Stage 11 Week 14 Periods 53-56 Discussion Handouts

Student: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

D. PARAGRAPH ORGANIZATION IN OPINION ESSAY: Complete the gap-fill.

[ ]
General statements
[ ] identifying the writer's point of view. *(State the topic and your opinion clearly.)*
(e.g. **I** [ ] **that/I think that** physical education should be taught at schools.)

Your **1st** [ ] **/REASON** supporting the thesis statement
+
[ ] (Support your reason by explaining, giving examples, and details)

Your **2nd VIEWPOINT/REASON** supporting the thesis statement
+
Justifications (Support your reason by explaining, giving examples, and details.)

MAIN BODY

[ ] **(Others') viewpoint**
+
Reason(s) for the opposing viewpoint *(State why opponents think that way.)*
+
[ ] *(Prove that they are wrong, or their argument is not powerful enough.)*

→ OR can be a 3rd Viewpoint/Reason whichever is applicable.

CONCLUSION
In conclusion, / [ ] **/To conclude, ……**
Restatement of the thesis, final comments on the topic.
(Restate the thesis, [ ] *the main ideas, and/or make final comments.)*

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E. Look at the reading text again and underline the connectives used.

F. Answer Tasks 2 and 3:

Task 2

Write the linking words and phrases in the correct group.

To sum up	On the other hand	However
What's more	Moreover	As well as
Whereas	Finally	In conclusion

Contrasting	Adding ideas	Finishing

Task 3

Complete the sentences.

other hand	Moreover	Finally
Nowadays	However	whereas
more	conclusion	As well as

1. ..... , people are living longer and staying active until later in their lives.
2. Most people agree that living longer is a good thing. ..... , an ageing population presents some challenges for society.
3. In the past, people lived on average 14 years past retirement age, ... now they can expect to live 30.
4. People's retirement savings have to last longer. ..... , there may be little or no support available from a state pension.
5. On the ..... , many companies can benefit from the experience and expertise of older workers. What's ..... , many retired people say they enjoy working occasionally on one-off projects.
6. ..... contributing to the workplace, older members of society can spend valuable time with their children and grandchildren.
7. ..... , caring for the elderly is also an issue. Financial and practical support should be available to help people look after their loved ones.
8. In ..... , living longer can bring many opportunities but also some challenges. People need to plan for the future and the government should provide financial and practical support for people's retirement and medical care.

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