**The Logic of NAME OF ARTICLE**

Instructions:

Utilize this template for analyzing the logic of an article.

**1. The main purpose of this article is** (State as accurately as possible the author’s purpose for writing the article):

Answer Here

**2. The key question that the author is addressing is** (Figure out the key question in the mind of the author when s/he wrote the article):

Answer Here

**3. The most important information in this article is** (Figure out the facts, experiences, data the author is using to support her/his conclusions):

Answer Here

**4. The main inferences/conclusions in this article are** (Identify the key conclusions the author comes to and presents in the article):

Answer Here

**5. The key concept(s) we need to understand in this article is (are) AND  
By these concepts the author means** (Figure out the most important ideas you would have to understand in order to understand the author’s line of reasoning):

Answer Here

**6. The main assumption(s) underlying the author’s thinking is (are)** (Figure out what the author is taking for granted [that might be questioned]):

Answer Here

**7a. If we take this line of reasoning seriously, the implications are** (What consequences are likely to follow if people take the author’s line of reasoning seriously):

Answer Here

**7b. If we fail to take this line of reasoning seriously, the implications are** (What consequences are likely to follow if people ignore the author’s reasoning):

Answer Here

**8. The main point(s) of view presented in this article is (are)** (What is the author looking at, and how is s/he seeing it):

Answer Here

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