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