**In-Class Assignment 2**

**Argumentative Writing: Conclusion**

**Part 1**

Here are some techniques that you can use to leave a lasting final thought. Match the types of techniques with the four conclusion paragraphs below

**Final Thought Techniques**

1. Make a prediction
2. Suggest results of consequences
3. Suggest a solution, make a recommendation, or call for action
4. Quote an authority on the topic

**Conclusion Paragraphs**

(write A, B, C, or D in the blank)

1. \_\_B\_\_\_ To sum up, the costs of attending college are up and financial aid for students is down. Fewer and fewer future members of the workforce are able to educate themselves beyond high school. As a result, the nation will waste the intelligence, imagination, and energy of a large segment of the present college-age generation.

1. \_\_A\_\_\_ It is discussed how the costs of attending college have been rising while, at the same time, sources of financial aid for students have been disappearing. If this trend continues, fewer and fewer families will be able to send their children through four years of college.

3. \_\_D\_\_\_ In conclusion, costs are rising and financial aid is declining, with the result that many can no longer afford to go to college. If our nation is to prosper, increased government funding for education is essential, even if it requires higher taxes. As Horace Mann argued in his Fifth Annual Report, a nation’s economic wealth will increase through an educated public. It is therefore in the self-interest of business to pay the taxation for public education.

1. \_\_C\_\_\_ It is clear that the US system of higher education is in trouble. For many students, four years of college is no longer possible because of increasing costs and decreasing financial aid. To reverse this trend, it is necessary that government increase its financial support of colleges and universities and restore financial aid programs. Our future depends on it.

(Source: *Writing Academic English*)

**Part 2**

**Examine the relationship between introduction and conclusion paragraphs.**

**Introduction**

During the 20th century, the world’s population tripled while water consumption grew seven-fold. As a result, in almost every area of the world today there is a serious water shortage problem. While the causes of this problem vary, most relate to the overuse of water resources by humans. Mismanagement and profligate use of available water supplies are a major problem, as are water pollution caused by industrial use and privatization of water supply, which contributes to over-exploitation of water resources.]

**Conclusion**

It is clear that the water crisis being experienced around the globe is largely the result of poor water management. Water is wasted on non-essential or poorly planned projects without thought of replacement. At the same time, water resources are being polluted as a result of poor agricultural and industrial management practices. Market solutions to the water crisis favor the rich at the expense of the poor. Immediate measures must be taken to regulate the use of water internationally in order to ensure that everyone has access to a safe and sufficient source of water.

**Refer to the conclusion paragraph above:**

1. Copy and paste the “restated thesis” here (the restated thesis is the thesis statement explained in different words).

It is clear that the water crisis being experienced around the globe is largely the result of poor water management.

1. Underline the three sentences where the writer summarizes the essay’s main points.

3) Identify the technique used in the final thought to end the paragraph.

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