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**GRE – Writing – Homework 6**

**The writer of the issue claims that an argument is the most valid if it can be convincing enough to contrasting points of view because he thinks that its ability to be defended against doubts and opposing views is the only parameter that makes that argument valuable. In fact, I agree with neither the claim and nor the reason as they are as I find them both unconvincing.**

**First of all, the ability to convince people with opposing viewpoints depends on the one who presents the argument, not the validity of it. This factor is one of the most important language skills that gives one the capability is needed to influence people around him. People with high language skills can make others concur with their ideas and reasoning, which results in being convincing to everyone including the one who has contrasting thoughts. For instance, most of the political leaders around the world use these skills to be supported by a large part of people. In fact, they know what words and tone to use to make their speeches believable and this ability has nothing to do with validity or truth. In contrast, people with low language skills cannot defend their arguments and convince almost anyone to follow them.**

**Even if we now assume that the one who presents the argument is an honest one and does not use any trick or special words and tone to convince anybody, I believe that the one who is going to impugn the one’s argument should be expert in that field and prepared to argue all the aspects and details of it. Otherwise, convincing a person with little knowledge is not a big challenge and even does not need any special skill. Opposing points of view should be comprehensive and strong enough to state every debate and defect to challenge an argument, which is why the opposing person must have complete information about it. For example, in recent times in Iran, when one said drinking alcohol is great prevention to Covid-19, even though so many people were opposed the idea, a significant number of them accept it and hurt themselves by this absurd suggestion because of their insufficient knowledge.**

**Now, if the argument presenters are honest and if the contrasting views are from expert critics, the question is whether this is the only way that makes an argument valuable. I think the only way to reach a perfect argument is to gather as many different ideas as we can from various people and analyze them to be sure that every aspect has been considered. Therefore, every proposed idea plays a role in making the final argument perfect and it is valuable. In fact, the origin of every strong argument may not be complete and flawless, but it is where everything is started and it means a lot. A good example of this opinion is the physics principals’ evolution; the first theory that has been proposed almost is basic and has changed during the time, but it is always valuable and all the physicists refer their works to it.**

**In the final analysis, an argument’s validity is not measured just by its ability to convince opposing points of view, but the argument’s presenter’s honesty and the critic’s understanding of the topic are important factors that should be considered. Furthermore, we should note that every opinion that is stated have a part in seeing the big picture from different aspect and is valuable even if it cannot be defended or convince everybody.**