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Assignment on Logic and Critical Thinking

Match items under column B with right items given under column A

A.

1. Appeal to pity
2. bandwagon
3. Fallacy against person, abusive
4. Fallacy against person, you too
5. Straw man fallacy
6. Missing the point
7. Appeal to ignorance
8. Slippery slop
9. Begging The Question
10. Division

B.

1. I believe in the Bible because it is the written word of God through his prophets. Obviously, God would not lie to his prophets. After all, the Bible says so.
2. Natan has really worked hard to score the best grade for this course: Introduction to Logic, and he will really be depressed if he does not make an A. For these reasons, you just have to give him an A on this course
3. But professor, surely your advice that I should stop going to the night club on regular bases is not sound advice since I always see you at the night club whenever I get there.
4. Nobody has ever proved that there is intelligent life outside our solar system. It follows that there is no intelligent life outside our solar system. The fallacy committed is :
5. The vast majority of Ethiopians believe in God. Therefore, you should believe, too.
6. This piece of paper is visible. Therefore, each atom in the piece of paper is visible.

7. A member of the house of people's representative argues against the increase of the defense budget. His intention is obvious: he wants to leave the country defenseless.
8. Something is seriously wrong with the Ethiopian education policy these days. The majority of our summer students joining universities find it difficult to clearly understand the basic concepts. Their performances are extremely low for the previous six years, and even after graduation, they are incapable of expressing themselves. The obvious conclusion is that universities in Ethiopia should quit summer program.
9. You should never buy your child a goldfish, because next it will be a master and then a rabbit. After that the kid will scream for a cat, and then a dog. Next it will be a horse, and finally an elephant.
10. Ato Yonatan claims that Ethiopia is doing a good job in the fight against terrorism in Somalia. But he does not have any idea that this is a clear violation of the principles of sovereignty and national integrity of a sovereign state. Besides, Yonatan as you know him very well, never got beyond the third grade in school and can hardly understand the concept of terrorism. He is completely ignorant of what scholars have written on the subject, so his report cannot possibly be true