More Fallacy Exercises:

38. While America has no part willing to call itself socialist, we do have an admitted socialist in the House (Bernie Sanders of Vermont), who votes with the Democratic Party 97% of the time. This telling fact reveals the Democrats to be America's closet socialists. (Christopher Cox, commentary in Reason magazine, August/Sept. 1996).

39. Animal rights activists say that animals are abused in research labs. But pets are abused by their owners every day. At least 25% of pet owners abuse their pets. Some cases of owner abuse is enough to make you sick.

40. Movie critic David Denby complains that fellow movie critic Michael Medved's consulting work for Paramount Pictures is a serious breach of integrity. But New York magazine, where Denby opines, was run for years by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., owner of Twentieth-Century-Fox. How many synergistic rave reviews and puff pieces did he write?

41. Senator McCarthy: Based on the case histories of persons in the state department, I have uncovered at least 81 communists in that department. Of case 40, he said: "I do not have much information on this except the general statement of the agency that there is nothing in the files to disprove his Communist connections.

42. Brewing magnate Joseph Coors has argued that government should get off the back of American businesses. Obviously, Coors wants to abolish government altogether. But without government, there would be no judicial system, military defense, health care, highway system, etc. No one wants to do without these benefits. Thus, Coor's argument is absurd.

43. Federal officials assaulted the family of Randy Weaver in northern Idaho, killing his wife, and they were behind the destruction of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, which killed many people. It's clear then that federal officials are a bunch of bloodthirsty killers.

44. On our first date, Bill had his hands all over me. Last week, Larry gave me the stupid line about I had to sleep with him in order to prove my love. Men are all alike; all they want is sex.
45. During the past two months, every time our cheerleaders have worn blue ribbons, the basketball team has lost. Therefore, to prevent future losses, the cheerleaders should no longer wear blue ribbons.

46. After only one year, the starter went out on my neighbor's Chevrolet. A friend of mine had an Oldsmobile that developed an axle problem after only six months. Clearly, cars made by General Motors are nothing but junk.

47. Capital punishment is not justified in any cases at all because there are no cases in which it is legitimate or acceptable for the state to put someone to death.

48. Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart claims that sex education classes in our public schools are promoting promiscuity among the young. That's good enough for me: We should abolish such classes.

49. Pope John Paul II has stated that artificial insemination of women is immoral. We must conclude then that the practice is indeed immoral.

50. After vacuuming your carpet with your Hoover vacuum, I placed a special filter on the new Riccar vacuum and went over the same area. The filter showed how much dirt the Riccar got out that the Hoover left in the rug. This proves the Riccar is a superior vacuum.

51. No one has ever proved that taking vitamin C actually improves one's ability to deal with the common cold. It's likely then that using vitamin C during the winter is a waste of money.

52. Fairness requires that we dock workers get higher pay and better benefits. After all, if we strike, we can close this port down until half the city goes bankrupt.

53. Despite rumors to the contrary, Texas has a very wet climate. I know because I visited Houston last August and it had 3 inches of rain in a single day.

54. You can argue all you want that democracy gives us the illusion of control over government but I don't buy it. I was brought up to believe in democracy and I still do so.
55. The most effective way to increase government revenues would be to raise the corporate income tax, since opinion polls have shown widespread support for this approach to the problem.

56. If she loved me she would have called back tonight. But she didn’t so she must hate me.

57. Eight out of ten doctors support a women's right to have an abortion. How can you deny that this is a genuine right?

58. A: That was a great movie. B: I didn't like it very much; why do you say it was great? A: I just loved it from start to finish.

59. A: The poor nations of the world will have to learn to produce their own food if the problem of hunger is to be solved in the long run. B: That's a heartless position. You couldn't say that if you have ever been hungry.

60. The layoffs at Procter & Gamble were obviously racist in intent. After all, over 60% of the workers laid off were African American or Puerto Rican.

61. The State Department is obviously controlled by big business. For a recent major foreign policy decision by the State Department ended up giving General Motors a hefty windfall on sales of automobiles.

62. I told you I was going to call you this evening, yet you were out when I called. Why did you avoid my call? Why don't you want to talk to me anymore?

63. How can Picasso be considered a great artist since he beat several of his mistresses, as well as several of his wives.

64. Whaling is a wonderful metaphor for the human condition. Thus, Moby Dick is the greatest novel ever written.

65. My cousin Zach was diagnosed with stomach cancer. After getting diagnosed, Zach started taking megadoses of vitamin C. Not long after this, his cancer went into remission. Clearly, megadoses of vitamin C cure cancer.
66. Jimmy Kimmel and Dennis Miller are the two funniest comedians on the planet. Clearly, they would make best comedy duo ever, better than Laurel and Hardy or Lewis and Martin.

67. The Stones are the greatest rock band of all time. Therefore, Keith Richards, the Stones' lead guitar player is the greatest rock guitarist of all time.

68. I don't believe that we cease to exist when our bodies die. If I thought it all ended at death, I just couldn't stand it. It just can't be true.

69. Determinism may be true for all those philosophers likes Hobbes and Twain, but it's not true for me.

70. Surely we can reject what Father McSweeney says about the dangers of abortion. After all, he's a Catholic priest and so is required to say bad things against abortion.

71. A recent column in the Star Tribune expressed sympathy for atheism, suggesting that belief in God could not be rationally justified. I think I'm going to have to cancel my subscription now that the Trib has stooped to advocating satanism.

72. Surely your argument that it's safer to wear my seat belt in my car is to be rejected. After all, I've seen you ride your motorcycle without a helmet many times.

73. Teacher to Student: . . . and finally, in reconsidering the position you wish to take on your term paper, you might want to remember who gives the grades in this class.

74. There's absolutely no evidence to show that the Dons are not out to get Ron. Thus, it's clear that they really are out to get him.

75. Jeremy, I didn't see you at the protest against going to war against Iraq. How can you support Bush's policy of war against Iraq?

76. My brother got sick on a corn dog at a county fair last year. And my sister got sick eating some potato salad at the state fair several years ago. Clearly then the food at fairs is not safe to eat.
77. It's clear that Jones is an honest person, for he has never lied nor been dishonest to anyone.

78. Mary either lied when she said she saw a ghost or there really are ghosts. But clearly, there are no ghosts. So, Mary lied about seeing a ghost.

79. Jones was trying to tell me that not a rich man. But he's either rich or poor. And since he's obviously not poor, he must be rich.