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Survey Results		
1. About You		
1.1) What is your age group?		
19 or younger	151	n=653
20-24	162	
25-29	79	
30-34	68	
35-39	63	
40 or older	130	
^{1.2)} Sex		
Male	145	n=630
Female	485	
1.3) Race/Ethnicity		
White	411	n=651
Black or African American	107	
Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	51	
Asian ①	22	
American Indian or Alaska Native	55	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5	
1.4) Which do you have?		
GED	62	n=646
High School Diploma	528	
Neither	56	
1.5) Total college credit hours completed		
0 (first semester student)	61	n=651
1-15	175	
16-30	122	
31-45	85	
46-60	86	
61 or more	122	
		

1.6)	Which Academic Division is associated with your major?		
	Business & Information Technology	156	n=651
	Engineering & Science	54	
	Humanities —	65	
	Social Sciences	90	
	Health Sciences	234	
	Unknown/Undecided	52	
1.7)	How many colleges other than Rose State College have you attended?		
	0	336	n=649
	1	182	
	2 or more	131	
1.8)	When do you expect to graduate from Rose State College?		
	This semester	91	n=650
	Next semester	73	
	1 - 2 years	264	
	2 - 3 years	140	
	more than 3 years	32	
	Non-degree seeking	50	
2.	. Writing Questions		
2.1)			
2.1)	Which of the following is NOT true of a topic sentence?		
	It directly supports the thesis statement.	71	n=647
	It comes at the end of the introduction.	398	
	It is the main idea of a paragraph.	101	
	It controls the subject matter of a paragraph.	77	
2.2)	Which of the following thesis statements is written correctly?		
	Many people have different opinions on the use of medical marijuana.	142	n=648
	In this essay, I will present my opinion on the use of medical marijuana.	156	
	The use of medical marijuana is very controversial.	129	
	The second condition to the latter condition to the la		
	The use of medical marijuana should be permitted in all states.	221	
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^{2.4)} The most important sentence of an essay is		
The first topic sentence	61	n=648
The thesis statement	501	
The first sentence of the introduction	72	
The last sentence of the essay ①	14	
^{2.5)} Which statement is TRUE?		
Copying another student's work with his or her permission is not plagiarism	14	n=643
Plagiarism has to do with using another person's words without giving the author credit. If you paraphrase another person's ideas without giving the author credit, it is acceptable if Historical facts such as "George Washington was the first president of the United States"	263	
do not need to be cited. Copying and pasting source material from the Internet into your paper is acceptable because information from the Internet does not need to be cited since everyone has access to it.	355	
2.6) Introductions should engage readers into the subject matter of a composition. Identify a poor sti	 rategy for engag	 ing readers.
Tell a brief story related to the topic	127	n=640
Raise a question or series of questions	101	
Start with a dictionary definition	383	
Provide a startling statistic	29	
^{2.7)} Which of the following statements is NOT true of a thesis statement?		. 040
It is opinionated.	64	n=642
It is found in the introduction of an essay (24	
It is always written using the first person, "I."	536	
It is the central idea or main point of the essay.	18	
2.8) What should NOT be included in a conclusion?		
A new idea relevant to the subject discussed	501	n=639
A call to action	63	
A short summary of the main idea	40	
A future outlook of the subject discussed in the essay	35	
^{2.9)} Which of the following statements is NOT true of body paragraphs?		
They should use many broad generalities but should avoid too many specific examples.	503	n=629
They should use transitional elements to maintain coherence and help your ideas to flow smoothly.	50	
They should support the topic sentence.	32	
They should include many specific reasons and examples to support general assertions.	44	
2.10) Which purpose is considered secondary in most college essays?		
	454	n=627
To persuade To entertain	151	521
	286	
To inform	103	
To explain	87	

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^{2.18)} Choose the most grammatically correct sentence.			
The red sports car, sleek and fast, raced through traffic		403	n=629
The red, sports car which is sleek and fast raced through traffic		57	
The sleek and fast, sports car raced through traffic		114	
The sports car sleek and fast, raced through traffic		55	
^{2.19)} Choose the most grammatically correct sentence.			
The lady walked wearing tennis shoes from the lot to her office		37	n=634
The lady walked from the lot to her office wearing tennis shoes		333	
Wearing tennis shoes, the lady walked from the lot to her office		221	
The lady walked from the lot in tennis shoes to her office		43	
^{2 20)} Choose the most grammatically correct sentence.			
Jack must be ill; he didn't do good on his test this morning		45	n=630
Jack must be ill, he didn't do well on his test this morning		270	
Jack must be ill; he didn't do well on his test this morning		305	
Jack must be ill, he didn't do OK on this test this morning	. 0	10	
221) Choose the most grammatically correct sentence.			
Setting out across Europe had seemed romantic once, however, the struggle to survive soor made Joe forget his dream.		231	n=629
Setting out across Europe had seemed romantic once however the struggle to survive soon made Joe forget his dream.		52	
Setting out across Europe had seemed romantic once; however, the struggle to survive soon made Joe forget his dream.		288	
Setting out across Europe had seemed romantic once but, the struggle to survive soon made Joe forget his dream.		58	
2.22) Choose the most grammatically correct sentence.			
Today's headlines will be tomorrow's history	<i>i</i> .	407	n=630
Today's headline's will be tomorrow's history		80	
Today's headlines will be tomorrows history		98	
Todays headlines will be tomorrow's history		45	
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The style of her dress, its length, and how colorful it was made me think of Jackie Kennedy, who was a fashion icon and the first lady.		136	n=631

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The style of her dress, its length, and how colorful it was made me think of Jackie Kennedy, who was a fashion icon and the first lady.	136	n=631
The style, color and length of her dress made me think of Jackie Kennedy, who was a fashion icon as well as the first lady.	294	
The style of her dress, how colorful it was, and the length made me think of Jackie Kennedy, a fashion icon and she was also the first lady.	58	
The style, color, and length of her dress made me think of Jackie Kennedy, the first lady and she was a fashion $$ icon.	143	

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^{2 24)} Choose the most grammatically correct sentence.			
"Because of Memorial Day," Professor Smith announced, "Our english class will not meet until next Monday in Lee Hall."		125	n=636
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Professor Smith announced, "because of memorial day, our English class will not meet until next Monday in Lee Hall."		162	
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2.25) Choose the most grammatically correct sentence.			
Although it's sleeting in Boston, the weather is still better there then in Chicago).	85	n=635
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