WRITING SKILL: ORGANIZING AND DEVELOPING AN ESSAY

INSTRUCTIONS: READ THE MODEL THREE-PARAGRAPH ANALYSIS ESSAY BELOW. DRAG AND DROP THE NAME OF THE ELEMENTS OF AN ESSAY IN THE CORRECT PLACE.

Introduction **Hook** **Topic sentence** **Body paragraph** **Summary of main ideas** **Conclusion**

A Father to Model

A role model is someone who shows people how to live life with passion, honesty, and integrity. Many people who are role models do not try to be. They may have strong values, but they do not always teach these values directly. Instead, they show them by example. This is true for my role model, my father. I admire my father because of his strong beliefs and values, and I have learned what it means to be a role model through his actions.

My father has several admirable qualities that make him my true role model. First, he is dedicated to his family. My father works very hard because he has always wanted to give the best life to his wife and children. He worked two jobs and earned enough money so that my mother did not have to work. Even though he was tired when he got home, he would always spend time with my sister and me, reading books or helping us with our homework. We knew he was there for us whenever we needed him. In addition, he has committed his life to helping others. When he sees someone who needs assistance, he never hesitates to lend a hand. For example, he will always stop his car to help someone who has a flat tire or needs gas. Also, he believes in helping the underprivileged. Each month he donates a little money to help local families who face adversity because he remembers how life was when he was struggling. Finally, my father is willing to learn from his mistakes. He understands that he is not perfect. When he does something wrong, he is honest with himself, and he tries to find a solution. I have learned from him that a mistake is really an opportunity to grow, take action, and become a better person. Very few people that I know have this value.

My father is someone who is there for his family, who is compassionate toward others in need, and who confronts his weaknesses with resolve and a positive attitude. For these reasons, he is my role model. I aspire to be just like my father when I have children. He is an inspirational person who shows that actions can speak louder than words, and I am fortunate to have someone like my father touch my life in such a powerful way.

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INSTRUCTIONS: READ THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ESSAY YOU READ ON PAGE 1 AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the **thesis statement**? Write the sentence(s) here:

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2. The **thesis statement** is divided in two parts, the topic and the controlling idea. What is the controlling idea in the thesis statement? Write it here:

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3. How many **supporting sentences** does the body paragraph have?

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4. Does the body paragraph include **transition words**? If the answer is yes, write the transition words you have found in here:

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INSTRUCTIONS: BELOW, YOU WILL FIND THE ESSAY'S OUTLINE. AN OUTLINE IS THE PLANNING OF IDEAS BEFORE WRITING THE ESSAY. THE FOLLOWING OUTLINE IS INCOMPLETE, IT IS MISSING SOME IDEAS. READ THE ESSAY AGAIN TO COMPLETE THE MISSING IDEAS FROM THE OUTLINE.

Outline: A Father to Model

Thesis statement: I admire my father because of his strong beliefs and values, and I have learned what it means to be a role model through his actions.

Quality #1: He is dedicated to his family.

Supporting details:

1. My father works very hard because he has always wanted to give the best life to his wife and children.

2. _____

3. He was tired when he got home, he would always spend time with my sister and me.

Quality #2: _____

Supporting details:

1. _____

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2. He will always stop his car to help someone who has a flat tire or needs gas.

3. _____

Quality #3: My father is willing to learn from his mistakes.

Supporting details

1. He understands that he is not perfect.

2. _____

3. _____

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