

# **PREPARING A SEVEN PARAGRAPH ESSAY (MASTER LEVEL COURSES)**

**\*THIS REPORT COUNTS AS 10 PTS OF YOUR GRADE**

YOUR PAPER SHOULD BE TYPED (DOUBLE-SPACED) ON ONE SIDE OF EACH PAGE ONLY.

THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE ESSAY SHOULD BEGIN WITH AN OPENING STATEMENT OF INTEREST. IT SHOULD CONTAIN FIVE POINTS THAT ARE TO BE DEALT WITH THROUGHOUT THE ESSAY. PARAGRAPHS TWO THROUGH SIX SHOULD DEAL WITH THE FIVE POINTS MENTIONED IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH.

## **THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF A FIRST PARAGRAPH:**

It seems that preparing to be a teacher is more than just knowing the material to be taught. This course has taught me that I need to be able to deal with each student in a different manner, that patience it is a vital necessity for a teacher to possess, that teaching the lesson is only a small part of the work that teachers have to do, that getting along with peers is an important part of teaching, and that working with the administration of the school involves flexibility on the part of teachers.

(NOTE THAT EACH POINT BEGINS WITH THE WORD “THAT”.)

THE NEXT FIVE PARAGRAPHS SHOULD DEAL WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL POINT YOU MENTIONED IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH. YOU NEED TO USE A DIFFERENT PARAGRAPH FOR EACH POINT. YOU SHOULD USE TRANSITIONAL WORDS TO INTRODUCE EACH PARAGRAPH, SUCH AS: TO BEGIN WITH, IN ADDITION, AND ALSO, NEXT, AND FINALLY.

THE LAST PARAGRAPH IS A CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH AND SHOULD SUMMARISE WHAT YOU STATED IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH. ONCE AGAIN, YOU LIST ALL FIVE POINTS THAT YOU HAVE DISCUSSED IN YOUR ESSAY.

## **EXAMPLE OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH IN OUR EXAMPLE:**

In conclusion, I learned a great deal from this course. I had always thought of the teaching as an easy job with summers off. Wow, was I mistaken! I did not realize that one had to be a psychologist in order to teach. Evaluation of each student’s personality has to be considered as well as learning that patience is a vital part of teaching. The mistaken idea that the job was easy was just that—a mistaken idea. The work involved is almost overwhelming. I know now that one really has to be called by God in order to be able to teach. Thinking that teaching is a “one

man” show was entirely wrong. It is vital to learn to work with one’s peers. Rules and procedures established by the administration of the school have been a result of years of learning what was needed to help meet the needs of students. It is important to abide by these rules.