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**Tutorial Key answers: Opinion/ Argumentative Paragraph**

**Tutorial (TD) 6: Opinion/ Argumentative Paragraph**

**Exercise 1**

1. Identify the topic sentence of the argumentative paragraph.

In a large urban area, there are some good reasons for owning a car.

The third reason:

Third, a car is time saving. Using public transport to take the children to school can be extremely time-consuming and stressful as the bus should be taken on time. Additionally, even if you do catch the bus, the stops made on the way can ensure you have a long journey ahead of you.

The fourth reason:

Finally, a car insures easy shopping and transportation of heavy items because Cars come with a trunk that provides sufficient space to easily transport plenty of shopping and heavy materials

1. Write your own concluding sentence:

In conclusion, cars are important in today’s fast-paced world, and by investing in one people can take advantage of convenience, safety, and cost-efficient traveling

**Key answers**

**Tutorial (TD) 7: Using Reasons to Support an Opinion**

**Exercise 1: Read each opinion and its supporting reasons. Write *fact,explanation* or *experience* next to each reason.**

1. Tokyo is the most technologically advanced city in Asia.

------ fact ------- a. In Tokyo, most people have cell phones and many buildings are equipped with wireless technology.

-----***explanation***------- b. People’s daily lives come to a halt if there is a blackout in Tokyo.

***-----experience-------*** c. I rode the subway in Tokyo for many years, and it never broke down.

-------***fact***----- d. Some subway stations in Tokyo can handle more than a million passengers a day because of the use of computers.

1. Hawaii has the best surfing beaches in North America.

-----***explanation-------*** a. If you have never surfed in the Hawaiian Islands, you cannot be a world-class surfer because Hawaii is the benchmark by which other beaches are evaluated.

***-----fact-------*** b. The winter waves in Oahu are higher than the summer waves, so serious surfers tend to spend time there during the winter months.

***-------experience-----*** c. I got hooked on surfing after just one afternoon of surfing there.

***----fact--------*** d. Storm waves can rise as high as 20 feet with a face of up to 50 feet.

1. There is no better city to visit than I stanbul.

***-----explanation-------*** a. People in Istanbul are friendly and always willing to help their neighbours.

***------fact------*** b. Bridges connect the neighbourhoods of I stanbul so thta it can exist in both Europe and Asia at the same time.

***-----experience-------*** c. I had the best meal of my life in a small café in Istanbul.

***------fact------*** d. Istanbul has a historically important location as a port city on the only route between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea.

 **Excercise 2:**Read each opinion below and provide facts as much as you can to support the opinion given.

1. **Opinion:** The internet takes too much time away from family life.

More and more of Internet**-**connected households report decrease of face-to-face family time.

1. **Opinion:** The cell phone industry is a good place to invest money.

Telecoms in general can be solid investments because people consider their mobile phones a necessary expense.

1. **Opinion:** People spend too much money on food.

In groceries, most customers buy out of season, and this is bad for them and their wallets.

1. **Opinion: A** paper-recycling program can help conserve our forests.

A ton of paper made from recycled material saves approximately 17 trees.

**Excercise 3 : Write two *facts and* their *explanations* for the following opinions:**

1. **A clean park will be good for business.**

**Fact 1:** *People spend more time in places which are surrounded by trees, plants and grass.*

*Explanation: A clean park will be attractive to people who come with their children and families for entertainment.*

**Fact2:** *Shoppers will come to the park .*

Explanation: *A clean park will be attractive for shoppers to purchase their needs in open air and green spaces.*

1. **Litter is harmful for the environment.**

**Fact 1:** *Litter can pollute the water.*

Explanation: *Throwing rubbish in water causes water pollution, and the latter is harmful for people, animals and plants as well.*

**Fact 2:** *People, animals and plants are healthier in unpolluted areas.*

Explanation: *I have read that creatures and plants are safe in unpolluted water and live healthy.*

1. **Hunting some animals and birds is immoral.**

**Fact 1:** *Hunting some animals and birds threatens their existence.*

Explanation: *Hunting animals and birds which are few in number leads to their extinction.*

**Fact 2:***Endangered animals and birds are put under protection by government law worldwide.*

Explanation: *Hunting endangered animals and birds is considered as immoral, so hunters are punished by law.*

