

Developing Critical Thinking Skills

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1. Which of the following is a key component of critical thinking mentioned in the text?

- A) Memorizing textbook definitions
- B) Accepting all information as truth
- C) Evaluating the credibility of accounts**
- D) Avoiding complex problem solving

2. Why is critical thinking considered important for university students?

- A) It helps students rely more on teachers
- B) It enables students to create knowledge**
- C) It guarantees a simple solution to every problem
- D) It avoids the need to read multiple sources

3. What is the primary purpose of reading critically?

- A) To memorize the text quickly
- B) To find clear-cut answers
- C) To evaluate the validity and importance of a text**
- D) To avoid questioning the author

4. Which skill involves breaking information down and recombining it in different ways?

- A) Interpreting
- B) Analysing**
- C) Reasoning
- D) Evaluating

5. When writing a critical review, what is a recommended strategy?

- A) Ignore the original text's thesis
- B) Avoid using other sources
- C) Select sections of the text that are open to question**
- D) Only provide a positive perspective

6. What does the text suggest about using language in critical writing?

- A) Use absolute terms like 'always'
- B) Use inclusive, non-absolute language**
- C) Avoid attributing claims to sources
- D) Use coloured language to influence the reader

7. How should evidence be used in a critical essay?

- A) It should be accepted without question
- B) It should confirm the thesis without debate
- C) It should be critically evaluated within an argument**
- D) It should only come from one source

8. What defines 'explicit' critical writing?

- A) Writing that is hidden from the reader
- B) Assignments like critical reviews that directly ask for evaluation**
- C) Writing that avoids all arguments
- D) Essays that never reference research articles

9. What is one way to display critical thinking in 'subtle' ways?

- A) Challenging the entire perspective of a field
- B) Opening up the possibility that an argument may be limited**
- C) Ignoring counter-arguments
- D) Using aggressive language

10. According to the text, what is a benefit of developing critical thinking skills?

- A) Achieving better marks**
- B) Becoming more dependent on textbooks
- C) Finding simple solutions to complex problems
- D) Avoiding social and economic analysis