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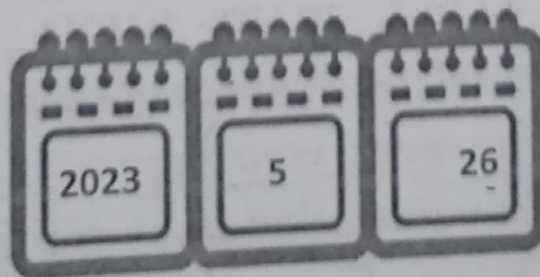
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- It is raining today; therefore, my pet cannot go outside.

Remember that 'therefore' is used to show result.

- She tore up all her old love letters. Then, she asked for divorce.

- She tore up all her old love letters; then, she asked for divorce.

'Then' gives the meaning of order.

▶▶ Let's solve some exercises from (page 63) from the book:

Practice 4 Punctuating with Commas and Semicolons

Punctuate these sentences. Use commas and semicolons in the appropriate places.

1. Baby whales stay with their mothers for one to two years after that they usually go out on their own.

- Baby whales stay with their mothers for one to two years; after that, they usually go out on their own.

2. First we'll feed the dogs later on we'll feed ourselves.

- First, we'll feed the dogs; later on, we'll feed ourselves.

3. Furthermore the police can suspend your dog's license.

- Furthermore, the police can suspend your dog's license.

4. Frank seems to hate people on the other hand he is very loving with his cats.

- Frank seems to hate people; on the other hand, he is very loving with his cats.

5. Some birds live permanently in the Arctic however most migrate.

- Some birds live permanently in the Arctic; however, most migrate.

Or: Some birds live permanently in the Arctic. However, most migrate.

6. For example I never leave home without my dogs.

- For example, I never leave home without my dogs.

Or: I never leave home without my dogs; for example.

- Wars in the twentieth century were fought for three reasons: ethnic, economic and religions.

Topic: Wars in the twentieth century.

Controlling idea: were fought for three reasons

Predictor: ethnic, economic and religions: here, we should have three body paragraphs.

- Living in the city is more exciting than living in the suburbs because there are many people, the variety of things to buy and the fun places to go.

Topic: living in the city and living in the suburbs. I am comparing between both of them.

Controlling idea: more exciting than living in the suburbs

Predictor: many people, the variety of things to buy and the fun places to go.

► Let us solve some exercises from page 69:

Practice 1: Identifying the Parts of Thesis Statements

Read these thesis statements and answer the questions.

1. Modern methods of building houses have greatly increased their ability to withstand earthquakes.

- What is the topic? Modern methods of building houses

- What is the controlling idea? Have greatly increased their ability to withstand earthquakes.

- Is there a predictor, what is it? No, we do not have a predictor here.

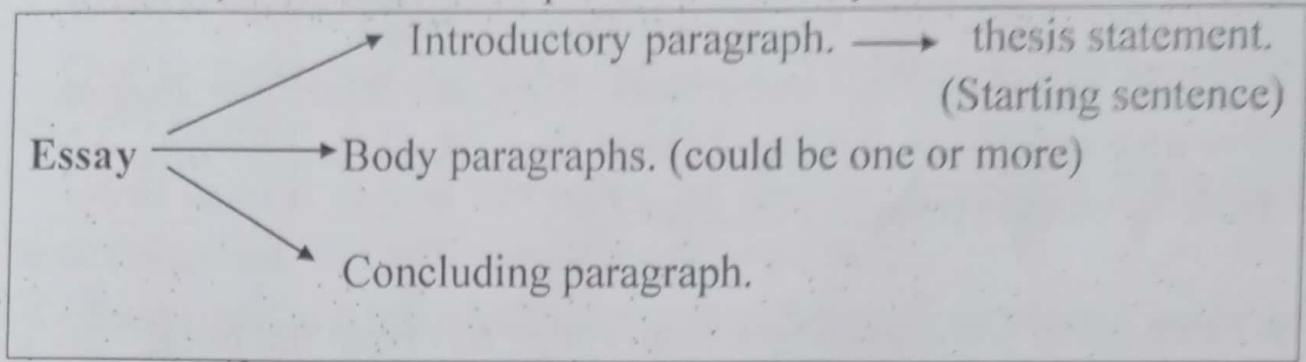
2. Its beauty, history, and location make Washington, D.C., a fascinating place to visit.

- What is the topic? Washington, D.C.,

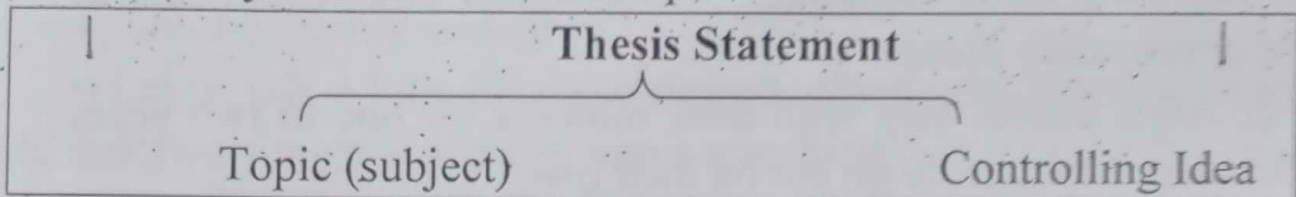
- What is the controlling idea? A fascinating place to visit.

- Is there a predictor, what is it? Yes, it is. (Its beauty, history, and location). There have to be three body paragraphs.

▶▶ Now, we will discuss parts of the essay:



▶▶ What is the thesis statement? It is the last sentence in the introductory and it has two main parts:



e.g.,

- There are three main relations that dogs have with people!

Or: Relations that dogs have with people are mainly three.

Topic: relations that dogs have with people.

Controlling idea: three main relations \ are mainly three.

- Many animals find security in blending with the environment.

Topic: animals.

Controlling idea: find security in blending with the environment.

- Winter is a great season for two reasons.

Topic: Winter.

Controlling idea: great season for two reasons.

▶▶ Some thesis statements have a *predictor* which predicts the number of body paragraphs in the essay.

e.g.,

- Winter is a great season for two reasons; its activities and weather.

Predictor: activities and weather: so here, we should have two paragraphs.