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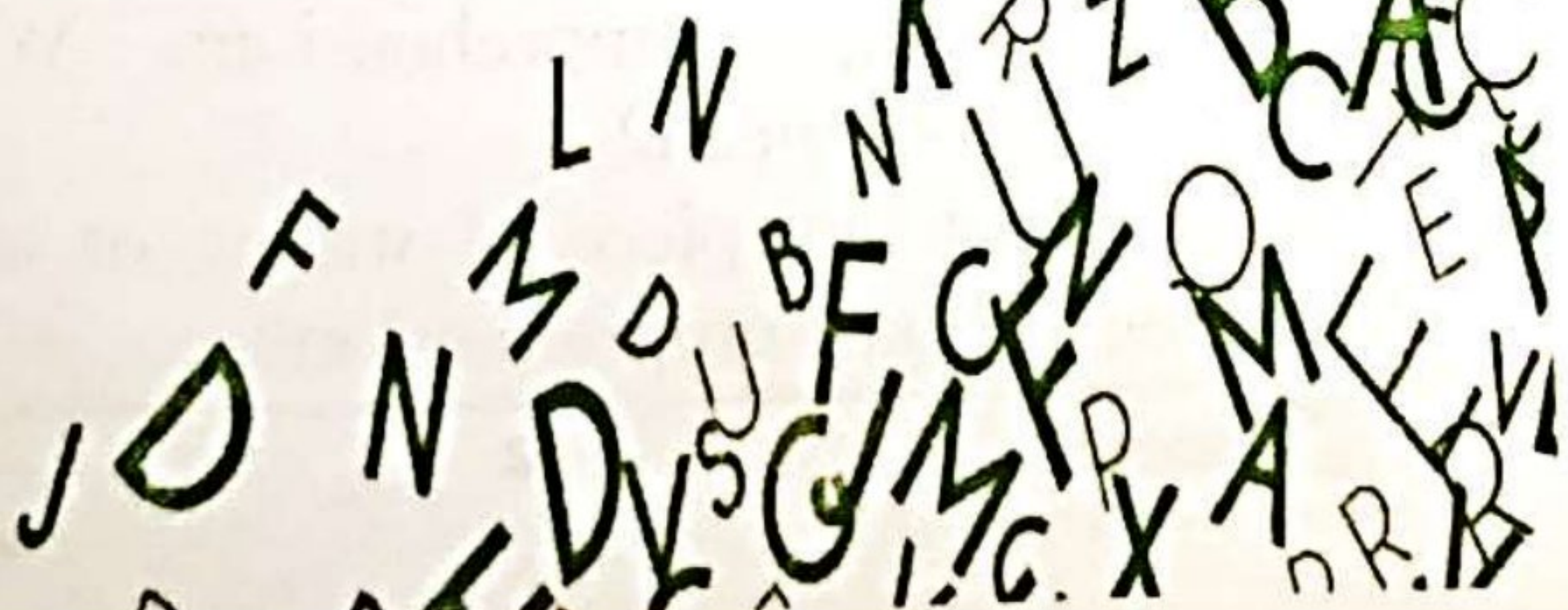
ESSAY READING & COMPREHENSION

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Hello everybody!

What is the essence of the subject? What does the subject tell you?

I am going to talk about points which are very important for you as students and for the next years.

ما هو الاختلاف بين المقال والإنشاء؟

The subject deals with the form of essay in general.

• What is the difference between essay and composition?

• Composition is a kind of easy writing about a common or specific topic. You talk about only one idea or one point. (easier than the essay in discussion)

• It is limited and short. (shorter than essay)

• It would be easier and more helpful to you than writing or dealing with an essay.

{عندما كنتم في الثالث الثانوي كنتم تقومون بكتابة composition و كان البعض يقوم بحفظها}

• The essay form has more words, either to analyze a certain purpose of an idea or to give you the points in a right way whether you are against or with this topic, and you have to classify all the things you are going to write about.

• How do we deal with any essay? We have:

Essay reading comprehension: What does (comprehension) mean?

Can we start any piece of writing or analyzing or discussing without comprehension?

Of course not, comprehension is needed to understand what you are going to analyze, discuss, connect or refer to.

• What are the four skills that comprehension depends on?

1. Listening
2. Speaking
3. Reading
4. Writing

So, writing is the last one.

1. How many types of essays do we have?

We have 7 types:

1. Narrative essay.
2. Descriptive essay.
3. Process essay.
4. Argumentative essay.
5. Cause and effect essay.
6. Classification essay.
7. Compare and contrast essay.

What about literary essay?

It talks about or discusses a certain literary section of literature.

What about scientific essays?

It deals with a scientific topic.

So, we can sometimes understand the first topic sentence which can guide you to the essence of the essay which we are going to discuss.

