**WHAT IS A THESIS STATEMENT?**

A thesis statement is one sentence, usually placed at the end of your introduction that describes the main focus of your essay. A thesis statement is essential for an academic essay. In the writing process, it is the main organizing idea for your essay that helps to keep you focused and on topic. For your readers, it serves as a ‘roadmap’ for where you are going to take them with your essay. The thesis statement establishes the overall point of your essay, and it fulfills two main objectives. First, the thesis must state your topic. Second, the thesis must convey what you will prove about your topic (your opinion about that topic).

**STEPS IN WRITING A THESIS STATEMENT**

1. First of all, by focusing on the given **Essay Title**, try to determine the **Essay Purpose**.

For example, if your Essay Title is: **Public and Private Universities in Bangladesh.** Consider determining its Essay Purpose from the list below:

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| Definition | **Compare and Contrast√** |
| Description | Cause and Effect |
| Explanation | Classification and Division |
| Process | Argument |
| Narration | Problem-solving |

1. Secondly, from the **Essay Purpose**, determine what you want to do with the **Essay Topic (Public and Private Universities of Bangladesh)**. Try considering the suggested **Verb forms of the Essay Purposes**:

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| **Essay Purpose** | **Suggested Verb Forms** |
| Definition | Define |
| Description | Describe |
| Explanation | Explain |
| Process | Show a/the process |
| Narration | Narrate |
| **Compare and Contrast√** | **Compare and contrast√** |
| Cause and Effect | Show causes and effects |
| Classification and Division | Classify and divide |
| Argument | Argue |
| Problem-solving | Suggest some solutions |

1. Thirdly, if applicable, brainstorm 2/3 ideas to include in your Thesis Statement to show **The Organization of your Essay:**

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| Essay Title | Essay Purpose | Suggested Verb Form | Brainstorming ideas |
| Public and Private Universities in Bangladesh | Compare and Contrast | Compare and Contrast | 1. Study Expenses  2. Infrastructural Facilities |

1. Try using a **Sample Template** to write the **Thesis Statement**:

The focus/ purpose of this essay is to+ the suggested Verb Form of the Essay Purpose+ the Essay Topic+ regarding+ the Brainstorming ideas.

The focus/purpose of this essay is to+ compare and contrast+ the public and private universities in Bangladesh+ regarding+ study expenses and infrastructural facilities.

**Final Thesis Statement:** The purpose of this essay is to compare and contrast the public and private universities in Bangladesh regarding study expenses and infrastructural facilities.

**PRACTICE WRITING THESIS STATEMENTS FROM ESSAY TITLES**

Now, practice writing proper Thesis Statements for the following Essay Titles:

1. What is social networking site?

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1. How to apply for a post of Lecturer at a University

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1. ‘Urbanization is the root cause of all the problems in Dhaka city’- do you agree?

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1. The most memorable journey I ever had

T.S.:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Part-time job opportunities for the students: Examining the sectors

T.S.:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The benefits for government and private organization employees

T.S.:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The Computer: an innovative invention or a modern curse?

T.S.:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Reasons behind popularity of Fast Foods worldwide and its impacts

T.S.:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Dowry System as a social problem in Bangladesh and ways to solve it

T.S.:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A good thesis statement is:**

* very specific and to the point
* states your essay's main idea
* is not a question
* is usually only 1-3 sentences
* make your statement definite, don't use works like, maybe, possible, there is a chance etc.
* a thesis statement is a clear statement of which side of an agreement you are representing
* the thesis statement should catch the attention of the reader.