**Task 2 : Diversity and us (13%)**

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Student Name 2 : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Objective : Students need to be able to determine what the main idea or issue of a news story provided in order to understand what they are reading. Identifying the main idea or issue enables them to understand the essence of the selection they are reading and to recognize both the main idea and its supporting details. Then, write an opinion paragraph about the news story using the sample sentence structures.

**Activity 1 : Read a news story provided and answer the following questions in full sentences. (4 points)**

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What and/or who is the news story about? (1 point)

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What has happened? (1 point)

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When did this event/issue take place? (1 point)

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Where is this event/issue occurring? (1 point)

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**Activity 2: Write opinion paragraphs about the news story you read. The paragraph consists of 3 parts: a topic sentence, reasons and supporting details, and a concluding sentence. (9 points)**

**Instruction:**

1. Individually, write an opinion paragraph about the news story. The length must be **at least 100 words**.
2. It must be in your own words, using the sentence structure prompts given. There should be no copying, and there should be no resemblance to anyone else’s opinion. (Less than 100 words are not accepted.)
3. The scores for ***content (3 points) and style (3 points) are for individual*s**, whereas ***grammar (2 points) and vocabulary (1 point) will be given as pairs***.

***Note:*** Reflect on the social or viral news ***based on your identities or roles.***

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| **Parts of an opinion paragraph** | |
| 1. **Topic sentence (agree or disagree)**   **Useful expressions for giving opinions**   * I believe/feel/think that…………….. * I strongly/firmly believe that……………… * I am convinced/certain that………………. * It seems to me that……………………….. * My opinion is that………………………… * In my opinion, / In my point of view, /   In my view,………………………………. | We firmly believe that incorporating sustainable and eco-friendly tourism initiatives, such as the Phuket sandbox, is crucial for the long-term success and well-being of Thailand's tourism industry. (ด้วย 2 เหตุผล/ประการ ฉะนี้)  พวกเราเชื่อมั่นอย่างยิ่งว่าความคิดริเริ่มด้านการท่องเที่ยวที่ยั่งยืนและเป็นมิตรกับสิ่งแวดล้อม ภูเก็ตแซนด์บ็อกซ์ มีความสำคัญอย่างยิ่งต่อความสำเร็จระยะยาวและความเป็นอยู่ที่ดีของการท่องเที่ยวของประเทศไทย |
| 1. **Reasons and supporting details**   **For the reasons (Transitional signals, Sequence markers, Sentence connectors)**   * The first (second, third) reason is ………….. * Another reason is…………………………… * First/Firstly, Second/Secondly, Third/Thirdly……………………………….. * Moreover, /Furthermore,/ In addition, …….. |  |
| 1. **A concluding sentence**   **For the conclusion**   * In conclusion, …………… * In summary, ……………. * To sum up, ………………… * To conclude, ……………….. * In short, ……………… * In brief, ……………….. |  |

**Student 1’s Opinion Paragraph**

**Specify the identity or role: Paphawarin Suchantabut 6504062610170**

**Topic sentence:**

In my point of view, I agree with celebrating Thanksgiving day, as it holds significance both religiously and fosters positive relationships within families and communities. For three reasons that make Thanksgiving interesting.

**Reasons & supporting details:**

The first reason is to remember the God who helped America's immigrants survive. Including other countries that have similar celebrations. Thanking those who are gracious to us This belief makes people know how to be grateful for things that benefit us and the citizens of society.

The second reason is to stimulate the economy by bringing local food to celebrate, which has been a good opportunity to make people aware of the richness of local produce and has also built morale for workers. This is something that should be done to support your community.

The last reason is to bring joy to people. It is a time for families have gather around tables adorned with delicious feasts, talking, and creating lasting memories during this festive occasion. Additionally, In the city, there are also celebrations held in fun public spaces. That means everyone will be made happy by Thanksgiving.

**Conclusion:**

In conclusion, we should preserve this important day to encourage the general public to know how to be thankful and create happiness for everyone.

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**Student 2’s Opinion Paragraph**

**Specify the identity or role: …………………………………………….**

**Topic sentence:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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