





FOUNDATION FOR CRITICAL THINKING

The Foundation for Critical Thinking was established 35 years ago as an educational non-profit organisation based in the USA who works closely with the Center for Critical Thinking and Moral Critique to promote educational reform in schools, colleges, universities, businesses and the American government.

Armed with the sole purpose of promoting essential change in education and society through the cultivation of fairminded CRITICAL THINKING, the foundation advocates developing superior thinking skills so we are able to get to the root of our problems with clarity and form reasonable solutions – because the quality of everything we do is determined by the quality of our thinking.

WHATIS CRITICAL THINKING?

The definition of Critical Thinking is essentially the art of analysing and evaluating thinking, with a view to improve it.

To Think Critically, Think **RED**



Society commonly promotes values built on superficial, immediate 'benefits'; but critical thinking cultivates substance and authentic intellectual discipline - deep self-reflection and open - mindedness. This leads to significant changes in thinking, which ultimately determines the quality of life we live, personally and professionally.

35 YEARS OF CRITICAL THINKING EXCELLENCE

Among the Foundation for Critical Thinking affiliates:

- The National Council for Excellence in Critical Thinking (NCECT): To articulate, preserve and foster intellectual standards in critical thinking research, scholarship and instruction; created by the Foundation for Critical Thinking.
- The International Center for the Assessment of Higher Order Thinking (ICAT): Founded to help K-12 (for-profit education company that sells online schooling and curriculum to state and local governments in America), colleges and universities design cost-effective ways to determine success rates in teaching students critical thinking; via the International Critical Thinking Test that is available through the Foundation for Critical Thinking.
- The Center for Critical Thinking: Conducts advanced research and disseminates information on critical thinking, with yearly sponsoring of an annual International Conference on Critical Thinking and Educational Reform in the USA.

WHY DO WE NEED CRITICAL THINKING?

A critical thinker is analytical and open minded:

- Pays attention to detail
- Consider different points of view
- Develop deep understanding of an issue

A critical thinker will:

- Analyse tasks properly
- Support ideas or concepts with evidence
- Look for solutions

A critical thinker can:

- Distinguish between fact and opinion
- Ask questions, uncover assumptions and define their own terms of thought
- Make assertions based on sound logic and solid evidence

IT'S TIME TO HONE AND DEVELOP OUR CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

Benefits to students in schools, colleges & universities

- Develop higher level of reasoning skills
- Refining the intellect leads to studying smart while studying hard
- Learn evidence-based justifications in writing essays, reports, presentations
- Perfecting skills in identifying and selecting relevant information

Benefits to organisations

- Have better problem-solvers driven to create solutions
- Have employees who better analyse information to draw appropriate conclusions
- Build team players who can communicate logically and clearly
- Create team leaders who are capable of making solid decisions based on facts, not feelings

Benefits to everyone in their personal life

- Be able to recognise scammers and avoid foolish decisions from ignorance
- Have better communication with friends and family through verified information
- Frees you from unexamined assumptions, beliefs and prejudices
- Become a better informed citizen

INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ASSESSMENTS

The International Center for the Assessment of Higher Order Thinking (ICAT) provides assessment tools which evaluate critical thinking skills and also, critical thinking course designs. The resulting assessment includes a profile of the individual's reasoning abilities that can be effectively used, not only as a benchmark against which their progress can be measured, but also as a practical guide for critical thinking instruction.

THINK BETTER, THINK SMARTER for organisational success

No matter what we do, we cannot escape our thinking. Be it in working through a complex problem on the job, communicating with our spouses, trying to reason with our children or even attempting to relax on our day off; we always think.



(We are unaware of significant problem in our thinking)

And whether we know it or not, our thinking (which may originate from someone else's thinking), determines the quality of our lives – how we think affects problem-solving abilities, the decisions we make and everything else in between. We need to 'awaken" our thinking habits and turn them into effective critical thinking for us to achieve greater things in our lives – personally and professionally.

CRITICAL THINKING COURSES OFFERED

K-Pintar is the exclusive Affiliate Partner to the Foundation for Critical Thinking, USA, offering:

Level 1 Critical Thinking training programmes for teachers, lecturers & trainers

Critical Thinking training courses for students & undergraduates

Professional Critical Thinking workshops for employees and organisations:

- Recognising the Importance of Critical Thinking in Business: Introducing the foundations of critical thinking.
- Using the Tools of Critical Thinking to Make Better Decisions: Deepen understanding of the concepts and principles of critical thinking.
- Understanding the Barriers to Critical Thinking:
 Understand the natural workings of the human mind.
- Learning the Art of Analysis:
 Expands on the elements of reasoning by engaging in activities.
- Learning the Art of Assessing Thought: Expands on the introduction of intellectual standards for thought.

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