Building up paragraphs quiz

Level A

1. What is a paragraph?
   A) at least three sentences  
   B) the middle part of a text  
   C) a group of sentences that share the same idea

2. Which type of text needs headings?
   A) an information leaflet 
   B) a letter 
   C) a story

3. Many texts need an introduction, some middle paragraphs, and a .....  
   A) question 
   B) conclusion 
   C) summary

4. To state a personal opinion, a phrase that might be useful is ...
   A) Others would argue that...  
   B) I am convinced that...  
   C) On the other hand...

5. What is a topic sentence?
   A) the last sentence in a paragraph  
   B) the first sentence in a paragraph  
   C) the main idea in a paragraph

6. Why do we group sentences into paragraphs?
   A) to keep the writing tidy  
   B) to make the text easier to read

7. True or false? When you are writing by hand, you indicate that you are starting a new paragraph by using an indent.  
   A) True  
   B) False
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8. When typing, you generally start a new paragraph by ...

   A) missing a line
   B) starting on the next line
   C) starting on the next line and indenting the text.

9. What is a phrase?

   A) a sentence
   B) a paragraph
   C) a verb
   D) a group of words within a sentence

10. A closing sentence in a paragraph is ...

    A) the end of an argument
    B) a topic sentence
    C) the last sentence in a paragraph
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Level B

1. The linking word, 'meanwhile' means the same as ...
   A) however  
   B) although 
   C) at the same time

2. What word would you use to join these two short sentences together to make a long sentence? The weather is very dry. There is likely to be a rain shower tomorrow.
   A) but          
   B) and        
   C) also       
   D) so

3. What linking word could you use that means the same as 'also'?
   A) however  
   B) besides   
   C) On the other hand...

4. When applying for a job, what heading would you not include in a supporting statement?
   A) your skills 
   B) work experience 
   C) interest in the job 
   D) difficulties in last job

5. If you are writing a story of your life, what word or phrase might you use to start a paragraph about your achievements?
   A) On balance 
   B) However 
   C) Since then
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Use this information about mobile phones to answer questions 6, 7, 8 and 9 in the Level B quiz and questions 1 and 3 in the Level C quiz.

Mobile phones

The technology for the first mobile phones was created in the 1940s. The first mobile phones, produced by the Motorola Company, went on sale in 1983. They were called First Generation phones. At first, they were car phones only. After a few years, phones became mobile and people could take them out of their cars. However, these phones were very expensive.

During the 1990s, technology improved and the first digital phones came on the market. These were called Second Generation phones and were faster and quieter than the earlier phones. They were also smaller and this helped to make them more popular. Prices started to come down.

The Third Generation phones are what many people use today. These new phones can transfer emails, information and messages instantly as well as voice data (such as a phone call). Many mobile phone users now prefer to text rather than make phone calls. Prices vary but mobile phones are now much more affordable than they have been in the past.

6. In this text about mobile phones, which is the topic sentence in the second paragraph?

   A) 'During the 1990s, technology improved and the first digital phones came on the market.'
   B) 'These were called Second Generation phones and were faster and quieter than the earlier phones.'
   C) 'They were also smaller and this helped to make them more popular.'
   D) 'Prices started to come down.'

7. Which supporting sentence in the last paragraph gives an example of what the new phone can do?

   A) 'The Third Generation phones are what many people use today.'
   B) 'These new phones can transfer emails, information and messages instantly as well as voice data (such as a phone call).'
   C) 'Many mobile phone users now prefer to text rather than make phone calls.'
   D) 'Prices started to come down.'
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8. What does the word 'These' refer to in the second paragraph?
   A) mobile phones
   B) technology
   C) first digital phones

9. What other linking words could you use instead of 'At first' in the first paragraph?
   A) In the beginning
   B) Later
   C) Nevertheless

10. Which linking words are used in the first paragraph to give an idea of change over time?
    A) After some time
    B) After a few years
    C) Later
Building up paragraphs quiz

Level C

1. In the text about mobile phones, what words are used in the second paragraph to link ideas in the first and second paragraphs?
   A) After a few years
   B) However
   C) During the 1990s

2. When we write about things in the past, we may use paragraphs to compare life at different times. Which of the following adjectives is not comparative?
   A) faster
   B) quiet
   C) smaller
   D) more popular

3. Which words are used to make a comparison and to describe mobile phones in the last paragraph?
   A) more popular
   B) instantly
   C) more affordable
Building up paragraphs quiz

Use this information about recycling in the home to answer questions 4-10 in the Level C quiz.