من المؤلف انكم غير مطالبين بكتابة مقال كما في قسم الأدب.

The study is from the book; try to buy it or borrow it because we are going to start with it.

Let's go to the first point.

I'm going to start with unit 1 page 9.

Cause and Effect Essay

I am going to read certain lines which are important.

A common method of analyzing a topic is by presenting its causes and/or effects. An essay which follows this method is called a cause and effect essay. This essay starts by identifying a problem, an event, a scientific principle, or a cultural practice. Then causes and/or effects are discussed.

سوف أقرأ أسطر محددة مهمة.

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In the final test, I want to tell you something about some obstacles points. You're going to be given certain multiple choices; maybe four or five multiple choices, and you are going to choose the most appropriate and suitable choice.

Sometimes, you're going to be confused because they are similar. Only one answer is accepted.

الأمر الثاني الذي أود التحدث عنه هو أن الأسئلة مؤتمنة لذا يجب الانتباه عند الحل لأن الخطأ الأول في الورقة سيكون الأخير.

Now, give me an example about cause and effect essay.

Student: pollution.

Instructor: pollution, for example, there are many causes for pollution and effects in our daily life. So, when we talk about pollution, we will talk about the causes of pollution and what may lead to the bad effects of it.

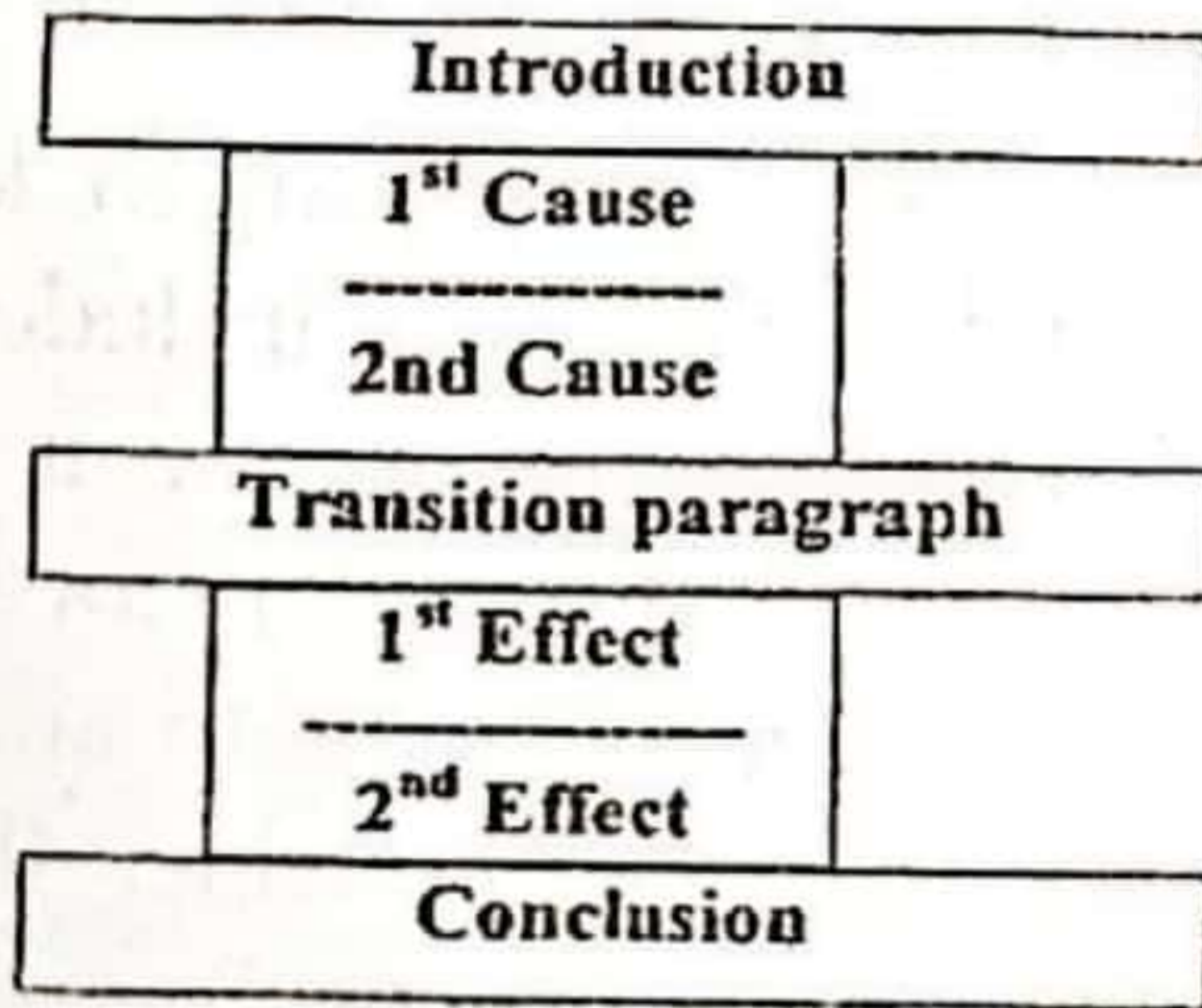
What about smoking? It is a clear example; something is connected with another thing as a result.

