

Essay Structure Quiz: 1.23.14

1. Which of the following provides the best example of a thesis statement?

- a. The following essay will convince the reader that he or she should not eat partially hydrogenated oils (trans-fats).
- b. I truly know that trans-fats are the worst type of “food” a person can eat.
- c. Partially-hydrogenated oils (also known as trans-fats) cause many health problems, and should be avoided.
- d. Doctors advise their patients to avoid things that can make them sick, like trans-fats, which are found in many different foods in this day and age.

2. What of the following is NOT appropriate to include in an introductory paragraph?

- a. Background information
- b. A hook
- c. A thesis statement
- d. A list of the main points
- e. None of the above

3. How many body paragraphs should an essay contain?

- a. At least two
- b. Three
- c. As many as are necessary to fully support the thesis

4. Which statement represents the best example of supporting evidence for a body paragraph with the sentence “The human body is not designed to digest trans-fats” as the topic?

- a. Trans-fats do not occur in nature, but were created in a laboratory.

- b. Trans-fats clog millions of arteries every year.

- c. Many common foods, especially baked goods, contain trans-fats.

- d. Trans-fats drastically reduce decomposition in food, thus, providing a drastic increase in shelf life.

5. The primary purpose of the conclusion is:

- a. To leave the reader wanting more.
- b. To summarize the main points and to restate the thesis.
- c. To punch the reader in the brain with an unarguable final statement.
- d. To present the most important facts and evidence.

6. The process of writing an essay can be most effectively compared to:

- a. Pouring a bowl of cereal
- b. Eating ice cream
- c. Making a sandwich
- c. Riding a roller coaster

7. Which of the following represents the best way to begin a concluding paragraph?

- a. “In conclusion...”
- b. “In summary...”
- c. “Given the points outlined above...”
- d. “In light of the evidence...”

8. True(a) or false(b)--the following uses a semicolon perfectly:

Semicolons are the sporks of punctuation. They can work in a lot of situations, but never as well as an actual spoon or fork.