College Writing I

Q1. State whether the following sentences are true (T) or false (F): (10 marks)

1- ( ) The concluding sentence should finish the paragraph with a new idea.
2- ( ) A topic should be too broad or too narrow.
3- ( ) Developing the main idea in the topic sentence can be done by making a list or mapping.
4- ( ) "My father is fifty years old". This is a good topic sentence.
5- ( ) A descriptive paragraph explains how someone or something looks or feels.
6- ( ) Freewriting means to write whatever comes into your head about your topic without stopping.
7- ( ) Transitions are words that connect the steps in a paragraph.
8- ( ) The supporting sentences talk about or explain in details the topic sentence.
9- ( ) The concluding sentence uses the same words as the topic sentence.
10- ( ) The first sentence of a paragraph is usually indented a few spaces.

Q2. Put these sentences in the correct order to make a good paragraph:

Write "1" in front of the first sentence, "2" in front of the second sentence, and so on. (5 marks)

( ) Secondly, the food is expensive and the portions are small
( ) Finally, the waiters are not friendly
( ) Firstly, the restaurant is not very clean as you can see dirt everywhere.
( ) For these reasons, I will not visit that restaurant again.
( ) I will never eat dinner at “Ramses Popular Restaurant”.

Q3. Answer the following questions: (12 marks)

A- Choose FOUR topics from the list and write a topic sentence for each, then brainstorm ONE topic only (either by making a list or mapping).

a-cars  -------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
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b-friends  -------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
c-favourite place to relax

d-my country

e-my grandparents

B- Brainstorm ONE topic (either by making a list or mapping).

Q4. Write a paragraph on ONE of these topics (13 marks)

a-my country
b-my university
c-my grandparents
d-favourite place to relax