Exercise 1

Fact/ Opinion, Finding topics and Main Idea and Making Inferences

1. **Identify Fact or Opinion then write (F) if it is fact and write (O) if it is opinion:-**

Statement	Fact (F)	Opinion (O)
1. War is always wrong.		
2. Many innocent people are killed in war.		
3. There is too much unemployment in Britain.		
4. Wild animals should not be kept in zoos.		
5. Teachers should be allowed to smack children if they misbehave.		
6. Royal weddings always attract a lot of interest.		
7. Cigarettes cause lung cancer.		
8. England is a nation of pet-lovers.		
9. The Government organizes a census of the whole population every ten years.		
10. The census is a waste of time and energy.		

2. Finding topics and Main Idea:-
Read the passages and answer the questions.

Fire ants are painful and destructive pests. The fire ant earned its name because of its venom. The insect uses a wasp-like stinger to inject the venom, which causes a painful burning sensation and leaves tiny, itching pustules. The ants will swarm over anyone or anything that disturbs their nests. In addition to causing pain, fire ants damage many crops by eating the plants and by protecting other insects that damage crops. Fire ants are attracted to soybeans, eggplant, corn, okra, strawberries, and potatoes.

1. **What is the topic of the passage?** _____

2. **What does the author want you to know about the topic?**

   _____

3. **Which sentence contains the main idea?**

   _____

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Rosa Parks was an African American woman who worked hard as a seamstress in a department store in the early 1960s. One day, tired from work, she refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, and became a national hero. She was arrested and placed in jail for her refusal to move to the back of the bus, where African Americans were forced to sit in those days. The way she was treated garnered national attention. Some people say her refusal to give up her seat launched the civil rights movement. Rosa Parks proved that one brave person can make a difference.

4. **What is the topic of the passage?** _____

5. **What does the author want you to know about the topic?**

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6. **Which sentence contains the main idea?**

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Few of us could swim in the ocean comfortably after seeing filmmaker Steven Spielberg's terrifying movie Jaws. In his hit movie E.T. the Extraterrestrial, Spielberg created a sweet, funny film about a being from outer space. In 1985, he gave us The Color Purple, a moving picture about a black family in the South that earned him a Best Director nomination. Steven Spielberg has created some of the most successful and popular films of the 1970s and 1980s.

7. **Sentence 1 is a**_____

8. **Sentence 2 is a**_____

9. **Sentence 3 is a**_____

10. **Sentence 4 is a**_____

3. Making Inferences

Crack! **Thunder struck and rain poured. Max stared blankly out the window, trying to contain his emotions that raged like the weather. He was beginning to lose it. Dropping the kite from his hand, Max broke out into full sob. His mother comforted him, "There, there, Max. We'll just find something else to do." She began to unpack the picnic basket that was on the counter and offered him a sandwich. Max snapped, "I don't wanna sand-mich!" A flash from the sky lit up the living room.** ***Boom!*** **Mom sighed.**

1. **Why is Max upset?** _____
   - **A. The weather interrupted his plans.**
   - **B. He is afraid of thunder.**
   - **C. He really hates sandwiches.**
   - **D. He can't get any TV channels because of the storm.**

How do you know this? _____

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2. **What was Mom planning on doing today?**
   - **A. Mom wanted to stay home and play board games.**
   - **B. Mom wanted to fight with her son about lunch.**
   - **C. Mom wanted to have a picnic lunch at the park.**
   - **D. Mom wanted to chase storms to get footage for her YouTube channel.**

How do you know this? _____

"Tommy!" Mom called out as she walked in the front door. "Tommy," she continued shouting, "I sure could use some help with these groceries. There was still no reply. Mom walked into the kitchen to put the grocery bags down on the counter when she noticed shattered glass from the picture window all over the living room floor and a baseball not far from there. "I'm going to kill you, Tommy!" Mom yelled to herself as she realized that Tommy's shoes were gone.

3. **What happened to the window? _____**
   - **A. Tommy broke the window with his shoes.**
   - **B. Tommy broke the window playing baseball.**
   - **C. A burgler broke in while Tommy left the home was unattended.**
   - **D. Mom broke the window with the grocery bags.**

How do you know this? _____

4. **Why did Tommy leave? _____**

A. He feared his mom's reaction to the window.
B. He didn't know that he broke the window and continued playing.
C. The burglar kidnapped Tommy.
D. He ran to the store to get a new window.

How do you know this? _____

Every day after work Paul took his muddy boots off on the steps of the front porch. Alice would have a fit if the boots made it so far as the welcome mat. He then took off his dusty overalls and threw them into a plastic garbage bag; Alice left a new garbage bag tied to the porch railing for him every morning. On his way in the house, he dropped the garbage bag off at the washing machine and went straight up the stairs to the shower as he was instructed. He would eat dinner with her after he was "presentable," as Alice had often said.

5. **What type of job does Paul do?**

A. A doctor B. A teacher C. An officer D. A gardener

How do you know this? _____

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6. **What relationship do Paul and Alice have? _____**
   - **A. They are mother and son.**
   - **B. They are husband and wife.**
   - **C. They are best friends.**
   - **D. They are brother and sister.**

How do you know this? _____

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