Activity 1: In each paragraph below, underline the topic sentence.

1. The best trip my family ever took was to New Orleans, Louisiana. We drove there in two

days. I didn’t think it would be very interesting, but I was wrong. We saw the Mississippi

River, rode a horse carriage in the French Quarter, and visited a cemetery where everyone

was buried above the ground. I liked the food best, especially the New Orleans doughnuts

called beignets.

2. No one likes to eat with a dirty knife, fork, or spoon. It is important to completely wash all

utensils before using them. Clean utensils won’t transmit germs and bacteria. They also are

more pleasant to eat with.

3. Many people think poetry is old-fashioned and uninteresting. They don’t realize that every

time they hear a song sung, they are hearing poetry in the form of song lyrics. Just like many

written poems, many song lyrics use rhythm, rhyme, and literary imagery. It turns out that

poetry isn’t old- fashioned; it’s as modern as the latest hit song!

4. Growing a garden can be fun, good exercise, and will provide fresh fruits and vegetables

for the gardener. It is interesting to watch the seeds pop their heads above the soil for the first

time. It is sometimes hard to believe that a little seed can become a large vine or plant in just

a few weeks. Planting the seeds and pulling weeds are good exercise for anyone. Then, after

watching the plant grow and produce, the gardener ends up with delicious tomatoes, beans, or

other yummy produce from the garden.

5. Sometimes it is hard to fall asleep. Maybe you are not sleepy, or maybe you are thinking

about what happened during the day. You can also lie awake if a big event, like a test or a

party, is happening the next day. There are several things you can do to try and fall asleep.

You can try counting sheep, or just counting, which will keep your mind busy with a

repetitious activity. Sometimes listening to soft music or gentle sounds, like rain, helps. You

can even try telling yourself a story, which may distract your mind enough that you will be

asleep in no time.

Activity 2: For each set of sentences, write TS next to the topic sentence and SS next to

the supporting sentences:

1- Mosquitoes are attracted to heat

Mosquitoes will fly several meters to find food

Only the female mosquito bites

Mosquitoes are interesting insects

2- One of my hobbies is listening to international music

I have a large collection of world music recordings

My friends and I like to introduce each other to new international artists we discover

I enjoy going to concerts by musicians from different countries

3- My new apartment has big closets

My new apartment is perfect for my roommate and me

My new apartment is close to school and work

My new apartment is not too expensive for students

4- I like the way people decorate their homes and stores

I enjoy going shopping in cold weather

I enjoy the parties and celebrations to the winter holiday

I really like the winter holiday

Activity3: Read the topic sentences below, write SS next to the three supporting

sentences and write CS next to the concluding sentence:

1. The best way to see San Francisco is by walking.

When you explore San Francisco by foot, you can experience all the city has to offer

When you walk, you experience the different smells of the restaurants, the plans and

sometimes the ocean.

You can stop and look in the windows of shops or sit on a bench for a short while and

look at interesting people

In a car or a bus, you cannot stop easily if you see something interesting because

parking is difficult

2. An egg takes only few minutes to make

Your delicious egg is ready to eat in just few minutes

Heat your pan a few minutes

Scramble two eggs with little salt, pepper and cheese

When the eggs are done, put them in your plate

3. My paper is late because something happened to my computer.

I was almost finished writing my paper, and I was checking it for errors

Suddenly, my computer screen went blank, the power was gone

The accident made me lose my hours of work so I could not turn my essay on time

Later, I learned that a squirrel got on the power line and distrusted the electricity

4. I enjoy the river walk in San Francisco

The river walk is lower than the streets of the city.

You can walk down stirs to a canal with a stone path and plants o, each side

There are many shops, restaurants and hotels along the path

The river walk is a pleasant place to spend an afternoon or evening in San Francisco.

Acitivity4: For each topic below, write a topic sentence, three supporting sentences and

a concluding sentence.

Family time, sport, friends