

A. A thesis sentence is the main topic sentence of an essay or other written piece. It states the main opinion and often forecasts the principle sections of the piece. It is usually placed at the end of the introduction. Write your own introduction, including your thesis sentence on each of the following topics. **15 points**

Example: **Topic:** Smoking in public places should be banned

“Secondhand smoke is just as harmful as smoking and leads to a higher prevalence of cancer and heart disease. What’s worse, people who inhale secondhand smoke are doing so without consent. For this reason, smoking in any public place should be banned.”

1. What was the greatest challenge in your life?

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2. Explain your favorite character in literature.

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3. Should humankind invest in space exploration?

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**B. Read the following text and answer the questions that follow.**

**20 points**

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

1. The Curies' \_\_\_\_\_ collaboration helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

- A. friendly
- B. competitive
- C. courteous
- D. industrious
- E. chemistry

2. Marie had a bright mind and a \_\_\_\_\_ personality.

- A. strong
- B. lighthearted
- C. humorous
- D. strange
- E. envious

3. When she learned that she could not attend the university in Warsaw, she felt \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. hopeless
- B. annoyed
- C. depressed
- D. worried
- E. None of the above

4. Marie \_\_\_\_\_ by leaving Poland and traveling to France to enter the Sorbonne.

- A. challenged authority
- B. showed intelligence
- C. behaved
- D. was distressed
- E. Answer not available

5. \_\_\_\_\_ she remembered their joy together.

- A. Dejectedly
- B. Worried
- C. Tearfully
- D. Happily
- E. Irefully

6. Her \_\_\_\_\_ began to fade when she returned to the Sorbonne to succeed her husband.

- A. misfortune
- B. anger
- C. wretchedness
- D. disappointment
- E. ambition

7. Even though she became fatally ill from working with radium, Marie Curie was never \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. troubled
- B. worried
- C. disappointed
- D. sorrowful
- E. disturbed

8. Do you believe that the right to education is a basic human right that should be available to all? Why / Why not? Justify your answer.

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#### D. GAP-FILLING TASK

Read the following text carefully. Think of the word which best fits each space. Use only ONE word in each space. There is an example at the beginning. **20 points**

#### GETTING ON WITH PEOPLE

Most of us have to cope with the everyday world, (1)..... or not we go out to a full-time job. Even a trip to the supermarket brings us (2)..... against people who could easily upset our equilibrium. There are those who jump the (3) ....., bash us with their trolleys or block the gangways with (4) .....thought for those who want to get past. The secret of stress-free shopping, (5) .....with all other aspects of getting along with people, (6) ..... surely lie within themselves.

(7).....considerate you may be yourself, you are constantly faced by tired or neurotic folk who cannot, (8).....will not, play their (9)..... in making life as easy and pleasant as possible. Some people simply do not care how (10)..... trouble they cause. They have probably been subjected to (11).....unkindness themselves that they get a perverse pleasure (12) .....of being difficult. They stare angrily, or you can unconsciously believe that they deserve to suffer and they invite fiction when (13).....is no need for it. "I'm not happy", they seem to think, "so why should anyone else (14).....?"

I think we should avoid nervous tension as far as (15).....by disregarding most of the offensive behavior we encounter in everyday life. (16).....someone bang your leg with their supermarket trolley, you can shout at them or (17)..... them an angry stare, or you can take no notice, try to ignore the pain, and remind (18)..... that there must have (19)..... occasions when you have accidentally hurt someone with a trolley. If you take the latter option, you will go (20)..... your way feeling more relaxed than if you flared up angrily.

E. For the following questions, think of ONE word which can be used appropriately in all three sentences. **6 points**

eg. This word..... **derives**..... from Latin.

He .....**derives** .....great satisfaction from his voluntary work.

Happiness.....**derives**.....from many things.

1. She told me her name, but I didn't .....it.

He ran to .....the last train before midnight.

My teacher told me he didn't want to ..... me daydreaming again.

2. Although the politician had ..... the law and deserved to be punished just like anyone, he was let off with a warning.

If Cliff hadn't .....his silence and talked to the press about his criminal past, he wouldn't have lost so many of his fans.

The news that he couldn't keep the puppy seemed to have ..... the child's heart.

3. The traffic in the town centre is usually ..... on a Sunday because very few people have any reason to go there.

We travelled .....so we could tour the Greek islands more easily.

I'm a .....sleeper, so the sound of someone trying to break into the house woke me up immediately.

**F.** Each question begins with two words. These two words go together in a certain way. Under them, there are four other pairs of words lettered A, B, C, and D. Find the lettered pair of words that go together in the same way as the first pair of words. **24 points**

1. **TULIP : FLOWER ::**

- PLANT : GARDEN
- GOLD : METAL.
- HURRICANE : BLIZZARD

2. **BOTANIST : PLANTS ::**

- LEAVES : TREES
- HISTORIAN : HISTORY
- ARTIST : STUDIO

3. **UNHAPPY : SAD ::**

- STRAIGHTFORWARD : ELABORATE
- COMPLEX : ORNATE
- INTELLIGIBLE : INTELLIGENT

4. **FAST : CHEETAH ::**

- EXTENSIVE : PARTICLE
- ELEMENTARY : ATOM
- DIMINUTIVE : MOLECULAR

**5. PIECE : PUZZLE ::**

- INGREDIENT : RECIPE
- MATERIAL : BASIC
- ELEMENT : COMPONENT

**6. BASEBALL : SPORTS ::**

- BOAT : TANKER
- QUEEN : DECK
- GAME : APATHY

**7. HARVEST : AUTUMN ::**

- SPRING : BLOOM
- CAKE: BIRTHDAY
- COSTUMES : UNIFORM

**8. INSTANT : GRADUAL ::**

- LEAVE : DEPART
- ANGRY : WRATH
- JOIN : QUIT

**9. CUSHION : PILLOW ::**

- SOFA : CHEST
- COLD : MILD
- LUKEWARM : TEPID

**10. CHAPTER : BOOK ::**

- STATE : NATION
- SCHOOL : UNIVERSITY
- KINGDOM : MONARCHY

**11. LAUGH : CRY ::**

- HARD : SOLID
- SHARP : DULL
- COLD : CHILLY

**12. ROUND : PIE ::**

- GEM : RUBY
- BLUEBERRY : FRUIT
- VALUABLE : DIAMOND

**13. SWEET : ICE-CREAM ::**

- VENERABLE : PARTHENON
- STRUCTURE : COLUMN
- CURRENT : RUIN