

## Solutions

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**2.1** The argument has the valid denying-the-consequent form if the first premise is accepted. The premise is highly contestable: temporary inability to speak is a counterexample to using verbal performance as a necessary condition. A valid form does not establish soundness. Authored points for identifying relevant evidence, explaining a supported inference and a material limit.

**3.1** A consciousness criterion can link personhood to experience, but its necessity, sufficiency and meaning need argument. Temporary unconsciousness challenges a momentary test, and other minds raise evidential problems. Distinguish the concept from a performance proxy and consider a defensible revision. Authored points for a relevant judgement, reason tied to the case and justified qualification or method. Accept a supported alternative.