From Paragraph to Essay C1

Task sheet ***Paragraphs***

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| AIM | Making learners aware of paragraph structure |
| TIME | 8-10 minutes |

You MUST divide your writing into paragraphs. A paragraph usually consists of several sentences. They are ALL concerned with the theme contained in the TOPIC sentence (i.e. the MAIN sentence). The topic sentence is normally the first sentence and it contains the main topic/idea of the paragraph. The other sentences support it; they add further information, give reasons, add or examples. A paragraph is self-contained; it should link LOGICALLY with the previous and following paragraphs.

Task 1

The following sentences are in mixed order. Reorganise them to form a paragraph. Underline the TOPIC sentence. Put the sentences into correct order by numbering them 1-5.

1. It is formal, impersonal and objective.
2. In most of these writers are expected to include reference to other writing or research because they have to acknowledge other authors’ ideas.
3. Academic writing is a special kind of writing with a particular style.
4. These include articles, surveys, essays, research reports, case studies, theses, dissertations, and exam papers.
5. Other distinctive features depend on the specific types of academic writing.

Task 2

Match the term (i-iv) to the relevant sentences of the paragraph.

1. topic sentence
2. a reason
3. an example
4. description

Note

Paragraphs are indented from the left margin (i.e. they start further in from the left, usually 3-5 spaces) or a line of space is left. Then the next paragraph starts on the left margin. This is reader-friendly style.

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