

English Writing Exam



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9 ADV & 10 GEN - Term1 – 2025/2026

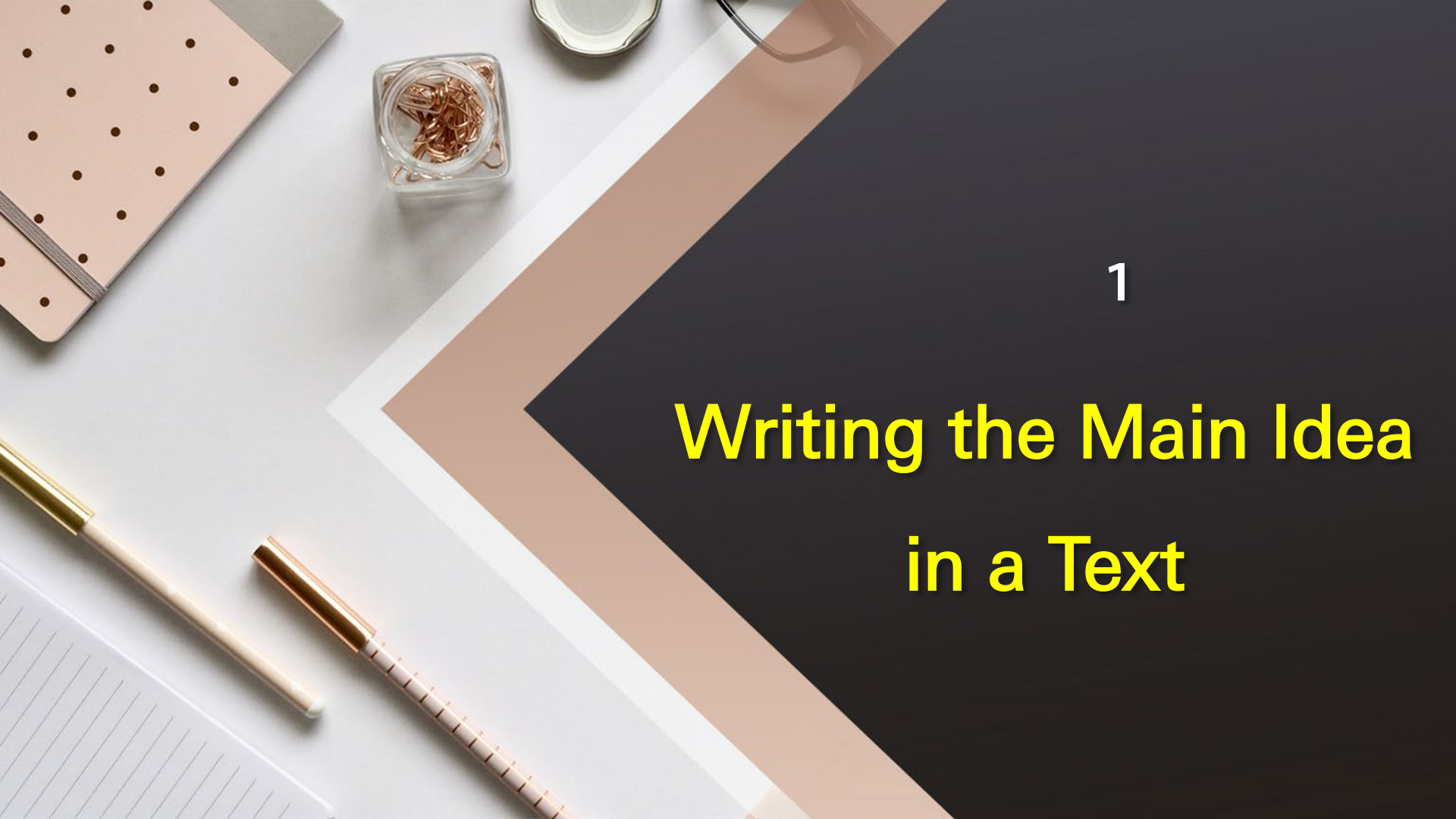
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Exam Details

