WRITING BOOSTER-DAY 2

Task 1: Review essay structure

A. What do you know about academic essay structure? Are the following statements True or False

1 Essays and paragraphs have a very different structure...

2 Essays must have a logical and cohesive structure…

3 Topic sentences introduce the main idea of an essay…

4 Concluding sentences are not always required…

B. Match each term below to its correct definition.

a. Introduction

b. Thesis statement

c. Transitions

d. Topic sentence

e. Conclusion

f. Concluding sentence

g. Supporting ideas

h. Body paragraphs

i. Background/Overview

j. Details

1	is the first paragraph in an essay. It introduces the topic and indicates the focus of the essay.
2.	the first part of the introduction that introduces the topic and gives some general information about it.
3.	the most important sentence in an essay that comes at the end of the introduction. It expresses the main idea or purpose of the whole essay.
4.	these make up the main section of an essay where all the key ideas and supporting details are discussed.
5.	is usually the first sentence of a paragraph and expresses its main idea or central focus.
6.	these are found in the body paragraphs. They come after the topic sentence and provide support for its main idea.
7.	usually follow supporting ideas and develop them through such things as explanations, examples, or definitions.
8.	this comes at the end of a body paragraph to restate the main idea.
9.	this is the last paragraph of an essay. It reminds the reader of the thesis statement and summarizes the key points discussed in the body paragraphs.
10.	words or phrases that link important ideas within a paragraph or between paragraphs.

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C. Read the essay and label each item 1- 9 with the corresponding part of the essay for exercise B

In recent years, the rapid growth of online shopping has significantly changed the way consumers purchase goods, gradually replacing traditional in-store shopping. This essay will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping.

To begin with, one of the primary advantages of online shopping is the convenience it offers. Consumers can shop at any time of the day or night, without the need to travel to physical stores. This is particularly beneficial for people with busy schedules or those living in remote areas. For instance, a working professional can order groceries online during a break and have them delivered to their doorstep, saving time and effort. Another significant advantage is the wide range of products available online. Unlike traditional stores that are limited by shelf space, online retailers can offer a vast selection of goods from around the world. Shoppers can easily compare prices and read reviews to make informed purchasing decisions.

Despite its many advantages, online shopping also has its drawbacks. One major disadvantage is the lack of physical inspection before purchase. Consumers cannot touch, try on, or test products before buying, which can lead to dissatisfaction if the item does not meet their expectations. For instance, purchasing clothing online often involves the risk of receiving items that do not fit well or look different from the images provided. Moreover, there is also is the potential for security and privacy issues. Online transactions require consumers to provide personal and financial information, which can be vulnerable to cyberattacks.

In conclusion, while online shopping presents certain disadvantages, such as the inability to physically inspect products and potential security risks, the advantages of convenience and a broader selection of goods are more significant. Therefore, it can be argued that the benefits of online shopping outweigh the drawbacks, making it a preferable option for many consumers in today's digital age.

1. The sentence beginning with, "This essay will..."

2. The sentence beginning with, "To begin with... "

3. The sentence containing the phrase, "Another significant advantage...

4. The very first paragraph of the essay.

5. This is the only paragraph that ends with a concluding sentence.

6. "Despite" and "moreover" ….are examples of which essay feature?

7. The part of the essay that rephrases the thesis statement.

8. This paragraph has the opposite structure of the conclusion.

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9. This is often the shortest paragraph in an essay.

Task 2: Academic writing

Sample essay with common mistakes- Benefits and Drawbacks of having pets

Caring for another living being isn't a simple task; it requires patience, responsibility, and love. The same can be said for owning a pet. Although keeping a pet is challenging for a variety of reasons, it also offers numerous benefits for both people and animals.So, what are some benefits and drawbacks of having pets?

