

# CRITICALTHINKING

## Mapping simple arguments

### PASSAGE 1

The state needs to ensure that DNA tests are available to all defendants in murder trials. The state has an obligation to ensure that justice is done in criminal courts – especially when life sentences are at stake. The only way to do justice is to ensure that all available evidence, including DNA tests, is available in murder trials.

### PASSAGE 2

Some Western European countries are banning Muslim women from wearing the burqa on the grounds that it is an insult to women's dignity. If Europeans are truly concerned with women's dignity, they should be addressing not only the burqa, but also highly sexualized images of (non-Muslim) women in the European media. After all, if they're so concerned with Muslim women's dignity, then they ought to be just as concerned about the highly sexualized portrayals of women in, say, European advertising as they are about the burqa.

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## PASSAGE 3

Cybersecurity has become a hot topic lately. An enormous amount of internet traffic flows through undersea cables. Damage to these cables could wreak havoc on business and communication around the globe. Governments urgently need to protect these highly vulnerable cables.

## PASSAGE 4

Happiness in life is reserved for those who care more about being happy than being 'successful'. The signs of so-called success in modern life – a big house, a fancy car, designer clothes etc. – are expensive. Having enough money to buy expensive things requires working so hard that you don't have time to enjoy all the expensive things you've bought. Besides, true happiness doesn't come from owning the kinds of things that are considered signs of success, anyway.