

## CAUSE/EFFECT PARAGRAPH WRITING

### A- Study the following paragraph writing examples

#### Causes of Smartphone Overuse

There are many reasons why youths overuse smartphones. **First**, this device offers unlimited entertainment; that's why young people spend most of their time in front of screens. **Another reason is that** they prefer to stay online on social media all time waiting for new likes or other reactions to their posts. Some people use smartphones to escape life difficulties and problems; whereas, others use it to complete their tasks or homework quickly without effort. **In conclusion, these are the main causes of smartphone addiction.**

#### Important Synonyms:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Overuse a smartphone:</b> use it too much; to be addicted to a smartphone.</li> <li>➤ <b>Unlimited :</b> endless;</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>In front of screens :</b> on their smartphones.</li> <li>➤ <b>Another reason is that :</b> In addition, besides; ...</li> <li>➤ <b>Without effort :</b> effortlessly;</li> </ul> |
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#### Causes of School Dropping out

Many **causes** are behind **dropping out of school**. Many students leave school because their parents don't have enough money. **Also**, students drop out due to the absence of school transport; so they find it difficult to walk for a long distance to arrive at school. **In addition**, because of some parents' divorce, children no longer feel at ease and they decide to stop schooling. **Finally**, since the life is hard in the countryside, parents prefer to keep their children at home so as to help them with their work. **All in all, the absence of school transport, family problems and poverty are the main causes why many students drop out.**

#### Important Synonyms:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Many causes are behind dropping out of school:</b> There are many reasons why students drop out of school.</li> <li>➤ <b>Parents don't have enough money :</b> they are poor.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Absence :</b> lack - <b>Difficult :</b> hard</li> <li>➤ <b>Feel at ease :</b> feel comfortable</li> <li>➤ <b>Stop school :</b> quit school.</li> <li>➤ <b>Effects :</b> consequences; drawbacks;</li> </ul> |
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#### Effects of Smoking

**Smoking causes numerous horrible effects.** **First**, it is the source of serious diseases, such as cancer and heart problems. **In addition**, smokers waste a lot of money because of this habit. **Finally**, when you smoke, you are not only hurting yourself but others around you. **All in all**, smoking is the most destructive decision a person can make in their life; that's why, smokers should seriously consider stopping this habit before it's too late.

### B- Following the examples above and using the given synonyms, develop the following topic sentences to write complete paragraphs

Topic sentence	Suggested ideas
<p><b>1- There are many reasons why students choose smoking . First,</b> .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Many students start smoking due to peer pressure</li> <li>➤ They think that smoking gives them a sense of integration.</li> <li>➤ They think that a cigarette is a sign of courage</li> <li>➤ They think smoking relaxes them and reduces their stress when they have personal problems.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2- There are many causes why developing countries face the issue of Brain Drain. To begin with,</b> .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Unemployment</li> <li>➤ Unsatisfactory working conditions</li> <li>➤ Lack of research facilities</li> <li>➤ Low living standards</li> <li>➤ Absence of freedom of speech</li> </ul>
<p><b>3- COVID-19 has caused many effects on our life. First....</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>All in all</b>, the pandemic of coronavirus has led to many negative effects on people's lives; that's why all have to take action in order to help them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ More than three million people have lost their lives due to the virus</li> <li>➤ The pandemic had a serious effect on the Moroccan economy</li> <li>➤ Many people have lost their jobs, and are unable to feed their families.</li> </ul>