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# The Five Paragraph Essay

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Where is the thesis stated in a 5-paragraph essay?

A. in the introduction

C. in the third body paragraph

B. in the first body paragraph

D. in the conclusion

2. What is the purpose of the body paragraphs?

A. to restate the thesis

C. to offer an introduction

B. to give support for the thesis

D. to provide a conclusion

3. In the essay, each body paragraph should have a \_\_\_\_\_.

A. thesis

C. topic sentence

B. question

D. conclusion

4. True or False: The introduction of a five paragraph essay should describe each of your points in great detail.

A. True

B. False

5. Below is the second paragraph from a five paragraph essay about sloths. Read the paragraph and choose the best topic sentence for it.

*Sloths have long claws that let them easily grip tree branches and hang upside down. In fact, sloths' claws make walking on the ground very difficult for them, and they're clumsy on land. Sloths can sleep upside-down for up to 18 hours at a time. Algae grows on sloths' fur, which camouflages the sloths and allows them to blend into the trees. Their diets include tree leaves, shoots and fruit.*

- A. Sloths are very humorous creatures.  
B. Sloths use camouflage to avoid predators.  
C. Sloths are well-suited for their lives in the rainforest trees.  
D. Sloths can give birth to their young upside down.

6. Where does the writer restate the thesis in a new way?

- A. in the introduction  
B. in the first body paragraph  
C. in the third body paragraph  
D. in the conclusion

7. In a five paragraph essay, the \_\_\_\_\_ is the main idea you're trying to prove.

- A. introduction  
B. title  
C. first body paragraph  
D. thesis

8. Which of these shows the correct order of the parts of a five paragraph essay?

- A. introduction, conclusion, three body paragraphs  
B. three body paragraphs, introduction, conclusion  
C. introduction, three body paragraphs, conclusion  
D. conclusion, three body paragraphs, introduction

9. Your thesis is "summer is the best season." Which of these is **most likely** to be one of your three main points?

- A. Some schools don't have summer vacation.  
B. During the summer months, there are many activities for students to enjoy.  
C. Summer camp can be boring and expensive.  
D. There are four seasons in a year.

10. True or False: In the conclusion, you should restate your thesis word for word.

A. True

B. False