

**JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Critical Thinking Assessment, Fall 2010**

**Learning Outcome 4.1: The student will be able to make rational decisions and solve problems.**

Assignment Question	Criteria	1 (Poor)	2 (Acceptable)	3 (Excellent)
1. Based on the information provided, what do you think is the (one) most valid reason to legalize marijuana? Explain, support and defend your answer.	Choose a position; explain, support and defend position	States a position, but does not explain or defend position; supports simplistic position with only opinion or erroneous facts.	States a position; demonstrates acceptable skill in analysis and evaluation.	States a position; position is explained, supported and defended by excellent analysis that is sound, valid, logical, accurate, clear and organized.
2. Based on the information provided, what do you think is the (one) most valid reason for marijuana to remain illegal? Explain, support and defend your answer.	Choose a position; explain, support and defend position	States a position, but does not explain or defend position; supports simplistic position with only opinion or erroneous facts.	States a position; demonstrates acceptable skill in analysis and evaluation.	States a position; position is explained, supported and defended by excellent analysis that is sound, valid, logical, accurate, clear and organized.
3. Identify, explain, and illustrate at least two possible unexpected and unforeseen consequences of legalizing marijuana. Provide examples of the possible effects of those unexpected consequences.	Identify other implications	Did not identify, explain or illustrate unexpected consequences, or examples.	Consequences demonstrate acceptable thoughtfulness and acceptable analysis; reflection of consequences.	Consequences based on excellent reasoning that is sound, valid, logical, accurate, clear and organized.
4. Using critical thinking, based on your analysis from questions one and two, and prior knowledge, do you think marijuana should be legalized? Explain, support and defend your answer.	Identify conclusion	States a position, but does not explain or defend position; supports simplistic position with only opinion or erroneous facts.	States a position; demonstrates acceptable skill in analysis and evaluation.	States a position; position is explained, supported and defended by excellent analysis that is sound, valid, logical, accurate, clear and organized.