



WRITING

A) Read the following statements and decide if they are facts or opinions. Write **F** for fact and **O** for opinion.

- _____ 1. The football game was lots of fun yesterday.
- _____ 2. Our tickets cost fifty-two dollars.
- _____ 3. The final quarter was the most exciting of all for me.
- _____ 4. The score was tied until the final minute of the game.
- _____ 5. The violin is a stringed instrument.
- _____ 6. Jazz is the best type of music.
- _____ 7. The fastest land dwelling creature is the cheetah.
- _____ 8. Michael Jordan has a career average of 30,4 points per game.
- _____ 9. Michael Jordan is the greatest basketball player of all times.
- _____ 10. It is wrong for people under the age of 21 to drink alcohol.
- _____ 11. "Sister Carrie" was written by Theodore Dreiser.
- _____ 12. "Titanic" is the best love story ever told.
- _____ 13. "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" won eleven Oscars.
- _____ 14. Pop music today is not as good as it was in the past.
- _____ 15. Oranges contain both calcium and vitamin C.
- _____ 16. George Washington was the first president of the USA under the Constitution.
- _____ 17. Students have a lot harder time at school than teachers.
- _____ 18. With dark blue mesh and bright orange text, the Chicago Bears have the ugliest uniform in the league.
- _____ 19. Playing football is one of the most dangerous things a high school student can do.
- _____ 20. Mary Lou Retton was the first American to win the gold medal in the Women's All-Around event.

B) Read the thesis statements below and answer the questions.

1. There are many reasons why pollution in New York City is the worst in the world.

What is the topic? _____

What is the controlling idea? _____

If there is a predictor, what is it? _____



2. Being an effective CEO requires certain characteristics such as honesty, modesty and empathy.

What is the topic? _____

What is the controlling idea? _____

If there is a predictor, what is it? _____

3. There are many possible contributing factors to global warming such as human activity and global temperature rise.

What is the topic? _____

What is the controlling idea? _____

If there is a predictor, what is it? _____

4. Fortune hunters encounter many difficulties when exploring a shipwreck.

What is the topic? _____

What is the controlling idea? _____

If there is a predictor, what is it? _____

5. Dogs make wonderful pets because they help you to live longer and protect you.

What is the topic? _____

What is the controlling idea? _____

If there is a predictor, what is it? _____

6. Teen pregnancy may be prevented by improved education and an effective use of birth control.

What is the topic? _____

What is the controlling idea? _____

If there is a predictor, what is it? _____

7. Cooking requires a number of different skills such as creativity, multitasking and cleanliness.

What is the topic? _____

What is the controlling idea? _____

If there is a predictor, what is it? _____

8. It is important to be ready before buying a house.

What is the topic? _____

What is the controlling idea? _____

If there is a predictor, what is it? _____



9. Graduating from college is important for many different reasons.

What is the topic? _____

What is the controlling idea? _____

If there is a predictor, what is it? _____

10. A good teacher needs to have some qualities such as being helpful, friendly and patient.

What is the topic? _____

What is the controlling idea? _____

If there is a predictor, what is it? _____

C) Read the introductory paragraphs below and underline the thesis statements. Then write down the introduction types.

1. One sunny afternoon, while walking my dog Lucky, I decided to introduce him to Philip, the mailman. At first, Lucky was friendly, but as Philip turned to leave, Lucky jumped and ripped off the back of Philip's gray trousers. Fortunately, Philip wasn't injured. Nevertheless, I was very concerned about my dog's behavior, so I took Lucky to the vet to find out why he acted so aggressively. Dr. Ross, Lucky's vet, explained to me that there were three factors which could trigger an aggressive response from any dog.

Introduction Type: _____

2. In defiance of an 1832 Supreme Court rule declaring the Indian Removal Act of 1830 unconstitutional, Federal and Georgian authorities proceeded to force fifteen thousand members of the Cherokee Nation from their homes in Georgia to Oklahoma, hundreds of miles to the west. Because of their deep suffering, the Cherokee people called the path they were forced to follow "The Trail of Tears". This may be just one example, but history is full of these incidents in which governments force some groups to leave their ancestral homelands. In my opinion, a forced migration of a nation can never benefit anyone.

Introduction Type: _____

3. In life, people pass through different phases. They are born into a family, and then they grow up and reach puberty. After puberty, they are considered adults. At this time, the social burden on people become heavier, and new responsibilities are added to a person's burden. Graduating from a good university, finding a job, getting married and having children are some of these expectations. Most people consider these expectations, especially having children, reasonable and see them as sources of happiness. It is my opinion that, on the contrary, children bring about more responsibilities and restrictions.

Introduction Type: _____

4. Working part-time as a cashier at the Piggly Wiggly has given me a great opportunity to observe human behavior. Sometimes I think of the shoppers as white rats in a lab experiment, and the aisles as a maze designed by a psychologist. Most of the rats – costumers, I mean – follow a routine pattern, strolling up and down the aisles, checking through my chute, and then escaping through the exit hatch. But not everyone is so dependable. Based on my research, I think there are three types of abnormal customers: the amnesiac, the super shopper, and the dawdler.

