Lesson E Writing

Read the opinion essay. Identify the function of each sentence and write the number. Sentences can have more than one function.

Money Can't Buy Happiness—True or False? Discuss.

When people say that money can't buy happiness, they usually mean that you can be rich and also completely miserable.

If you feel empty, no amount of possessions you can buy will ever fill that space inside you.

While, of course, money can buy you freedom from financial problems, happiness is beyond the reach of money.

I think the statement is true, but only up to a point.

In some cases, money can buy happiness.

It does so when happiness comes not from the thing you buy, but from what the thing allows you to do.

A case in point is if you're somebody who loves running, then those high-quality running shoes you've been thinking of will buy you a certain amount of happiness (and help prevent injuries). Or, if you feel that there's a part of yourself that only comes out when you're playing a guitar, then that guitar will give you a lot of happiness.

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However, how do you feel when you're not running or not playing your guitar?

My point is that we need to ask ourselves what kind of happiness we are trying to buy.

Is it the temporary excitement of owning something new? Is it the temporary freedom from feeling something else we do not want to feel? Or is it something that adds to our well-being?

If it is a renewable source of joy, then in that case, money can buy some happiness.

1. topic sentence
2. sentence supporting the topic sentence
3. sentence giving more information about a supporting sentence
4. conclusion
5. introduction and definition of the topic
6. introduction of an opinion
7. explanation of an opinion
8. example to support an opinion
9. contrasting example

B Look at the opinion essay again, and at the text in Lesson D. Complete the table.

Ways to indicate contrast	Ways to indicate partial agreement	Ways to introduce examples
1. though	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.		
4.		

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