Recycling in the home

**Why do we need to recycle?**
Recycling helps us to cut down on the amount of waste we produce. Recycling is when we keep our waste separate and put it through a process so that it can be used again. If we cut down on waste, this helps the environment. Recycling can also save us money.

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Many different kinds of material can be recycled, such as paper, glass, plastic and metal. You can recycle mobile phones, furniture, clothes, vehicles and building materials.

**How do you recycle?**
First, you have to think carefully before you buy. Buy products that can be recycled easily, such as tin cans and glass jars and bottles. Get a recycle bin for your home. Put it in an obvious place so you won’t forget about it. Your local council should be able to provide you with bins or containers for paper, glass plastic and aluminium.

**What about recycling in the garden?**
Composting is a way of turning waste into compost. The compost can be used in the garden to help plants grow. The kind of waste used for composting is garden and kitchen waste such as leftover food.
If you leave grass cuttings on the ground after mowing the grass, the grass acts as a fertiliser in the soil. If you have space, planting trees in a garden helps the environment by putting more oxygen into the environment and trees also provide a home for animals and birds.

**Do you know where your local recycling facilities are?**
Facilities are available in most communities. Find out where your local recycling facilities are and how to use them. Schools and workplaces may also have recycling schemes.

**Can you earn any money from recycling?**
‘Cash for cans’ is a project which gives money to people who recycle their aluminium cans. There are about 300 ‘Cash for cans’ sites around the UK. This project helps people to raise money to support a charity or good cause.
Building up paragraphs quiz

4. In this informative text on 'Recycling in the home', questions are used as headings. What might the second heading be?

   A) Where do you get recycling bins?
   B) What can you recycle?
   C) How do you recycle?

5. What is the heading of the paragraph that tells you what to do with your grass cuttings?

   A) Making compost
   B) What can you recycle?
   C) Recycling grass cuttings
   D) What about recycling in the garden?

6. What is the topic sentence in the first paragraph?

   A) Recycling can also save us money.
   B) If we cut down on waste, this helps the environment.
   C) Recycling helps us to cut down on the amount of waste we produce.
   D) Recycling is when we keep our waste separate and put it through a process so that it can be used again.

7. What does the phrase, 'this project' refer to in the last sentence of the paragraph?

   A) a recycling project
   B) Cash for cans
   C) Earning money for charities

8. What is the topic sentence in the last paragraph?

   A) 'Cash for cans' is a project which gives money to people who recycle their aluminium cans.
   B) This project helps people to raise money to support a charity or good cause.
   C) There are about 300 'Cash for cans' sites around the UK.
Building up paragraphs quiz

9. There are two paragraphs under ‘What about recycling in the garden?’

Which is the topic sentence in the first of these paragraphs?

A) The kind of waste used for composting is garden and kitchen waste such as leftover food.
B) Composting is a way of turning waste into compost.
C) The compost can be used in the garden to help plants grow.

10. Which of these sentences is a closing sentence?

A) Find out where your local recycling facilities are and how to use them.
B) Facilities are available in most communities.
C) Schools and workplaces may also have recycling schemes.
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Answers

Level A

1. What is a paragraph?
   The correct answer is: C. Paragraphs contain one or more sentences that share the same idea.

2. Which type of text needs headings?
   The correct answer is: A. Leaflets generally use headings. They may be written as questions and answers.

3. Many texts need an introduction, some middle paragraphs, and a ..... 
   The correct answer is: B. Many texts need a beginning, a middle and a conclusion (or end).

4. To state a personal opinion, a phrase that might be useful is ...
   The correct answer is: B. ‘I am convinced that...’ shows that the writer is saying what he or she thinks.

5. What is a topic sentence?
   The correct answer is: C. A topic sentence states the main idea in a paragraph. It is often the first sentence in a paragraph but it may also be the last sentence or anywhere else in the paragraph.

6. Why do we group sentences into paragraphs?
   The correct answer is: B. Paragraphs make the text easier to read as they contain a group of sentences about the same topic.
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7. True or false? When you are writing by hand, you indicate that you are starting a new paragraph by using an indent.

   The correct answer is: A. True. An indent is when you start a new paragraph a little way in from the edge of the paper.

8. When typing, you generally start a new paragraph by ...

   The correct answer is: A. When using a computer to type your writing, you normally miss a line before starting a new paragraph.