Introduction Type: _____



5. Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going. Language is important because it opens up doors that normally people would not be able to open. Strong language skills are an asset that will promote a lifetime of effective communication. While it can not be denied that our native language is the most important part of our being, foreign languages are also equally important. I think it is essential to learn other languages because it helps us to learn about other cultures, to get to know other people and to have better options for the future.

Introduction Type: _____

D) The sentences below are not thesis statements. Try to rewrite them to make good thesis statements.

1. Incorrect: This essay will discuss whether it is a good idea for young children to work.

Correct: _____

2. Incorrect: I'm not sure whether the increase in global trade is beneficial for us.

Correct: _____

3. Incorrect: Tomato and cheese sandwiches are easy to make.

Correct: _____

4. Incorrect: I exercise every day.

Correct: _____

5. Incorrect: I'm going to write about reading and its benefits for children.

Correct: _____

6. Incorrect: Retirees and their hobbies.

Correct: _____

7. Incorrect: The Internet has improved many people's lives in some important ways, and online shopping is a great idea.

Correct: _____

8. Incorrect: Financial aid for organ donors.

Correct: _____

E) Complete the following thesis statements by adding a third predictor in the correct parallel form.

1. Three things I look for in a partner are empathy, honesty and _____.

2. In my opinion, Venice is a perfect city with its natural beauty, rich history and _____.

3. I think living in a big city is a good idea because of the cultural activities, social life and _____ it provides.

4. Alcohol consumption has bad effects on your health such as weight gain, heart disease and _____.

5. I think a degree from a university provides people with invaluable life lessons, a bright future career and _____.



ANSWER KEY: A) 1.O 2.F 3.O 4.F 5.F 6.O 7.F 8.F 9.O 10.O
11.F 12.O 13.F 14.O 15.F 16.F 17.O 18.O 19.O 20.F

B) 1. Topic: New York City

Controlling idea: There are many reasons why pollution is the worst in the world

Predictor: There is no predictor

2. Topic: Being an effective CEO

Controlling idea: Requires certain characteristics

Predictor: Honesty, modesty, empathy

3. Topic: Global warming

Controlling idea: There are many possible contributing factors

Predictor: Human activity, global temperature rise

4. Topic: Exploring a shipwreck

Controlling idea: Fortune hunters encounter many difficulties

Predictor: -

5. Topic: Dogs

Controlling idea: Make wonderful pets

Predictor: They help you to live longer, they protect you

6. Topic: Teen pregnancy

Controlling idea: May be prevented

Predictor: Improved education, an effective use of birth control

7.. Topic: Cooking

Controlling idea: Requires a number of different skills

Predictor: Creativity, multitasking, cleanliness

8. Topic: Buying a house

Controlling idea: It is important to be ready

Predictor: -

9. Topic: Graduating from college

Controlling idea: Important for many different reasons

Predictor: -

10. Topic: A good teacher

Controlling idea: Needs to have some qualities

Predictor: Being helpful, friendly and patient



C) 1. there were three factors which could trigger an aggressive response from any dog.

Introduction Type: Anecdote

2. In my opinion, a forced migration of a nation can never benefit anyone.

Introduction Type: Historical / Background Information

3. It is my opinion that, on the contrary, children bring about more responsibilities and restrictions.

Introduction Type: General to Specific

4. I think there are three types of abnormal customers: the amnesiac, the super shopper, and the dawdler.

Introduction Type: Anecdote

5. I think it is essential to learn other languages because it helps us to learn about other cultures, to get to know other people and to have better options for the future.

Introduction Type: General to Specific

D) 1. Correct: I believe it is a good idea for young children to work.

2. Correct: In my opinion, the increase in global trade is beneficial for us.

3. Correct: Among all different types, tomato and cheese sandwiches are the most delicious for me.

4. Correct: Exercising regularly can benefit you in many important ways.

5. Correct: Reading develops a child's mind by fostering comprehension skills, increasing vocabulary and exposing them to new topics.

6. Correct: I think retirees should take up a wide range of hobbies.

7. Correct: The Internet has improved many people's lives in some important ways.

8. Correct: Personally, I think organ donors should be financially compensated.

E) Complete the following thesis statements by adding a third predictor in the correct parallel form.

1. Three things I look for in a partner are empathy, honesty and reliability.

2. In my opinion, Venice is a perfect city with its natural beauty, rich history and amazing architecture.

3. I think living in a big city is a good idea because of the cultural activities, social life and educational opportunities it provides.

4. Alcohol consumption has bad effects on your health such as weight gain, heart disease and liver complications.

5. I think a degree from a university provides people with invaluable life lessons, a bright future career and a successful personal development.

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