Topic Sentence Quiz

Directions: Read the following paragraphs and answer the questions that follow.

1 While most people associate swimming with summertime fun, swimming is also one of the best forms of exercise. 2 Swimming is a full-body workout that improves both your cardiovascular and muscular strength. 3 As you swim, you strengthen your heart and lungs while building muscle. 4 If you need a good workout, give swimming a try!

1.) Which of the following sentences is the best example of a topic sentence in this paragraph?

A.) 2

B.) 1

C.) 4

D.) 3

1 Crocodiles and alligators are often confused. 2 While they have a lot in common, there are several differences between them. 3 Crocodiles live in saltwater, while alligators live in fresh water. 4 Alligators have a U-shaped head while crocodiles have a V-shaped head. 5 Finally, alligators tend to have a darker appearance than crocodiles. 6 Don't confuse alligators and crocodiles next time you see one!

2.) Which of the following sentences is the best example of a topic sentence in this paragraph?

A.) 1

B.) 2

C.) 5

D.) 6

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1 There are four steps in the lifecycle of a butterfly. 2 Butterflies start out as tiny eggs. 3 The eggs then hatch into a caterpillar. 4 That caterpillar will go through a transformation stage where they become a pupa or chrysalis. 5 Finally, the adult butterfly hatches from the chrysalis!

3.) Which of the following sentences is the best example of a topic sentence in this paragraph?

A.) 4

B.) 3

C.) 2

D.) 1

1 Dessert is the best meal of the day. 2 It is sweet and delicious. 3 There are so many choices. 4 You can have ice cream, cake, or cookies. 5 Dessert should always be eaten after a good dinner or for a celebration. 6 I love dessert!

4.) Which of the following sentences is the best example of a topic sentence in this paragraph?

A.) 6

B.) 5

C.) 1

D.) 3

1 Yellowstone National Park is known for its geysers. 2 In fact, it contains about half the world's geysers. 3 A geyser is a hot spring that erupts boiling water and steam into the air. 4 The most famous geyser is known as Old Faithful. 5 Old Faithful erupts every 60 to 110 minutes. 6 The eruption shoots thousands of gallons of boiling water into the air. 7 Make sure you see a geyser when you visit!

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5.) Which of the following sentences is the best example of a topic sentence in this paragraph?

A.) 1

B.) 2

C.) 3

D.) 7

1 Becoming a nurse is an excellent career choice that requires three important skills. 2 To be a nurse, you have to be compassionate because you help people all day long. 3 You also have to be calm under pressure. 4 Nurses might face life-threatening and emergency situations so they need to function effectively in those times. 5 Finally, nurses need to be able to think critically. 6 They need to be able to assess a patient's situation by talking to them and evaluating their symptoms.

6.) Which of the following sentences is the best example of a topic sentence in this paragraph?

A.) 1

B.) 2

C.) 3

D.) 4

Directions: Find the missing topic sentence! Each of the following paragraphs is missing a topic sentence! Read the paragraphs and select the best topic sentence!

7.) The first part of the water cycle is evaporation. Water that has accumulated on Earth's surface heats up, turns to vapor/steam, and it goes up into the air. The second part of the water cycle is precipitation. Precipitation occurs when so much water has condensed in the

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clouds that it falls back to Earth in the form of rain. From there, the water collects in lakes, streams, and even under the ground. Then the cycle starts all over again.

a. The water cycle has three parts.
b. Have you ever heard of the water cycle?
c. The water cycle is like a tricycle.
d. There would be no rain if there was not a water cycle.

8.) The first chore I do each week is take out the garbage. It is my least favorite chore because it is smelly. The second chore I am responsible for is putting away my laundry. This isn't so bad because it doesn't take very long. The last chore I do each day is feeding the dog. If I do all my chores correctly, and without mom asking me, I get my allowance!

a. I hate doing chores!
b. Do you have to do chores at your house?
c. I wish I got paid money for the chores I did every week.
d. I have chores I am required to do around the house each week.

9.) Marie Curie has two master's degrees in chemistry and physics. She earned them at a time when higher education for women was hard to come by. After that, she continued her education by earning her Ph.D. Through her research, she helped discover the elements radium and polonium. Because of this discovery, Marie Curie won the Nobel Prize in 1903. This was the first time a woman had ever won the Nobel Prize. Marie Curie made history again in 1911 by winning a second Nobel Prize in chemistry. She accomplished a lot in her lifetime.

a. Have you ever heard of Marie Curie?
b. Marie Curie is an accomplished scientist.

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c. Most women did not go to college during Marie Curie's time.

d. Chemistry is a challenging subject.

10.) You first need to choose a recipe. Next, you need to measure out all the ingredients. Then, You then mix all the dry ingredients together. After that, you mix all the wet ingredients together. Next, you combine the cake batter in the mixer. Next, pour the cake batter into the pan and place it in the oven. After letting it cool, you can add frosting, sprinkles, and decorate it in any way that you want. There you have the perfect birthday cake!

a. I prefer chocolate cake over vanilla cake.

b. Baking a birthday cake is a multistep process.

c. I have never baked my own birthday cake before.

d. I would rather buy a birthday cake than bake one.

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