

## English Placement Test Study Guide

1. Which of the following is needed to develop an effective paragraph?
  - a. Topic sentence
  - b. Supporting sentences
  - c. Concluding sentence
  - d. All of the above
2. Which of the following presents the main idea of the entire paper?
  - a. Thesis statement
  - b. Topic sentence
  - c. Supporting sentences
  - d. Concluding sentence
3. Which of the following presents the main idea of the paragraph?
  - a. Thesis statement
  - b. Topic sentence
  - c. Supporting sentences
  - d. Concluding sentence
4. Which of the following restates the topic sentence and wraps up the paragraph?
  - a. Topic sentence
  - b. Supporting sentences
  - c. Concluding sentence
  - d. All of the above
5. Which of the following is typically included in the basic structure of any essay?
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Body
  - c. Conclusion
  - d. All of the above
6. Which of the following recaps the thesis statement, topic sentences, supporting sentences, and wraps up the paper?
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Body
  - c. Conclusion
  - d. All of the above

7. Which of the following best defines the word *wanes* in the sentence below?

**“It’s natural to be really upset when someone you care about dies....For most us, he argues, that high intensity *wanes*.”**

- a. Decrease in vigor, power, or extent; become weaker
- b. The amount by which a plank or log is beveled or falls short of a squared shape
- c. (Of the moon) to have a progressively smaller part of its visible surface illuminated so that it appears to decrease in size
- d. None of the above

8. Which of the following best defines the word *single* in the sentence below?

**“But scientists have failed to turn up reliable evidence that any *single*, common genetic variant matters much when it comes to mental illness.”**

- a. Unmarried or not involved in a relationship
- b. Only one
- c. A game or competition for individual players, not pairs or teams
- d. All of the above