

Bonus answers from reconstructing arguments handout

These are my answers to the bonus questions from the reconstructing arguments handout. I should note that there are multiple good ways to reconstruct the two arguments, so if yours differ from mine, that doesn't necessarily mean they are problematic.

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1. Houses, mountains, rivers and other sensible objects are things we perceive by our senses.
2. The things we perceive by our senses are our own ideas.
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3. Houses, mountains, rivers and other sensible objects are our own ideas.
4. Most people think houses, mountains, rivers, and other sensible objects exist apart from being perceived.
5. If houses, mountains, rivers, and other sensible objects are our own ideas, then they don't exist apart from being perceived.
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6. Most people mistakenly believe that houses, mountains, rivers, and other sensible ideas exist apart from being perceived.

2.

1. Whenever humans act, they do so in order to achieve something good.
2. Every community is created by human actions.
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3. Every community is created in order to achieve something good.
4. If there is one type of thing that is higher than the other types of that thing and embraces all the rest, then it aims at the highest good, higher than any other other of that type.
5. The state is higher than other types of community and embraces all the rest.
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6. The state aims at the highest good, higher than any other community.