1. I am a ______________________________ student. (Good, poor, conscientious, lazy, hardworking, successful, disciplined, failing, other)

2. Possible reasons or explanations for #1 above:
   a. age  
   b. financial considerations  
   c. marital status  
   d. living conditions  
   e. emotional state: homesickness, loneliness, freedom  
   f. obligations: work, housework, other  
   g. personality: (un)disciplined, curious, worried

3. Thesis statement:

4. 2-4 topic sentences related to #3 above
   a. t.s.
      reason or example  
      reason or example  
      reason or example
   b. t.s.
      reason or example  
      reason or example  
      reason or example
   c. t.s.
      reason or example  
      reason or example  
      reason or example

5. Restatement of thesis = conclusion