**Argument Diagramming Quiz**

**Instructions: (1) Identify whether the passage is an argument, an explanation, a report, an illustration, or nonsense. (2) If the passage contains an argument, then identify the premises, the main conclusion, and all sub-conclusions. (3) Diagram the argument.**

1. If a language contains its own truth-predicate, then the language will allow for sentences that are both true and false, such as (a) “this sentence is false”. A language that contains sentences that are both true and false is incoherent. So, no language should contain its own truth predicate.

2. Some vegans are against eating meat because of cruelty to animals. Yet some vegans where and buy products made from animals, such as leather shoes. So, some vegans are inconsistent with their application of the rule: don’t buy animal products.

3. Buddhists believe that there is no self. They tell us that if there were a self, it would not undergo change, but the elements that make us up all undergo change, so there is no self.

4. The good is that which we desire. However, we don’t all desire the same thing. So, the good is relative. So, it is not absolute.

5. War is never a good choice. First, in a war soldiers die, and the loss of soldiers is always bad. Second, in a war innocent people die, and the loss of innocent people is always bad.

6. We should build a wall around the US to protect our borders. For without a wall it is easy to penetrate our borders. And we need to protect our borders from the potential for terrorist activity.

7. We should not build a wall around the US to protect our borders. Our current borders are well protected without a wall, and there is no evidence that building a wall will give us more protection than what we currently have in place. In addition, building a wall sends a negative message to the rest of the world. It in effect says: we are not open to people from all countries, and of all races and creeds. And that is inconsistent with the history of America.

8. Prisons are obsolete. There is no evidence that they protect the general population from an increase in crime. There is no evidence that our judicial system actually functions in a way that is fair and impartial. There is evidence that some minor offenders come out of prison with a changed identity that is harmful to themselves and their sense of being part of society.

9. Watches and cameras show elements of order and design. Watches and cameras are designed. Human beings show elements of order and design. So, there must be a designer for human beings.

10. Plants need light for photosynthesis. Without photosynthesis a plant will die. The blinds in the office have been closed for a year, and the plant is dead.