

**Table 1.e**

What? (Claim)	Why? (Assertion)	How? (Evidence)	Explain? (Apt Explanation)
<p>The drinking age should be lowered to 18.  <i>Counterclaim:</i>  The drinking age should remain at 21.</p>	<p>1. <i>18 year olds are physically and mentally capable</i></p>	<p>1. <i>18 year olds have been driving for two years</i></p> <p>2. <i>Eighteen years is the legal age of majority in all but three states</i></p>	<p>1. (Connect to <b>assertion</b>) People can get their driver's license at age 16 and 17 yr. old in most states and in all states 18 yr. olds are permitted to drive without any restrictions. Driving a vehicle is a task entrusted to people who have physical and mental skills to operate a multi-ton vehicle at high speeds and not endanger the lives of themselves, their passengers or others on the road. Society recognizes 18 year olds as fully capable of meeting these challenges with self-control and expertise</p> <p>2. Apt <b>Explanation:</b> (Connect to <b>assertion</b>) Society trusts 18 yr. olds to live independently of parental control. At those age they are considered to be mentally and physically mature to support themselves with a job and make living arrangements independent of their parents' advice or consent.</p>
	<p>2. <i>18 year olds are responsible.</i></p>	<p>1. <i>Eighteen year olds can fight for their country.</i></p>	<p>1. Apt <b>Explanation:</b> (Connect to <b>assertion</b>) Society endorses the responsibility of 18 yr. olds when they are required to register for the draft, when they are given training to use weapons in a disciplined and</p>

		<p>2. 18 yr. olds can vote.</p>	<p>responsible manner to defend our country, when they are put in positions where other people's lives will depend on their responsibility and mature judgment</p> <p>2. Apt <b>Explanation:</b> (Connect to <b>assertion</b>) The fact that society entrusts 18 yr. olds with this privilege implies 18 yr. olds have the maturity to make informed choices when discerning between two candidates with different agendas for the governing of the constituents. Society gives 18 yr. olds the right to choose who will govern the nation, certainly a vote of confidence in their maturity as citizens.</p>
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