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**Response 1**

The purpose of this essay was to compare and contrast Email and letter. For this purpose, the author used the generic approach thereby targeting a vast audience that includes people of all ages and professions. The main focus of the author was on the emotions and feelings that are attached to the letter. The author describes the efficiency of email as in the era of globalization time is money so mailing is a better option. Also, emails are easier to read rather than the handwritten letter in turn saving time. However, one wrong click can have severe consequences unlike letter as they are handwritten and mistakes can be corrected.

**Response 2**

Yes, the thesis statement is mentioned specifically in the second paragraph the author mentioned the purpose of the essay and his stance on the debate that is email vs letter by a discussion that letters are the real thing as compared to the email. While discussing the topic sentences the second and third paragraph does have a topic sentence while in the first paragraph the topic sentence is not clear. As in the first paragraph, the author suggests the reader use letter in spite of using emails and in the second line, the author shifted the idea by explaining how most people are like to use computers and its services such as emails and instant messages. However, in the next line, the author again shifted the idea back to the importance of the handwritten letter. This immediate shift causes ambiguity. So it is better to rephrase the paragraph by connecting the points that are related to the importance of the letter and the emotions attached to it and then discussing the computer and how they affect the people who love reading letters.

**Response 3**

In terms of evidence, the author provided significant evidence that describes the ability of people attaching emotions to the handwritten letters by using sentences such as “a grandparent seeing his or her grandchildren's handwriting change as they grow” and “the cut heals; the letter remains alive”. However, the author did not provide the evidence regarding how one wrong click while mailing can have serious consequences as due to the advancement in technology emailing programs such as Gmail have certain options that can be used to edit the mail while if the email is sent to the wrong person it can be deleted within a specific time so that the receiver cannot receive. Also, printed photographs can be used in albums and can be posted on the refrigerator for a regular view but so as the digital photographs. As every job requires basic computer training so one can use the picture of a loved one on the desktop screen and can view it whenever they want.

**Response 4**

As a whole, the author did a better job of explaining the essay but few places lack clarity because many points are not connected. In the first line, the author recommends the reader to write a letter but in spite of explaining why there is a need to write a letter rather than using email the author stat explaining the fast-paced world and its demand to use emails as it saves time. After which the author explains why using a letter instead of an email is more important. This lack of organization of points can confuse the reader. Likewise, in the third paragraph, the author first explained the computer efficiency and the inconvenience caused by it for older people but then suddenly the author describes the paper cut and linked it to the memory that letters will remain alive in a person’s memory. However, in between these two lines, the author explained that one wrong click on the email can have severe consequences without explaining how and why it causes distress. There is no connection between these points that cause ambiguity and difficulty in understanding the exact point that the author wants to convey.