING 97 SAMPLE READING ASSIGNMENT FOR NEAR END OF THE COURSE

III. RECOGNIZE AND ANALYZE EXAMPLES OF FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Directions: Identify each figure of speech as a simile or a metaphor. Then in the space provided, answer each inference question that follows.

___14. His friendship is as genuine as a plastic Christmas tree.

- A) simile B) metaphor

___15. You can infer that the friendship is

- A) easy to maintain B) fake and cheap C) seasonal and glittery

___16. The executives did not admit that the company was a sinking ship until after they had taken millions of dollars for themselves.

- A) simile B) metaphor

___17. You can infer that the company

- A) was well managed B) was failing C) was going in more than one direction

(Adapted from Ten Steps to IMPROVING College Reading Skills, John Langan, 6th edition, 2014, Chapter 7, Inferences, Figures of Speech, p. 286.)

IV: DETECT AND LABEL PROPAGANDA IN ARGUMENTS

Directions: Write the letter of the main propaganda technique that applies to the ad.

A) Bandwagon	B) Testimonial	C) Transfer
D) Plain Folks	E) Name Calling	F) Glittering Generalities

___18. An ad for Tide laundry detergent features a cute little girl wearing a star-spangled red, white, and blue dress. "Stay true to her reds, whites, blues, and everything in between," reads the ad.

___19. An ad for Bermuda tourism proclaims: "Bermuda: Feel the love."

___20. A TV commercial for the Showboat casino shows crowds of people enjoying themselves around various gaming tables and asks the question, "Showboat . . . who *doesn't* want to play?"

___21. Actress Sally Field urges post-menopausal women to take Boniva to build strong, healthy bones.

(Adapted from Ten Steps to IMPROVING College Reading Skills, John Langan, 6th edition, 2014, Chapter 10, Critical Reading, p. 434.)

V. CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF AN ARGUMENT

Directions: Identify fact with an **F**, opinions with an **O**, and the **one** combination of fact *and* opinion with **F+O**.

___22. Local TB new shows devote too much coverage to violent crimes.

___23. In the late 1800s, it was common for American children under fifteen to work in mines, in factories, and in the homes of the wealthy.

___24. In the 20th century, child labor laws put a stop to such outrageous practices a having five-year-olds working sixteen-hour days.

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___25. It's always better to use a ball-point pen rather than a pencil when taking notes in class.

___26. The percentage of people who get their news from the Internet is rising, while the percentage of broadcast-news viewers is declining.

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Directions: Each item below illustrates a particular error in reasoning. On the line next to the statement, write the letter of the logical fallacy contained in each item. Choose from the six fallacies shown in the box below.

A) Circular Reasoning	B) Personal Attack	C) Straw Man
D) False Cause	E) False Comparison	F) Either-Or

___27. Governor Donovan's views on higher education are worthless. His own son dropped out of college.

___28. My neighbor Fred didn't support our invasion of Iraq. He obviously doesn't care if the terrorists attack us again.

___29. Football is fun to watch because it's such an enjoyable game.

___30. Young people must choose between a career that will help their fellow human beings and one that will earn them a decent living.

___31. The day Rosa wore her pink crystal bracelet, she finished first in the 100-meter run. Now she plans to wear that bracelet every time she races.

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