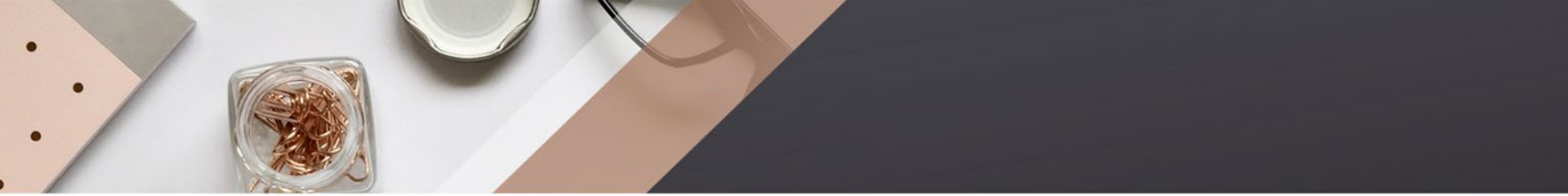
Test Date	Tuesday 25 Nov. 2025	Platform	Paper-based
Themes	• Meeting New People • Come Rain or Shine	Tasks	• Task 1 (15 marks) • Task 2 (25 marks)
Timings	Writing : 09:00 – 10:30 pm Reading : 10:30 – 11:30		

Part	Level	Theme	Vocabulary	Grammar	Functional Language
Part 4: Writing	At Grade Level Goal Use a range of cohesive devices, and referencing or substitution to connect ideas in texts that are generally coherent.	Meeting New People, Learning New Things Sharing Things	Term 1 Vocabulary	Prompts to elicit: Zero Conditional Modals for Opinion/Possibility Expressing purpose.: in order to / to + verb (infinitive) Present Simple Tense - Used for stating facts and identity Cohesive devices	Describing advantages and disadvantages Comparing and Contrasting Language development for essay writing
	Produce simple and some extended written or multimodal texts, expressing some detail with comparisons and justifications where appropriate.	Task Description	Learning Outcomes		Construct Limits
	Produce simple and some extended written or multimodal texts that show awareness of the conventional features of text organisation and structure appropriate to the task and contain paragraphs with topic sentences and some supporting details.	Guided constructed response 4.1 Read the text. Write the main idea in your own words. 4.2 Read the text again. Main writing prompt. • prompt 1 • prompt 2 • prompt 3 Write at least 150 words.	Coherence and cohesion ENG.06.WR.S.5.1: Use an increasing range of cohesive devices, and referencing or substitution to connect ideas in simple, extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics that are generally coherent, although there may be some inaccuracies, especially with more complex language, and repetition of language and structures. Fluency in text production ENG.06.WR.P.1.1 : Produce simple, extended and detailed written or multimodal texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics, expressing comparisons and justifications where appropriate, where meaning is generally clear, although there may be some inaccuracies, especially with more complex language, and repetition of language and structures. Text structure ENG.06.WR.P.4.1 : Produce simple and extended written or multimodal texts on familiar and some unfamiliar concrete topics that show increasing awareness of the conventional features of text organisation and structure appropriate to the task and contain paragraphs with topic sentences and some supporting details, although there may be some inaccuracies, especially with more complex language, and repetition of language and structures.		4.1 One text of 160 words related to theme One question asking for the main idea of the text, using their own words. 4.2 • One question with three prompts to elicit an argumentative text asking them to reply to the email by presenting a position and supporting it with reasons. • Word count: 150 words • 40 marks (based on rubric)

A top-down view of a desk with a notebook, pens, paper clips, and a geometric paper design. The notebook has a light pink cover with dark brown polka dots. A small glass jar contains several copper-colored paper clips. Two pens, one gold and one copper, are visible. A large, abstract geometric shape made of overlapping triangles in shades of brown and white is on the right. The background is a light gray surface.

