Question One: Decide whether the following sentences are true or false. Write (T) if the sentence is true, or (F) if the sentence is false. (10 marks)

1. A paragraph is a group of six to ten sentences that give information about different topics. (     )

2. Brainstorming is a way of gathering ideas about a topic. (     )

3. The supporting sentences come after the topic sentence, and they explain the topic sentence. (     )

4. The concluding sentence should finish the paragraph with a new idea. (     )

5. Peer editing means reading your partner’s paper several times and correcting grammar and spelling mistakes. (     )

6. Modal auxiliary verbs show the strength of a writer’s opinion or argument. (     )

7. The words and phrase such as: both, also, likewise, similarly, are used to write comparison paragraphs. (     )

8. In a problem/solution paragraph, the first paragraph offers the solution and the second paragraph shows the problem. (     )

9. To contrast means to discuss how two people, places, or things are similar. (     )

10. Transitions are words that connect ideas between two paragraphs. (     )
Question Two: Read these sentences. Write (F) if the sentence is a fact, and (O) if the sentence is an opinion. (8 marks)

1. I think travelling by air is more comfortable than travelling by sea. (   )
2. Engineering is the best among all jobs. (   )
3. Huda was born in 1985 in Dubai. (   )
4. Spring comes after winter. (   )
5. English is an easier subject to learn than Arabic. (   )
6. People should ride bicycles in Gaza to avoid traffic jam. (   )
7. Smoking is harmful and it causes many dangerous diseases. (   )
8. Gaza strip is the most over-crowded area in the world. (   )

Question Three: Complete with a suitable word. (8 marks)

also – likewise – more expensive – but - different from

Both...and – as...as – more...than

1. The two books are very ................................each other.
2. Eating out is usually ................................ than cooking at home.
3. ................the rivers ............. the lakes are clear and beautiful.
4. The shops are closing for the holiday. The bank is ............... closing.
5. Cairo is just .......... modern .......... the cities in many other countries.
6. Noura enjoys eating fish,................... her sister likes eating meat.
7. Changing in technology are happening .............quickly ............in the past.
8. Watch your brother and do ................................
Question Four: Write a good topic sentence for these topics. (10 marks)

1. Air pollution ........................................................................................................................................

2. Learning English ...................................................................................................................................

3. Studying abroad / studying in your own country ......................................................................................

4. Grandmother ............................................................................................................................................

5. My university ...........................................................................................................................................

Question Five: Read these paragraphs and answer the questions below. (10 marks)

Deforestation is a serious problem because forests and trees aren’t just pretty to look at, they do an important job making the earth’s environment suitable for life. They clean the air, store water, preserve soil, and provide homes for animals. They also supply food, fuel, wood products, and paper products for humans. In the past fifty years, more than half of the world’s rain forests have been destroyed. Today, the forests of the world are being cut down at a rate of fifty acres every minute! Scientists say that if deforestation continues, the world’s climate may change, floods may become more common, and animals will die.

One solution to the problem of deforestation is to use less paper. If you use less paper, fewer trees will be cut for paper making. How can you use less paper? One answer is to reduce your paper use by using both sides of the paper when you photocopy, write a letter, or write a paper for school. A second answer is to reuse old paper when you can, rather than using a new sheet of paper. The backs of old envelopes are perfect for shopping lists or phone messages, and when you write a rough draft of an essay, write it on the back of something else. A final answer is to recycle used paper products instead of throwing them away. Most schools, offices, and neighborhoods have some kind of recycling centre. If you follow the three Rs- reduce, reuse, and recycle- you can help save the world’s forests.
1. What is the main idea in the first paragraph? .................................................................
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2. What is the topic sentence? .........................................................................................
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3. How is the first paragraph developed? .....................................................................
4. What is the main idea in the second paragraph? .....................................................
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5. What is the topic sentence? .....................................................................................
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6. What solution does the writer offer? .........................................................................
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7. Is there a concluding sentence in the first paragraph? In the second
   paragraph? What are they? .............................................................................................
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8. Do you agree with the writer for the solution of deforestation? 
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**Question Six: Write a good paragraph on one of the following topics.**

(14 marks)

1. Your favourite restaurant
2. The benefits of the internet
3. The dangers of smoking
4. Living in a village / living in a town