On the one hand, most pets are friendly animals that can express affection and develop strong bonds with their owners. Furthermore, many studies have shown that pets can positively affect mental health. For example, people who own dogs often go for walks regularly because they need to walk their dogs daily, which helps them stay active and have fun. In addition, caring for a pet can help children develop a stronger sense of responsibility. By giving food, grooming, and looking after an animal, they learn to be accountable for another living creature.

On the other hand, owning a pet can place several burdens on individuals and families. One of the main drawbacks is the money. Food, toys, grooming, vaccinations, and veterinary care can be expensive, making pet ownership a privilege for some people. Moreover, pets require a significant amount of time and attention. You must give them food, exercise them, and ensure that they receive proper medical care. Some people also worry about the possibility of pets spreading certain diseases, which makes them don't want to keep animals at home.

In conclusion, owning a pet can improve people's emotional well-being and help children become more responsible. However, the financial costs and time commitment involved may discourage some individuals from having pets. Therefore, while pet ownership offers many advantages, it also comes with responsibilities that should be carefully considered.

	Informal (Incorrect)	**Formal (Correct)**
Contractions		
Informal language		
Personal pronouns		
Questions		
Absolute statements		

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Task 3: Transitions words and phrases practice

Exercise 1: Choose the Best Transition Word

1. Many people enjoy having pets _____ they provide companionship.
   a. because
   b. however
   c. similarly
2. Owning a pet can be expensive. _____, many people still choose to have one.
   a. Therefore
   b. Nevertheless
   c. For example
3. Zoos protect endangered animals. _____, they educate the public about wildlife.
   a. Furthermore
   b. In contrast
   c. Consequently
4. Dogs need regular exercise. _____, owners should take them for walks every day.
   a. For instance
   b. Therefore
   c. Likewise
5. Some people support zoos. _____, others believe animals should live in the wild.
   a. In addition
   b. On the other hand
   c. As a result

Exercise 2: Complete the Sentence. Use the words below.

however - because - for example - moreover - therefore

1. Cats are popular pets _____ they are easy to care for.
2. Zoos provide medical care for animals. _____, they help protect endangered species.

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3. Some pets require a lot of attention. _____, people should think carefully before getting one.
4. Many animals in zoos receive excellent care. _____, some people still oppose zoos.
5. Some pets can help reduce stress. _____, dogs often provide emotional support to their owners.

Exercise 3: Find the incorrect transition in each sentence and replace it with a better one.

1. Many people adopt pets. However, they want a loyal companion.
2. Zoos can protect endangered species. For example, they run breeding programs.
3. Some dogs are very active. Therefore, cats are usually more independent.
4. Pets can improve mental health. On the other hand, they can reduce feelings of loneliness.
5. Many people visit zoos every year. Because, zoos are popular tourist attractions.

Exercise 4: Combine the centences. Use the transition word in brackets.

1. Dogs are loyal pets. They are easy to train. (**furthermore**)

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2. Some people oppose zoos. They believe animals should live freely. (**because**)

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3. Zoos can be educational. They allow visitors to learn about wildlife. (**for example**)

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4. Keeping a pet requires time. It also requires money. (**not only...but also**)

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5. Some pets are small. They still require a lot of care. (**although**)

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Exercise 5: Fill in the blanks with suitable transition words.

(Furthermore, However, For example, Therefore, In conclusion)

Many people enjoy keeping pets because animals can provide companionship and emotional support. _____, dogs often help their owners stay active through daily walks. _____, owning a pet also involves responsibilities such as feeding, grooming, and veterinary care. People should consider these responsibilities carefully. _____, they should make sure they have enough time and money before getting a pet. _____, responsible pet ownership is important for both the owner and the animal.

Exercise 6: Complete the sentences

1. Zoos are a controversial topic. Some people believe they are necessary for conservation; ***however*** _____ .
2. Having pets can have positive influence on people's mental and physical heath. **For example,** _____ .
3. Zoos can provide medical care and shelters for injured and endangered animals. **Additionally,** _____ .
4. **Although** zoos have the potential to educate the public about conservation issues, ____ _____ .

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