

# Introduction to Logical Reasoning

## *Workshop on Argument Parsing*

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# Find Your Group

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These are the group names (based on newspaper titles, to inspire our future journalists):

*Emirates 24 | 7*

Maha Al-Moghany  
Sara Al-Thani

*The Peninsula*

Penny Wang  
Muncera Al-Buainain

*New York Times*

Angel Polacco  
Marium Saeed

*Gulf Times*

Alanna Alexander  
Amit Chowdhury

*Qatar Tribune*

Marie-Joe Khachan  
Jaimee Haddad

*Dubai Chronicle*

Maha Al-Ansari  
Riden Balakrishnan

*London Times*

Ola Diab  
Gena El Aker

*Washington Post*

Aamena Ahmed  
Saoud Faiadh

*The National*

Amna Elsaka  
Mohammed Hammouda

# Part I, Problem 1 Solution

C Campaign finance reform is needed because  
PI  
many contributions to political campaigns  
1 are morally equivalent to bribes.

# Part I, Problem 2 Solution

In spite of the fact that electrons are physical entities, <sup>C</sup>they cannot be seen. <sup>Pl</sup>For electrons are too small to deflect photons.<sub>1</sub>

# Part I, Problem 3 Solution

C The defendant is guilty. P1 The reasons being he  
confessed to stealing the jewels, he was<sup>2</sup>  
present at the scene of the crime, and his<sup>3</sup>  
fingerprints are on the safe.

# Part I, Problem 4 Solution

- 1 If Qatar wins the Asian Cup, then the fans from Bahrain will shout obscenities. So you should leave your children at home because Qatar is going to win it!
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# Part 2, Problem 1 Solution

<sup>1</sup>Either the Internet is killing journalism or  
journalists are adapting. But the Internet has<sup>2</sup>  
widened the audience of news consumers and  
<sup>3</sup>put more news at people's fingertips, and if<sup>4</sup>  
these two things are true, then the Internet is  
not killing journalism. <sup>C</sup>So, the Internet is not  
killing journalism; journalists are adapting. <sup>C</sup>

# Part 2, Problem 2 Solution

<sup>1</sup>The newest news dispenser, the runaway Internet, makes a journalist out of anybody who has a modem. It values<sup>2</sup>speed and sensation above accuracy.

<sup>3</sup>New media will not accept our standards.

We are foolish to treat them as if they have.

This is a grim time for newspapers.



# Part 2, Problem 3 Solution

- 1 It is the non-Internet media that have made the most notorious journalistic errors of late: the bogus eyewitness account of a Monica-Clinton tryst, the incrimination of Richard Jewell [falsely accused by the media for bombing the 1996 Summer Olympics], the digital capping of [septuplets father] Bobbi McCaughey's teeth, the serial publication of plagiarized and fictional stories in The New Republic and, just three days after the Drudge speech, [American comedian] Bob Hope's "death." It's past time to retire the Internet as a scapegoat for journalistic ills.
- 2 It's a medium, not a message, and it can be used as irresponsibly or as honorably as a printing press or a TV network can.
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# Next Class...

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We will look at how to construct a visual representation of an argument, known as an argument diagram (or argument map).

Also, please don't forget to turn in your response to the Workshop #2 Questionnaire on your way out.