1. **The ancient Greeks always thought that a healthy mind in the healthy body is a key to a well-balanced life.**

**Fact 1:***Nowadays, schools have less time to provide for less important subjects as Physical Education.*

Explanation: *It is just as important to provide Physical Education sessions for pupils as It is to provide them with academic training in schools.*

**Fact 2:** *Pupils these days spend long hours studying or working at their computers.*

Explanation*: Therefore, they need the opportunity to do some physical activity during the school day.*

**Exercise 4** : **Opinion paragraph about the best city to live in.**

* **Outline:**

**Topic sentence :** State the topic and your opinion about the topic.

**e.g.** Among the most amazing cities, I consider Vancouver as the best city to live in.

**Supporting Sentences:**

What are some reasons for your opinion ? Include notes about some of the following : attractions, opportunities, cost of living, and people.

* First, the city has a great nature environment with fresh air.
* Second, the transportation system of the city is comfortable.
* Finally, the city has a great library system.

**Concluding Sentence:** Restate your opinion and comment on it, or summarize the main reasons.

**e.g.** These are the main reasons why I consider Vancouver as the best city to live in. If I get a chance to live abroad someday, I will definitely choose Vancouver.

* **Paragraph Sample:**

I have been to many cities around the world. Among those amazing cities, I consider Vancouver as the best city to live in. It is an attractive city that shows people both the beauty of nature and charm of a developed modern city. The city has actually been selected as the best city to live in in the entire world. There are many reasons why I think Vancouver is the best city to live in, but I can think of three main reasons. First, the city has a great nature environment with fresh air. Vancouver is surrounded by mountains and forests. Therefore, the city is not only beautiful, but also its air is very clean and nice. I could never forget the moment I went to the Stanley Park for the first time. I could feel the fresh air and breeze. Also, one of my friends, who was suffering from atopy actually got cured after staying in Vancouver for a year. I think Vancouver's fresh air is a strong advantage for people to live in. Second, the transportation system of the city is comfortable. It has all kinds of transportations, such as buses, subway and taxi. Other than these, there are other transportations which are only in Vancouver. For example, there is a kind of transportation system called Sky train, which its stations are located throughout the city. It is very fast and easy to use. I've always taken Sky train while I was travelling around the city, and I felt no difficulty although I am not used to it. Finally, the city has a great library system. When I stayed in Vancouver, I was impressed by its advanced system. In the city, there are hundreds of libraries. All those libraries in the city are connected by computer system. Therefore, you can borrow and return the books in any libraries located in the city. Also, libraries have many programs that promote children to read books. I remember that a library gives children a medal if they complete reading all the suggested list of books. I thought these kinds of programs are pretty good for the increase in citizen's reading. These are the main three reasons why I consider Vancouver as the best city to live in. If I get a chance to live abroad someday, I will definitely choose Vancouver.

**Key answers**

**Tutorial (TD) 8: Use of transitional words and phrases**

**Exercise 1:** Fill in the gaps with the appropriate transitional device.

1. The accident happened because of terrible weather.
2. The train was cancelled, so I missed my appointment.
3. They decided to buy a new car because of the problems they were having with their old one.
4. We were unable to contact you as communications were so poor.
5. You have been late every morning this week, so we have deducted the lost time from your wages.
6. I was sent home from school because I was feeling sick.
7. It was too far to walk, so we caught the bus.

**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the sentences, using the words given, so that they have the same meaning

a) While Joseph never helped with the housework, Pat did.

b) Though We sometimes stayed out late, we always got home before twelve.

c) He didn’t like sport; however, he didn’t mind watching football.

**Exercise 3:** Rewrite the following sentences starting with the word(s) given

a) He has never worked for a newspaper, but he’s been hired all the same.

Though he has never worked for a newspaper, he’s been hired all the same.

b) She was very tired, but she finished the job.

In spite of her tiredness, she finished the job.

c) They went to his office. They didn’t want to be heard.

The film was so boring that we decided to leave early.

**Exercise 4:** Improve cohesion of the following opinion paragraph by Adding transitional devices where appropriate.

I have mixed feelings about my school. First, it is a great place to make new friends. Besides it is fun to play sports with my classmates. Sometimes we have interesting activities like concerts and festivals. On the other hand, We have to study a lot as we have too many classes every day, too much homework, and too many tests. Moreover I have to get up early to get to school on time, and I never get home until after dinner. In conclusion School would be great if we did not have to learn there.

