**Worksheet-1 Thesis Statements**

**A. For each thesis statement below, underline the topic and circle the main point**

**that the writer wishes to express about the topic.**

1. Our company president should be fired for three main reasons.
2. The Internet has led to new kinds of frustration in everyday life.

**B. Number the stages in the list below from 1 to 5, with 1 marking the broadest**

**stage and 5 marking the thesis.**

\_\_\_3\_\_\_ Bicycles

\_\_\_4\_\_\_ Dangers of bike riding

\_\_\_1\_\_\_ Recreation

\_\_\_2\_\_\_ Recreational vehicles

\_\_\_5\_\_\_ Bike riding in the city is a dangerous activity.

**C. Read the points listed below. If you think they are thesis statements write YES if**

**not identify the error and rewrite them as proper thesis statements.**

1. I want to talk about the increasing crime rate in our country. No, It’s an announcement.
2. Insects are fascinating creatures. No. Too broad.
3. A hurricane hit Florida last summer. No, It’s a fact.
4. Teachers have played an important role in my life, but they were not as important as my parents. No, Not Unified.

**D. Given below are two informal outlines. Complete them by adding a third logical**

**supporting point (c) that will parallel the two already provided (a and b).**

1. The park in my neighbourhood is an unsafe place to visit.
   1. Aggressive dogs
   2. Broken glass
   3. Strangers\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. The first day on a new job can be nerve-racking.

a. Meeting new people

b. Finding your way around a new place

c. Learning new processes and regulations \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**E. The group below contains one topic, one thesis statement and two supporting sentences. In the space provided label each item as follows:**

**T-topic TS-thesis statement S-supporting sentence**

**Group 1**

**S** Community colleges are much more affordable than most four-year colleges.

**TS** There are several advantages to attending community college instead of a

four-year school.

**T** Community colleges

**S** Community colleges typically offer more convenient and more flexible

scheduling than traditional schools.

**F. Write TN beside each statement that is too narrow to be developed in an essay.**

**Write OK beside the statement in each pair that is a clear, limited point.**

1. \_\_\_TN\_\_\_\_\_ The main road into our town is lined with billboards.

\_\_\_OK\_\_\_\_\_ For several reasons, billboards should be abolished

1. \_\_\_TN\_\_\_\_\_ There are now more single-parent households in our country than ever before.

\_\_\_OK\_\_\_\_\_ Organization is the key to being a successful single parent.

**G. Write TB beside each statement that is too broad to be developed in an essay.**

**Write OK beside the statement in each pair that is a clear, limited point.**

1. \_\_\_TB\_\_\_\_\_ In many ways, sports are an important part of American life.

\_\_\_OK\_\_\_\_\_ Widespread gambling has changed professional football for the worse.

1. \_\_\_\_TB\_\_\_\_ Modern life makes people suspicious and unfriendly.

\_\_\_\_OK\_\_\_\_ A frightening experience in my neighbourhood has caused me to be a

much more cautious person in several ways.

**H. For each pair, write 2 beside the statement that contains more than one idea.**

**Write OK beside the statement that is a clear, limited point.**

1. \_\_\_\_OK\_\_\_\_ a. Working with old people changed my stereotyped ideas about the elderly.

\_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_ b. My life has moved in new directions since the rewarding job I had working with older people last summer.

1. \_\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_ a. Although some good movies have come out lately, I prefer to watch old movies because they’re more interesting.

\_\_\_\_OK\_\_\_\_ b. Movies of the 1930s and 1940s have better plots, sets, and actors

than movies made today.