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1. The firm hired more trainees this year than last year.

- A. True
- B. Probably True
- C. Insufficient Data
- D. Probably False

2. Top law graduates want training contracts at Magic Circle firms.

- A. Assumption Made
- B. Assumption Not Made

3. Sarah must complete CPD.

- A. Conclusion Follows
- B. Conclusion Does Not Follow

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4. Completing a vacation scheme significantly increases the probability of receiving a training contract offer from the same firm.

- A. Conclusion Follows
- B. Conclusion Does Not Follow

5. Yes, because transparency about pay disparities can create meaningful pressure on firms to address systemic inequality.

- A. Strong Argument
- B. Weak Argument



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6. Premises: All employees who completed the advanced cybersecurity training are on the incident response team. Some members of the IT department completed the advanced cybersecurity training. Based only on these premises, which conclusion can be logically deduced?

- A. All members of the incident response team are from the IT department.
- B. Some members of the IT department are on the incident response team.
- C. All members of the IT department are on the incident response team.
- D. No one outside the IT department completed the advanced cybersecurity training.

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7. The firm opened a new office outside London this year.

- A. True
- B. Probably True
- C. Insufficient Data
- D. Probably False

8. All law graduates want to work at Magic Circle firms.

- A. Assumption Made
- B. Assumption Not Made

9. James is permitted to conduct advocacy in the Crown Court.

- A. Conclusion Follows
- B. Conclusion Does Not Follow

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10. Vacation schemes cause firms to offer training contracts to students they would otherwise have rejected.

- A. Conclusion Follows
- B. Conclusion Does Not Follow

11. No, because some law firm partners prefer not to have their salaries made public.

- A. Strong Argument
- B. Weak Argument



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12. Passage: There are three general groups of countries that show the relationship between personal income and happiness levels. In some countries (such as Germany), both personal incomes and happiness levels have increased at the same rate over the past 10 years. In others (such as China), personal incomes have doubled over the past decade, but average happiness has increased by only 0.43 points. In 43 countries (including India and the US), incomes have risen, but happiness levels have declined. **Statement:** The happiness level in some countries can be higher or lower than in others with the same personal income levels.

- A. True
- B. Probably True
- C. Insufficient Data
- D. Probably False

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13. Fee earners worked harder this year than in previous years.

- A. True
- B. Probably True
- C. Insufficient Data
- D. Probably False

14. Some associates currently leave the firm because they feel insufficiently supported.

- A. Assumption Made
- B. Assumption Not Made

15. Some barristers appear in court regularly.

- A. Conclusion Follows
- B. Conclusion Does Not Follow

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16. Civil litigants in England and Wales are waiting significantly longer for their cases to reach trial than they were in 2019.

- A. Conclusion Follows
- B. Conclusion Does Not Follow



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17. Yes, because many immigration applicants lack the resources to afford legal representation and face significant consequences including deportation without it.

- A. Strong Argument
- B. Weak Argument

18. Passage: A worldwide study shows that there are behavioral shifts among consumers. 41% said that they are increasingly looking for ways to save money. Consumers are largely brand loyal but shop around for the best prices. Only 12% of consumers have traded down to buy cheaper brands, with 11% trading up. There has been a big shift towards online shopping. Statement: None of those who trade down also trade up.

- A. True
- B. Probably True
- C. Insufficient Data
- D. Probably False

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19. The firm's total revenue increased this year.

- A. True
- B. Probably True
- C. Insufficient Data
- D. Probably False

20. Mentoring is the only factor that influences associate retention.

- A. Assumption Made
- B. Assumption Not Made

21. Tom may represent clients in the High Court.

- A. Conclusion Follows
- B. Conclusion Does Not Follow

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22. The increase in waiting times was caused entirely by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

- A. Conclusion Follows
- B. Conclusion Does Not Follow

23. No, because increasing legal aid will inevitably lead to higher taxes for everyone.

- A. Strong Argument
- B. Weak Argument

24. Statement: Getting a highly paid position in a top law firm is difficult, so young lawyers need to get lots of experience in the law. Proposed Assumption: Getting a highly paid position in a top law firm is possible.

- A. Assumption made
- B. Assumption not made

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25. Environmental law was not a practice area at the firm last year.

- A. True
- B. Probably True
- C. Insufficient Data
- D. Probably False

26. At least some clients have access to video-call technology.

- A. Assumption Made
- B. Assumption Not Made

27. Clifford Chance is headquartered in London.

- A. Conclusion Follows
- B. Conclusion Does Not Follow

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28. On average, claimants using top-20 firms obtained better financial outcomes than those using other firms.

- A. Conclusion Follows
- B. Conclusion Does Not Follow



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29. Yes, because the current divided profession creates unnecessary barriers to entry and limits career flexibility for legal professionals.