**Key answers**

**Tutorial (TD) 9: Use of ‘there is’/ ‘there are’ and ‘because’/ ‘because of’**

**Exercise 1:** Put in ***is*** or ***are*** in the blanks to complete the sentences below.

1-There ***is*** a parade of children holding flowers.

2-There **is** a lot of music in the streets.

3-There **are** many nightclubs.

4-There **are** not many cars on the road, but you might see bicycles.

5-There **is** no airport in my city.

6-There **is** not much wind, so people prefer this beach.

**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the following sentences using ***there is*** or ***there are***.

1-Bad weather is not in the South.

***There is*** no bad weather in the South.

2-Houses are not on the island.

***There are*** no houses on the island.

3-Colorful birds are in the jungle.

***There are*** colourful birds in the jungle.

4-Many international restaurants are downtown.

***There are*** many international restaurants downtown.

5-Many vendors are on the beach.

***There are*** many vendors on the beach.

6-A lot of good seafood is along the coast.

***There is*** a lot of good seafood along the coast.

**Exercise 3:** Use ***because*** or ***because of*** to complete sentence below.

1-This city is a good place for young people ***because of***the world-class nightclubs.

2-There is a lot of diversity **because** many people from Europe and Asia moved to Brazil during the past two centuries.

3-Many people retire to warmer climates **because of** the weather.

4-Gardening is popular there ***because*** the valley has ideal conditions for roses.

5-It is easy to get around the city ***because*** the government has improved the public transportation system.

6-A lot of people go there ***because of*** the gourmet food.

**Exercise 5:** Choose an ending (a-e) for each beginning (1-5) and use ***because*** or ***because of*** to obtain correct sentences.

1-They were looking for a Japanese restaurant ***because*** they wanted to eat sushi for dinner.

2-The government banned that movie ***because*** the public opinion was against it.

3-All the flights were cancelled ***because of*** the harsh weather conditions

4-Jim is trying to find a place of his own because he wants to feel independent.

5-I couldn’t understand him because of his strange accent.

**Exercise 6:** Read the following paragraph and correct mistakes with ***there is/there are*** and ***because/because of***. There are seven mistakes.

I was very sad when I had to leave Rio de Janeiro because it is the best place on earth. Rio is important to me (~~because of)~~***because*** my family still lives there. However, I think anyone who moves there will agree it is a wonderful place. That is because Rio has something for every personality. First there**(**~~is)~~***are*** the people. Rio is famous (~~because of~~) ***because*** many beautiful people live there, especially in the beach neighborhoods, such as Ipanama. The city is very fun during the Carnaval when Brazilians dress up in costumes and dance in the streets and nightclubs. Rio is also beautiful (~~because)~~ ***because of***its location. The city is on the Atlantic Ocean. There (~~is)~~***are*** a lot of beaches, and they are full of activity every day. The scenery is spectacular as well. You can see great geological formations, such as the granite mountain called Sugar Loaf, and on another peak named Corcovado, you can see an enormous statue that looks over the city. Brazil also has many varieties of music (~~because)~~ ***because of*** the many cultures and traditions. Finally, there (~~are)~~ ***is*** also a place for people who enjoy tranquillity. The botanical gardens are filled with exotic varieties of plants and animals. So Rio de Janeiro is a place with many different faces. It can be beautiful, crazy, and peaceful depending on your mood.

**Key answers**

**Tutorial (TD) 10: Paragraph Editing**

**Exercise 2**: Review the following paragraph for mistakes and use the above check list

I hate it when people do not cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze. There are thousands of people who catch colds from time to time, either because of seasonal variations in temperature or because of infection. Among other things, a cold causes us to cough or sneeze. People who have colds should wear masks to keep the germs from spreading, but these days it is often healthy people who wear masks, because many sick people do not. Not wearing a mask is bad enough when you have a cold, but some people do not even cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze. Every time they cough or sneeze, they send millions of germs all through the air and put others in danger of infection. Therefore, it is highly advisable that sick people wear masks to protect the others