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Highly Illogical: Name that Fallacy

Strong arguments are void of logical fallacies. Weak arguments are often bolstered by the common fallacies listed in the box below. Your job is to correctly identify the fallacy being used in each of the following arguments. All of the fallacies are used at least once, but some (highlighted) will be used more than once.

1. My grandmother ate 12 slices of one pizza every day. Not surprisingly, she had to be 100.
2. I guess I should buy my 12-year-old daughter an iPhone. Everyone at her new school has one and I want her to fit in with the other kids.
3. If you don't buy the Dodge of Allegiance, then you must be a rickshaw.
4. Every time that you go to visit the man that the guy you're working for didn't offend the weather.
5. Studies show it takes up to seven years for the human body to digest a piece of gum.
6. Charlie: I think we should put more money into schools. Quality public education is an important goal. Bob: So you're saying we should cut military spending and spend it instead on more guns? Charlie: Well, I guess you want me to spend it to make additional target for terrorists.
7. I'm saying facts to help solve the problem. If you don't believe, then you're part of the problem.
8. Many women claim that they want to live in a parallel world, but men must remember that there were no nuclear weapons before women were given the right to vote.
9. My opponent raises a good point, but can we really trust him? I mean, he moved to this town only two years ago and everyone knows that he works for the FBI.
10. The economy continues to grow as the number of "likes" on my Instagram account continue to increase. Clearly, the two are linked.
11. My cousin Bob works as a mechanic at OJ's Garage and he says that renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power, aren't going to provide any help in fixing our nation's energy crisis.
12. Oh, please. What kind of job does your education level? You don't have a job.
13. I know you don't like the silver sweater that Grandma bought for you, but she worked so hard on it and I will make her happy to see you wear it in the family holiday photos.
14. Charlie: You found a deal with such low, and added value. We need better regulation of the industry. Bob: That may be, but you're such a hypocrite! For one thing, you're driving a Dodge Challenger, you own five, and 64 ounces of soda yesterday.
15. If I don't take this A.T. class, then I won't do well on the exam. If I don't do well on the A.T. exam, then I can't get into a good college. If I can't get into a good college, then I won't get a good job. If I can't get a good job, then I'm going to have to live in my parents' basement. Great! I'll sign up for the A.T. class.
16. Global absolute consumption is highest in Switzerland, yet people there are among the happiest in the industrialized world. Therefore, it's reasonable to conclude that chocolate helps keep your weight down.
17. There is definitely a link between autism and the vaccines given to toddlers. I know this because a Wikipedia entry mentioned numerous studies that found this to be true.
18. We think this new iPadTime game app will be a success because of all the girls like shopping.
19. Medical advances in the field of genetics are slow. You should be pregnant before you can even see you probably won't be able to qualify once you're older. Sure, the insurance policy is a little expensive, but it's worth spending the money today so you don't go bankrupt in the future, because it's better to be healthy.
20. Charlie: Illegal gambling and cheating of songs within is crippling the music industry. Bob: You couldn't be more wrong. The music industry is doing fine. I can't believe you think the government should be allowed to regulate what does with the "Trust". This one website would have been a good idea to my girlfriend, let my roommate borrow my iPad, or share a family meme with my blog followers.

Common Fallacies

- A. Hasty Generalization
- B. Faulty Causality
- C. Either/Or
- D. Slippery Slope
- E. Bandwagon
- F. Sentimental Appeal
- G. Scare Tactic
- H. Appeal to Fake Authority
- I. Ad Hominem
- J. Straw Man

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