9. What is a phrase?

   The correct answer is: D. A phrase is a group of words that is part but not the whole of a sentence.

10. A closing sentence in a paragraph is ....

    The correct answer is: C. The closing sentence is the last sentence in a paragraph. It may restate the main idea in the paragraph using different words.
Building up paragraphs quiz

Level B

1. The linking word, 'meanwhile' means the same as ...

   The correct answer is: C. The word 'meanwhile' is a linking word meaning at the same time.

2. What word would you use to join these two short sentences together to make a long sentence? The weather is very dry. There is likely to be a rain shower tomorrow.

   The correct answer is: A. These two short sentences are contrasting: 'but' is the joining word needed.

3. What linking word could you use that means the same as 'also'?

   The correct answer is: B. The linking word, 'also' is used when adding more information, as is 'besides'. 'On the other hand' and 'however' are contrasting words.

4. When applying for a job, what heading would you not include in a supporting statement?

   The correct answer is: D. In a supporting statement, you would not discuss difficulties in your last job. You need to ensure that you include headings that highlight positive points and experiences.

5. If you are writing a story of your life, what word or phrase might you use to start a paragraph about your achievements?

   The correct answer is: C. The phrase 'Since then' is a good start to a paragraph as the reader knows you are writing about a time up to the present.

6. In this text about mobile phones, which is the topic sentence in the second paragraph?

   The correct answer is: A. The first sentence beginning 'During the 1990s' gives the main idea of the paragraph. The other sentences in the paragraph describe the main idea in more detail.
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7. Which supporting sentence in the last paragraph gives an example of what the new phone can do?

The correct answer is: B. The sentence beginning 'These new phones can transfer emails,...' is the right answer. A supporting sentence gives more information about the main idea in a paragraph. In this text, it gives an example of what the new phones can do.

8. What does the word 'These' refer to in the second paragraph?

The correct answer is: C. 'These' is a pronoun. It refers back to 'the first digital phones' in the sentence before.

9. What other linking words could you use instead of 'At first' in the first paragraph?

The correct answer is: A. 'In the beginning' has a similar meaning to 'At first' and would be a good linking phrase.

10. Which linking words are used in the first paragraph to give an idea of change over time?

The correct answer is: B. The phrase used in the text is 'After a few years'.
Building up paragraphs quiz

Level C

1. In the text about mobile phones, what words are used in the second paragraph to link ideas in the first and second paragraphs?
   The correct answer is: C. The phrase 'During the 1990s' is used at the beginning of the second paragraph to link ideas between the first and second paragraphs.

2. When we write about things in the past, we may use paragraphs to compare life at different times. Which of the following adjectives is not comparative?
   The correct answer is: B. The adjective 'quiet' is not being compared with anything else. To change it to a comparative adjective, you add '-er' so it becomes 'quieter'.

3. Which words are used to make a comparison and to describe mobile phones in the last paragraph?
   The correct answer is: C. The words 'more affordable' describe mobile phones in the last paragraph and make a comparison between then and now.

4. In this informative text on 'Recycling in the home', questions are used as headings. What might the second heading be?
   The correct answer is: B. 'What can you recycle?' would make a good title for the second paragraph.

5. What is the heading of the paragraph that tells you what to do with your grass cuttings?
   The correct answer is: D. 'What about recycling in the garden?'

6. What is the topic sentence in the first paragraph?
   The correct answer is: C. The first sentence, 'Recycling helps us to cut down on the amount of waste we produce' is the topic sentence. It gives the main idea in the paragraph.
Building up paragraphs quiz

7. What does the phrase, 'this project' refer to in the last sentence of the paragraph?

   The correct answer is: B. The project referred to is 'cash for cans'. This sentence is a supporting statement giving more information about the main topic.

8. What is the topic sentence in the last paragraph?

   The correct answer is: A. ‘Cash for cans’ is a project which gives money to people who recycle their aluminium cans.’ – this explains what the project is.

9. There are two paragraphs under ‘What about recycling in the garden?’ Which is the topic sentence in the first of these paragraphs?

   The correct answer is: B. 'Composting is a way of turning waste into compost.' is the topic sentence. It gives the main idea, explaining what composting is.

10. Which of these sentences is a closing sentence?

    The correct answer is: C. 'Schools and workplaces may also have recycling schemes' is the last sentence under the heading 'Do you know where your local recycling facilities are?'