

Essential Selective Thinking Skills Book 1 – Errata

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Test 1, Page 4, Question 3 – The answer on p100 changed from B to D along with a change in the answer explanation.

p 4

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Whenever the caution signal on Belinda's car begins to flash, it means the engine is starting to die out.

Tara: "If the signal is not flashing anymore, the engine must not be dying anymore."

Ridd: "No, that means the car engine is already dead."

If the information in the box is true, whose reasoning is correct?

A Tara only
B Ridd only
C Both Tara and Ridd
D Neither Tara nor Ridd

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	3	D	Tara thinks no flashing means the engine is fine, while Ridd thinks it means the engine is dead. But the statement doesn't confirm either—just that flashing means it's starting to die. So, neither is correct.
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Test 1, Page 7, Question 9 – The question on p7 and the answer and explanation on page 100 have both been revised.

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9 Piravin argues that university education should be free because charging fees unfairly limits access to higher education.

Which one of these statements, if true, **weakens** Piravin's argument?

A Universities that rely primarily on government funding often restrict enrolment numbers due to limited budgets
B Students from higher-income families are statistically more likely to attend university than students from lower-income families
C Tuition fees can discourage some students from applying to university
D Removing tuition fees would reduce financial barriers to higher education

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	9	A	Piravin assumes that free education will allow more people to attend, but Option A explains that if universities rely mainly on limited government funding, they may need to restrict enrolment numbers, resulting in fewer available places. This directly undermines Piravin's argument, while the other options support the idea that fees limit access.
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Test 3, Page 45, Question 20 – The question on p45 and the answer and explanation on page 108 have both been revised.

p 45

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The nightlight in Mina's room turns on at 9:00 pm and turns off at 2:00 am.
The room is dark unless the nightlight is on.
At 6:00 pm, Mina and Sally finished dinner. Two hours later, they are in Mina's room.

Mina: "The nightlight is off, so the room is dark."

Sally: "The nightlight will not turn on for another hour."

If the information in the box is true, whose reasoning is correct?

A Mina only

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C

Two hours after 6:00 pm is 8:00 pm, which is before the nightlight turns on at 9:00 pm, so the nightlight is still off and the room is dark. Mina is correct because an off nightlight means the room is dark, and Sally is also correct because at 8:00 pm the nightlight will not turn on for another hour.