CHAPTER 18

Solutions to the Even-Numbered Questions in the Text

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- 2. Jason changes the subject from pulling troops out of Europe to the readiness of our naval forces. This violates Rule 3—it changes the issue.
- 4. The speaker distorts his opponent's view—which was to increase preschool funding, not turn all children over to the government. This violates Rule 2.
- 6. We are told repeatedly that the bill will feed the kids without any proof. And the ad repeatedly makes us feel sympathy for young children irrelevantly in trying to get his bill passed. This violates Rules 1 and 3.
- 8. The Congressman never says where he stands on the issue. This violates Rule 3.
- 10. The President is only stating the good aspects of a rise in interest rates, not its negatives (such as increased cost of borrowing). This violates Rule 3.
- 12. The Congressman doesn't tell us who will pay for the center, what he promised to give other Congresspeople for their votes, or whether the district needs a senior citizen center. This violates Rule 3.
- 14. The governor argues for his/her bill to lower the number of kids in the classroom by a faulty appeal to sympathy by conjuring up visions of kids dying. This violates Rule 3
- 16. In not informing the readers of his tight connection with the Smith campaign, Fuller lets them think that his report on Smith is objective. This violates Rule 6.
- 18. The politician sets up a strawman: his opponent did not say that the military is receiving no funding; the opponent only said that the funding is inadequate. This could be true even if we outspend all other countries. This violates Rule 2.

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20. The committee is targeting people of diminished capacity. This violates Rule 4.