I am going to write about what called "block organization".

One organization method used in a cause and effect essay is called Block Organization: causes are grouped in one paragraph and effects are presented in another paragraph, as the diagram below shows.

أحد الطرق المستعملة في مقالة السبب والنتيجة تدعى Block Organization : الأسباب توضع ضمن فقرة على حدى والنتائج يتم تقديمها في فقرة اخرى منفصلة، كما المخطط في الاسفل يظهر.

BLOCK ORGANISATION



Block organization means that type of essay should be analyzed like the diagram above, no other way.

So, I am talking about introduction; all compositions or essays need introduction.

For example, if I'm going to talk about smoking in general, I don't like smoking because it leads to many diseases such as ... (we don't introduce our topic like this)

You have to give an introduction to your topic right well, maybe in 2, 3, or 4 lines in order to tell the reader that you are going to write about the merits (advantages) and demerits (disadvantages) of smoking.

Now, we have the 1st cause and the 2nd cause; we call this a "body paragraph".

Sometimes, we have to use 2 body paragraphs to discuss the first cause and the second cause.

In the end, we have the conclusion.

It is very important to tell the reader that you concluded what have been discussed through the body paragraphs.

Sometimes, it is very important to know that the conclusion should contain or include your review points. It is also important because it contains what was discussed by you as a student or by the reader himself because now, he is going to analyze the topic right well. Could the writer convince the reader with his goals or not? Was he objective?

We are not really concerned with the form because you're not going to refer if it is a block, a climax, or a chain organization.

I would like to draw your attention to a point which is "punctuation". Punctuation marks are very important. If you lose that type of spices, then your essay will not be accepted.

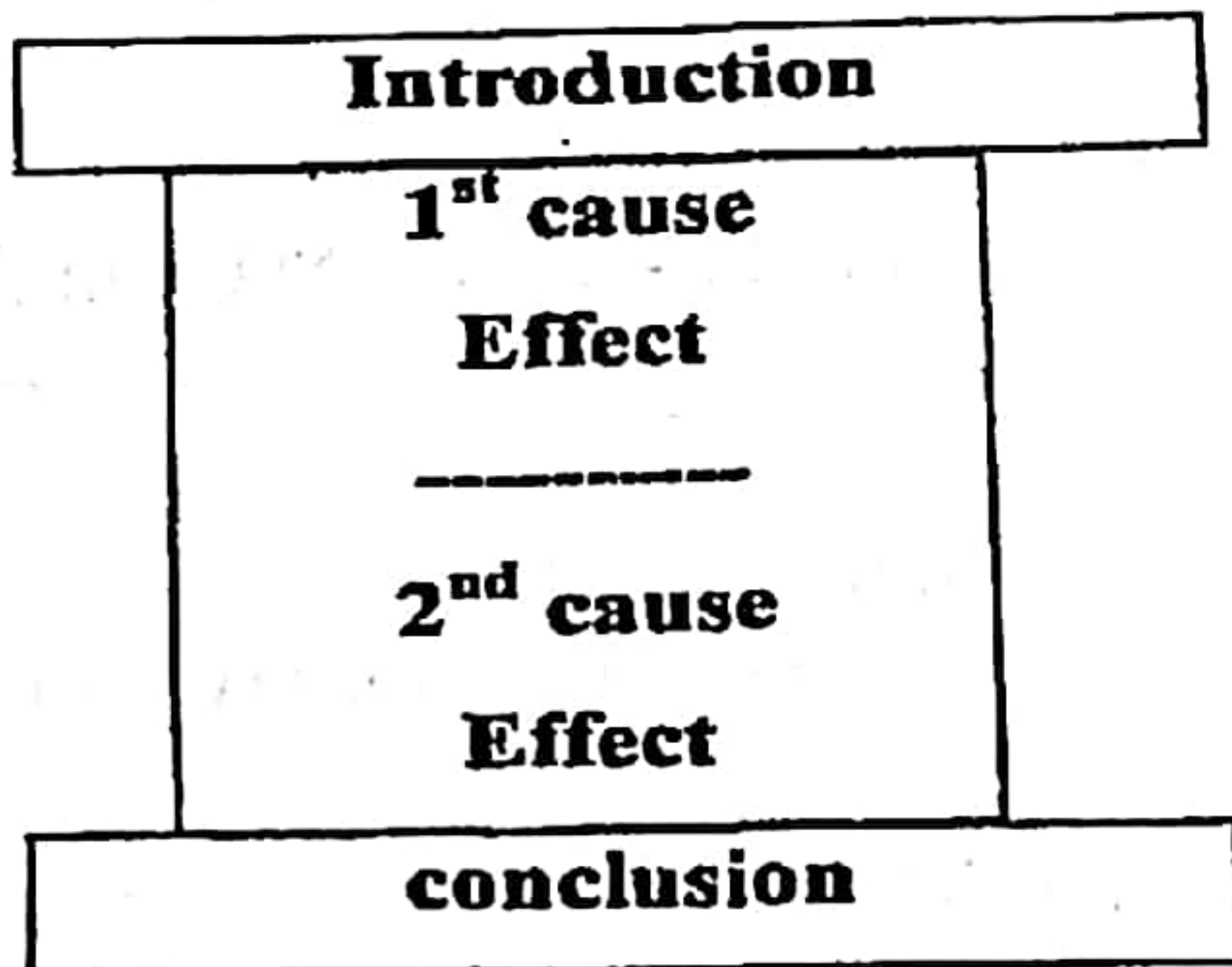
Let's move to another type.

