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EP3 : Reading

Identify the Topic Sentence

Review : The topic sentence is the most important sentence of a paragraph. It states the main idea and introduces the reader to the topic.

Directions: Choose the best topic sentence for each group of supporting sentence and circle the answer.

Example: _____ b _____. I usually go skiing every weekend in the winter even though it is expensive. I love the feeling of flying down a mountain. The views are beautiful from the top of a mountain and along the trails. Even the danger of falling and getting hurt can't keep me away from the slopes on a winter day.

- a) Skiing is expensive.
- b) Skiing is my favorite sport.
- c) Skiing is dangerous

1) _____. North Americans send cards for many occasions. They send cards to family and friends on birthdays and holidays. They also send thank-you cards, get well cards, graduation cards, and congratulation cards. It is very common to buy cards in stores and send them through the mail, but turning on the computer and sending cards over the Internet is also popular.

- a) Sending cards is very popular in North America.
- b) Birthday cards are the most popular kind of card.
- c) It is important to send thank-you cards.



2) _____. I enjoy summer sports like water skiing and baseball. The weather is usually sunny and hot, so I can go to the beach almost every day. Gardening is my hobby and I spend many summer days working in my garden. Unfortunately, the days pass too quickly in summer.

- a) I like to garden in summer.
- b) Summer is my favourite season.
- c) Summer is too short.

3) _____. First of all, we need money to repair old roads and build new roads. We also need more to pay teachers' salaries and to pay for services such as trash collection. Finally, more tax money is needed to give financial help to the poor citizens of the city. It is clear that the city will have serious problems if taxes are not raised soon.

- a) We should raise city taxes.
- b) City taxes are too high.
- c) City taxes pay for new roads.

4) _____. For example, a person can have breakfast in New York, board an airplane, and have dinner in Paris. A businesswoman in London can instantly place an order with a factory in Hong Kong by sending a fax. Furthermore, a schoolboy in Tokyo can turn on a TV and watch a baseball game being played in Los Angeles.

- a) Airplanes have changed our lives.
- b) Advances in technology have made the world seem smaller.
- c) The fax machine was an important invention.



5) _____. One thing you must consider is the quality of the university's educational program. You also need to think about the school's size and location. Finally, you must be sure to consider the university's tuition to make sure you can afford to go to school there.

- a) It is expensive to attend a university in the United States.
- b) There are several factors to consider when you choose a university to attend.
- c) You should consider getting a good education.

Finding Supporting Details

Read each topic sentence, then choose the supporting sentences that support the main idea.

6. I had a wonderful summer this year.

- _____ A. I went to see the famous Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California with my cousins.
- _____ B. I went to the pool almost every single day.
- _____ C. Last night was quite windy.
- _____ D. Josh came to my home yesterday.
- _____ E. I stayed up late till 10.00 pm. and watched one movie after the other.

7. Everyone should own a pet.

- _____ A. One could even own farm animals like horses, pigs, or hens.
- _____ B. This pet could be any house animal like a dog, a cat, or a fish.
- _____ C. We have a pet store right around the corner.
- _____ D. Having a pet mainly teaches responsibility and taking care of someone else besides yourself.
- _____ E. The pets can cheer you up when you're feeling lonely or having a bad day.



8. Hawaii is a wonderful place to visit.

- _____ A. There is no shortage of adventurous outdoor activities like surfing, scuba diving, mountain biking, and many more.
- _____ B. It is the only U.S. state made up entirely of islands.
- _____ C. Sue visited her aunt in Hawaii last summer.
- _____ D. It is the only U.S. state with a tropical rain forest.
- _____ E. The weather in Hawaii is almost perfect. The temperature staying steady from 80-85 °F, you'll never be too hot or too cold!

For item 9-10 Read the following paragraph and choose the best answer.

Games are important at any age to keep your mind sharp, learn new things, and maintain social skills. People say you can't teach an old dog new tricks. Modern research has shown that senior people can continue to grow brain cells by exercising their mind. Games are a great way to help develop your mind. By concentrating on the tactics of the game, memorizing moves, and learning your games strategies, you can keep your brain functioning and growing. Besides playing games is the easiest way to learn the way people interact and react as they play while it helps build the relationship among people. Regardless of your age, people should play games in order to gain the benefits.

9. What can be inferred from the passage?
- a. Games can be used to help senior people learning things.
 - b. Games can educate skills; senior people should play games.
 - c. There are a lot of benefits of spending much time playing game.
 - d. Games are important for everyone who wants to train their mind.
 - e. Playing games can help people learn new things and build relationships.



10. According to the passage which statement is incorrect?
- Games can help senior people develop their mind.
 - Senior people can learn new things by playing game.
 - Games can help people make a good relationship to each other.
 - Games are important for everyone who wants to grow brain cells.
 - Modern research had shown that people at any age should play games.

Instruction I: Read the passage and choose the best answer for each question.

(Items 11-13)

History of Chocolate

When most of us hear the word chocolate, we picture a bar, a box of Bonbons, or a bunny. The verb that comes to mind is probably “eat” not “drink” and the most apt adjective would seem to be “sweet.” but for about 90% of chocolates long history, It was strictly a beverage, and sugar didn’t have anything to do with it. Chocolate is made from the fruit of cacao trees, which are native to Central in South America. The fruits are called pots and each pot contains around 40 cacao beans. The beans are dried and roasted to create cocoa beans.

From Latin America to the modern day, chocolate has come a long way to get to you. Chocolate’s 4,000-year history began in an ancient Mesoamerica, present day Mexico. It’s here that the first cacao plant were found. The Olmec, one of the earliest civilizations in Latin America, were the first to turn the cocoa plant into chocolate. They drank their chocolate during rituals and used it as medicine.

Difference forms and flavours of chocolate are produced by varying the quantities of the different ingredients. Other flavours can be obtained by varying the time and temperature when roasting the beans

11. As mentioned in the passage, What is Cocoa?
- a fruit
 - a plant
 - chocolate
 - medicine



12. According to the passage, it is mentioned that the history of chocolate was originally_____
- a. a piece of fruit
 - b. a picture
 - c. a beverage
 - d. a bonbon
13. To create cocoa beans, Which method is used?
- a. soaked and roasted
 - b. boiled and roasted
 - c. fried and roasted
 - d. dried and roasted