A. The lists of sentences below are paragraphs which have been rearranged; you need to put them in the correct order. You must

- **identify the topic sentence**
- **arrange the supporting sentences in a logical order**
- **distinguish the 3 reasons from the supporting details**
- **find the concluding sentence**

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