**Writing a Thesis Statement**

**Directions:** Circle the letter of the best thesis statement for each composition. Now change these statements to follow the: Topic Opinion ; Conjunctive Adverb, WHY format.

1. a composition about the importance of eating lunch

a. Lunch is one of my favorite meals, delicious and nutritious.

b. Eating lunch boosts health and provides needed afternoon energy.

c. If you skip lunch, you’ll regret it all day long.

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2. a composition about the effect of visitors on the country’s national parks

a. The growing number of visitors to our national parks is beginning to cause problems with traffic, noise, and pollution.

b. More people are visiting national parks like Yellowstone, Arches, and Canyonlands each and every year.

c. When you visit one of the country’s national parks, never leave trash behind.

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3. a persuasive essay arguing in favor of building a community sports center

a. Sports centers are great. We need to build a new one for this neighborhood.

b. Building a new sports center, why not? I don’t think it’s a bad idea.

c. Building a new sports center would give kids a place to play, gain new skills, and help keep them out of trouble.

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4. a composition comparing portable CD players with portable Vinyl records

a. Although both devices let you hear music on the go, there are important differences between CD players and vinyl records

b. It will cost you about the same amount of money to buy a vinyl records as it would to buy a CD player.

c. Vinyl record players are better than CD players.

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5. Directions: Read the outline and write a thesis statement.

Topic: Young people should pay attention to politics.

A. Young people are intelligent enough to understand what’s going on.

B. Politics affects everyone’s lives, including young people’s.

C. Paying attention to politics now will help young people to be informed citizens when they are old enough to vote

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