- A. Strong Argument
- B. Weak Argument

30. Premises: Some producers of renewable energy rely heavily on government subsidies. All companies that rely heavily on government subsidies will one day have to manage without them. Conclusion: Some producers of renewable energy will one day need to operate without government subsidies.

- A. Conclusion follows
- B. Conclusion does not follow



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1. A — True

A 40% increase in intake directly means more trainees were hired. 'True' is fully supported by the passage.

2. A — Assumption Made

The statement is built on the premise that top graduates expect/want Magic Circle contracts. This assumption is clearly embedded in the reasoning.

3. A — Conclusion Follows

All qualified solicitors must complete CPD; Sarah is a qualified solicitor; therefore Sarah must complete CPD. Valid deduction.

4. A — Conclusion Follows

A 3.4x higher likelihood is a substantial increase. The conclusion follows directly from the data.

5. A — Strong Argument

This argument is directly relevant to the question, identifies a specific mechanism (transparency → pressure → change), and addresses a substantive concern. It is strong.

6. B — Some members of the IT department are on the incident response team.

If some IT members completed the training and all who completed it joined the incident response team, then necessarily some IT members are on the response team.

7. C — Insufficient Data

The passage mentions expansion into new practice areas, not geographic expansion. There is no information about new offices.

8. B — Assumption Not Made

The statement specifies 'top graduates', not all graduates. Assuming all graduates want Magic Circle positions goes beyond what is stated.

9. B — Conclusion Does Not Follow

The premises establish that no trainee may conduct Crown Court advocacy, and James is a trainee. Therefore James is NOT permitted. The conclusion is false.

10. B — Conclusion Does Not Follow

The data shows correlation (higher likelihood) not causation. The firm may select high-calibre students for vacation schemes who would have been offered contracts anyway.

11. B — Weak Argument

This argument is weak. Individual partners' preferences about privacy are a minor consideration that does not outweigh the policy rationale for transparency.



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12. B — Probably True

The passage shows varied relationships between income and happiness across countries, making it probable — though not definitively proven from the data — that countries with the same income level can differ in happiness.

13. C — Insufficient Data

Higher billable hours suggest more work was billed, but this could reflect improved tracking or rate changes rather than harder work. Insufficient data.

14. A — Assumption Made

The reasoning implies that a lack of support is currently causing departures. Otherwise the mentoring scheme would not address retention. This assumption is made.

15. A — Conclusion Follows

Some barristers specialise in family law; all family law specialists appear in court; therefore at least some barristers appear in court regularly.

16. A — Conclusion Follows

97 weeks versus 68 weeks is a clear increase of nearly 43%. The conclusion follows from the data.

17. A — Strong Argument

This argument is strong — it is directly relevant, addresses both access to justice and the severity of consequences, and is grounded in factual circumstances.

18. C — Insufficient Data

The passage gives separate percentages for trading down and trading up but provides no information about whether these groups overlap.

19. B — Probably True

More fee earners and higher billable hours per fee earner both point toward higher revenue, making this probably true, though billing rates and write-offs are unknown.

20. B — Assumption Not Made

The statement says mentoring will improve retention — it does not assume it is the only factor. Other factors could also matter.

21. B — Conclusion Does Not Follow

The premises restrict Crown Court representation. They say nothing about the High Court. The conclusion cannot be deduced.

22. B — Conclusion Does Not Follow

The data shows an increase in waiting times but does not identify any cause. The pandemic may be one factor, but the data provides no basis for this causal claim.

23. B — Weak Argument

This is weak — it makes an unsubstantiated causal claim ('inevitably') and does not engage with the specifics of immigration legal aid funding or its alternatives.

24. A — Assumption made

The advice to gain experience only makes sense if securing such a position is at least possible; otherwise the



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advice would be pointless.

25. C — Insufficient Data

'Expansion into environmental law' could mean a new area or a growing existing one. We cannot conclude it did not exist previously.

26. A — Assumption Made

Offering video consultations only makes sense if clients can actually use them. The assumption that clients have the necessary technology is implicit.

27. A — Conclusion Follows

All Magic Circle firms are in London; Clifford Chance is a Magic Circle firm; therefore Clifford Chance is in London. This follows logically.

28. A — Conclusion Follows

A 28% higher settlement average directly supports this conclusion about better financial outcomes.

29. A — Strong Argument

This is a strong argument — it directly engages with the question, identifies concrete problems with the current system (barriers, inflexibility), and is relevant to the policy debate.

30. A — Conclusion follows

Some renewable energy producers rely on subsidies, and all such companies will one day manage without them, so necessarily some renewable energy producers will operate without subsidies.



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