Writing: Evaluating Topic Sentences
Directions: Evaluate each of the following topic sentences and mark them as
follows:

E = effective
A = announcement
S = too specific
G = too general
N = not complete thought

1. This paper will discuss the life and politics of Simón Bolívar.
2. Japanese culture is fascinating to study because its family traditions are so different from American traditions.
3. The admission test for the police academy includes vocabulary questions.
4. The discovery of penicillin was a great step in the advancement of modern medicine.
5. I will talk about the reasons for the popularity of reality television shows.
6. A habit leading to weight gain.
7. Each year Americans are the victims of more than 1 million auto thefts.
8. The White House has many famous rooms and an exciting history.
9. There are three factors to consider when buying a flat-screen TV.
10. Iraq has a long and interesting history.