

Progress Probe #1451663: Thesis Statements (Grade 06 RE)

October 17, 2011 9:19 pm

Teacher Key with Answers					
Ques	Answer	Level	Skill	Subskill	Item #
1	A	Easy	Writing & Research	SPI 0601.3.3 Thesis Statement [69310]	D16969
2	D	Easy	Writing & Research	SPI 0601.3.3 Thesis Statement [69310]	D17707
3	B	Easy	Writing & Research	SPI 0601.3.3 Thesis Statement [69310]	D50549
4	B	Easy	Writing & Research	SPI 0601.3.3 Thesis Statement [69310]	D100815
5	A	Moderate	Writing & Research	SPI 0601.3.3 Thesis Statement [69310]	D57162
6	A	Moderate	Writing & Research	SPI 0601.3.3 Thesis Statement [69310]	D100809
7	C	Hard	Writing & Research	SPI 0601.3.3 Thesis Statement [69310]	D2329
8	B	Hard	Writing & Research	SPI 0601.3.3 Thesis Statement [69310]	D2990

Name: _____ Date: _____

Thesis Statements

Question 1 of 8

Choose the thesis statement in the following passage.

Soccer is the most popular sport in town because it provides all types of kids a chance to play. Players don't have to be strong or tall. Sure, good speed and footwork are great skills to have in soccer, and a quick mind is important as well. Many kids have one skill or the other; they do not always possess all of them. Good soccer players come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and abilities. Everyone can enjoy soccer, whether they have quick feet or a quick mind.

- A. Soccer is the most popular sport in town because it provides all types of kids a chance to play.
- B. Sure, good speed and footwork are great skills to have in soccer, and a quick mind is important as well.
- C. Many kids have one skill or the other; they do not always possess both.
- D. Everyone can enjoy soccer, whether they have quick feet or a quick mind.

Question 2 of 8

As soon as we walked through the gate, I knew that this was paradise. The lights, sounds, and smells made my heart skip a beat. Since I had never been to an amusement park, I didn't know what to expect. Soon I was flipping on roller coasters and going up on the ferris wheel. I couldn't believe how much I had missed in my 12 years. When we went home, I was exhausted. My first day at the amusement park was one that I will remember forever!

Which of the following sentences is the best thesis sentence for the paragraph?

- A. As soon as we walked through the gate, I knew that this was paradise.
- B. The lights, sounds, and smells made my heart skip a beat.
- C. Soon I was flipping on roller coasters and going up on the ferris wheel.
- D. My first day at the amusement park was one that I will remember forever!

Question 3 of 8

Bobby bought a new bicycle at the store. He rode it every day after finishing his chores. Bobby's friends wanted to ride his new bicycle.

The topic sentence in this passage is

- A. Bobby's friends wanted to ride his bicycle.
- B. Bobby bought a new bicycle at the store.
- C. Bobby did not do his chores.
- D. Bobby wanted to ride his bicycle every day.

Question 4 of 8

Choose the appropriate topic sentence to match the supporting details.

Thousands of tourists go to visit Niagara Falls every year.

The Niagara falls are located between the twin cities of Niagara Falls, Ontario, and Niagara Falls, New York.

My parents visited the falls in the summer of 2000.

Someday I would love to go visit the falls myself.

- A. Niagara Falls is a set of massive waterfalls located on the Niagara River.
- B. Niagara Falls is a very popular tourist attraction that I would like to visit.
- C. I've never been to Niagara Falls, but my parents have.
- D. Niagara Falls is a famous set of waterfalls located in Niagara Falls, Ontario, and Niagara Falls, New York.

Question 5 of 8

Cats

Cats are full of curiosity and intelligence. This makes them fun to watch. Cats are also clean and need less grooming than most dogs. Cats are friendly. However, they don't need constant attention because they are very independent. Cats make good companions for people who do not have a lot of time to spend playing with a pet.

What is the topic sentence of the paragraph?

- A. Cats are good for people who have little time to spend playing with pets.
- B. Cats are also clean and need less grooming than most dogs.
- C. Cats are full of curiosity and intelligence.
- D. They don't need constant attention because they are very independent.

Question 6 of 8

Choose the appropriate topic sentence to match the supporting details.

I slept in almost everyday.

I went to the beach with my family.

I went swimming with my friends all the time.

I wish summer would never end!

- A. I had a wonderful summer.
- B. Summer is a great time to spend with your family.
- C. I love to swim and sleep.
- D. This summer I did a lot of swimming.

Question 7 of 8

Some students in our school come from middle-class and upper-class families. They seem to have no trouble buying all the things they need, including new clothes throughout the year. However, most students in our school come from low-income families. They have a lot of trouble buying food and paying rent; they can seldom afford the luxury of new clothes. This difference in income keeps many students from treating each other equally because they are too focused on what they are wearing.

What would be an appropriate thesis statement for this paragraph?

- A. To encourage equality, the poor kids should not worry about their clothes.
- B. All students should share their clothes with one another.
- C. To encourage equality, all students should wear uniforms to school.
- D. The wealthy students should give their clothes to the poor kids.

Question 8 of 8

Select the sentence in the paragraph below that is the thesis statement.

(1)Roberto could not believe all of the cars that were parked outside of his house, when he arrived home. When he opened the front door, he saw balloons and decorations everywhere.(2) This was the surprise party he had been waiting for.(3)He looked around the room at all of the gifts and could not believe his eyes.(4)This was truly a happy occasion.

- A. 1. Roberto could not believe all of the cars that were parked outside of his

house, when he arrived home.

- B. 2. This was the surprise party that he had been waiting for.
- C. 3. He looked around the room at all of the gifts and could not believe his eyes.
- D. 4. This was truly a happy occasion.