**Level 2 EmSAT Writing Exam Practice**

**Identifying and answering a *Description* question**

What things do you need to be a good student?

Use reasons and examples in your response.

Write at least 150 words.

You have 30 minutes

1. **Which 3 things are the most important for a good student to have? Can you add more things to this list?**

* is hardworking
* has good study skills
* sets goals
* stays positive when things are difficult
* is friendly and respectful
* understands how to use technology
* can follow directions from the teacher
* is happy to do classwork and homework
* have the things they need to help them do their work

1. **Discuss in groups:**

Which 3 things did you choose? Why did you choose them? (These will become your reasons and examples.) Then put these things in order from 1-3. Write this in your notebook.

1. **Read the model essay and then use it to complete the chart:**

Good students are happier than bad students, because they pass the exams and enjoy college. But what makes a good student? In this essay, I will look at three things that good students usually have.

In my opinion, the most important thing good students have is that they work hard. This means they study two or three hours every day after class, and also on weekends. Another important thing is that good students must have good study skills. This means that they know how to study well, and they ask the teacher questions if they don’t understand something. Thirdly, good students have the things they need so they can do their classwork. For example, students need a notebook, pens and pencils, and a laptop.

In conclusion, there are many things good students have, but the most important is for students to work hard.

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| **1** | telling the reader the topic and what they will read in the essay |  |  |
| **2** | the **most important** thing a good student needs |  |  |
| **3** | the **second most important** thing a good student needs |  |  |
| **4** | the **third most important** thing a good student needs |  |  |
| **5** | conclude the paragraph by repeating the most important thing a good student needs |  |  |

**Copy the model essay below. Please spell all words correctly, and write the correct punctuation and capitalization.**

**Now, you will write your own essay about what things you need to be a good student. First, write your top 3 ideas under ‘Main Idea’, and your own supporting ideas under ‘Supporting Ideas’. Type your essay onto a Microsoft Word document. USE YOUR OWN IDEAS, NOT THE ONES FROM THE MODEL ESSAY!**

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| **Connecting Words: Connecting words** are very important. They help the reader understand what is an example, what is a reason, what is the first, middle, or last idea, and the way you organizeyour paragraph. You must use **connecting words** correctly, with or without commas. | | | |
| **Introduce ideas** | **Idea order** | **Reasons why** | **Examples** |
| In this essay, | First, Firstly, First of all, | This means that… | For example, |
| In my opinion, | Second, Secondly, Second of all, |  | For instance, |
| In conclusion, | Next, After that, |  |  |
|  | Finally, Last of all, |  |  |