Chain Organization

From the word chain, we imagine that there is a sequence connection of the causes and effect.

من الكلمة سلسلة، نتخيل أن هناك ترابط متعاقب للأسباب والنتائج

CHAIN ORGANISATION



Now, I'll draw the diagram.

The same here; we have the introduction in the beginning. Then, we have the first cause and effect.

أولا يكون لدينا المقدمة، ثم يكون لدينا أول سبب وأول نتيجة.

What's the difference between "affect" and "effect"?
One of them is a verb (affect), and the other is a noun (effect).

Then, we have the 2nd cause and its effect.

At last, we have the conclusion.

So, in the second type, they are connected directly.

في هذا النوع من التنظيم نربط السبب والنتيجة بشكل مباشر.

Another method is called Chain Organization: every body paragraph is devoted to one cause of the problem or subject and its effect.

تنظيم السلسلة: كل فقرة من العرض مقسومة إلى سبب لهذه المشكلة ونتيجة هذا السبب،

The final method is Climax Organization: causes and effects are ordered according to importance, with the most important appearing last.

الطريقة الأخيرة لتنظيم هذا النوع من المقال يدعى Climax Organization الأسباب والنتائج تُنظم تبعاً للأهمية، من الأكثر أهمية إلى الأقل أهمية.

What do we mean by "climax"?

The top of any disaster, problem, event or what so ever. **العقدة**

What about the "anticlimax"?

The solution or the resolution

The most important appears at the end because the writer wants to tell us about the most important moment by focusing on the last body paragraph.

He would conclude according to the important moment.

The order chosen for an essay depends on the topic. Certain methods of organization would be more suitable to use in a topic than in another. Generally speaking, chain organization is the appropriate order for direct causes which are closely related to their effects. Discussing them in the same paragraph would draw the readers' attention to the close link between the cause and its effect, thus keeping them focused.

So, we have three types: chain organization, block organization, and climax organization.

Now, let's go to the sample of cause and effect essay.

If you have the book, please, follow me on page 14.

Now, this essay is dealing with a comparison between men and women at large: those who move to high schools or join the college, and we will find the difference between the two sexes.

Men's work

It was the first one, and of course, I told you that it talks about the business school, and what the difference between women and men in enrolling in such high schools or academic institutes is.

Nowadays, women have dropped out; 'drop out' means when you are following certain thing, and then you leave it or you stop doing it. Of course, it is because of some difficulties you may face to dropping out. For example, dropping out of schools, universities, or work sometimes

Why do women decide to leave the business school and what made the owners of that schools confuse?

I told you before that, generally speaking, it is completely different from our society. Now, when students do not have high marks for the 9th grade, they would not be able to join the secondary school; I mean the regular secondary school. They would be obliged to join the business school, industrial school and sometimes female school, or commercial school.

In Europe or America, this idea is completely wrong and different at the same time because business school is better than secondary school.

Dropping out of women was greater than that of men, and the most important element here is that women considered themselves as good ones in dealing or in leading companies without having a degree more than men. Then, what about men?

They cannot, at all, lead any company or any work without having any degree. Even in Europe or in the USA, women are welcomed everywhere like our society; the head of the company may ask for a secretary and say: I want a qualified, educated, and good looking lady. He is looking for the attendance of the lady.

The second point is that when I want to enroll or to start studying at a certain university or institute, which is very expensive, the problem, even in Europe or America, is that they think about the problem of money. So, dropping out was one cause for the ladies to leave that