**Chapter 1 Activities**

**Task 1: Decide whether these thesis statements are direct or indirect**

1. In today's increasingly busy society, however, most people admit that they have definite dislikes for certain household chores, washing dishes, and cleaning the bathroom.

 Indirect thesis statement

 Direct thesis statement

1. There are three important types of relationships in my life: relationships with my parents (respectful of them, give me advice, based on their caring about me) relationships with my siblings (family bond, understand me better than anyone else, have made lots of memories together) relationships with my classmates (school-based only, don't see them outside of class, based on mutual need – if someone doesn't understand a lesson, the other person helps them).

 Indirect thesis statement

 Direct thesis statement

1. Living in a dormitory offers several advantages to first-year students.

 Indirect thesis statement

 Direct thesis statement

1. The state of women in Turkey has improved remarkably in the recent years in the areas of economic independence, political rights, educational opportunities and social status.

 Direct thesis statement

 Indirect thesis statement

**Task 2: Rearrange the thesis statement below:**

1. the aptitude of Algerian drivers
2. reasons of
3. the main
4. traffic accidents
5. in Algeria
6. are
7. the poor state of roads
8. the poor condition of vehicle

**Task 3: Synthesis Questions**

In group of three students discuss the points as follow:

✓ Decide where is the hook, the background information, and the thesis statement.

✓ Distinguish between meaning and function of background information and the thesis statement.

✓ Analyse the type of the thesis statement, and explain your reason of choice.

***Extract***

“Focus on how to be social not on how to do social” Jay Baer. Social media is the trend of this decade. Every second, millions of people use them all over the world and the majority of these users are teenagers. The wide use of social media platforms has become tremendously worrying. It is increasing distraction to human communication at workplace; it is decreasing self- confidence on youth; and it is creating fear from reality

**Task 3:** **Individually, write an introductory paragraph.**

Why are writing skills important for language learners? And what do you do to improve your writing skills? .................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................