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Writing the Main Idea in a Text

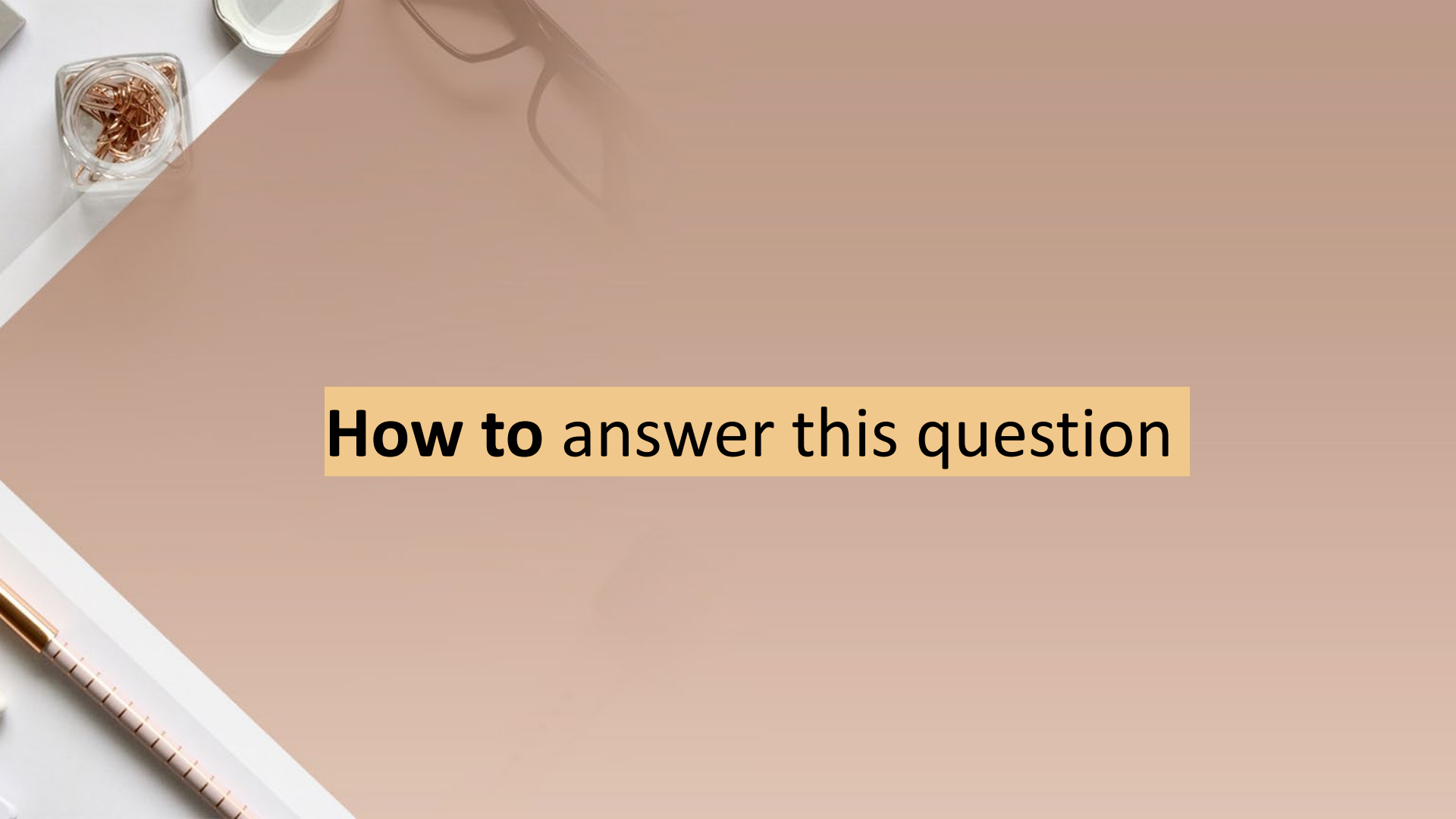


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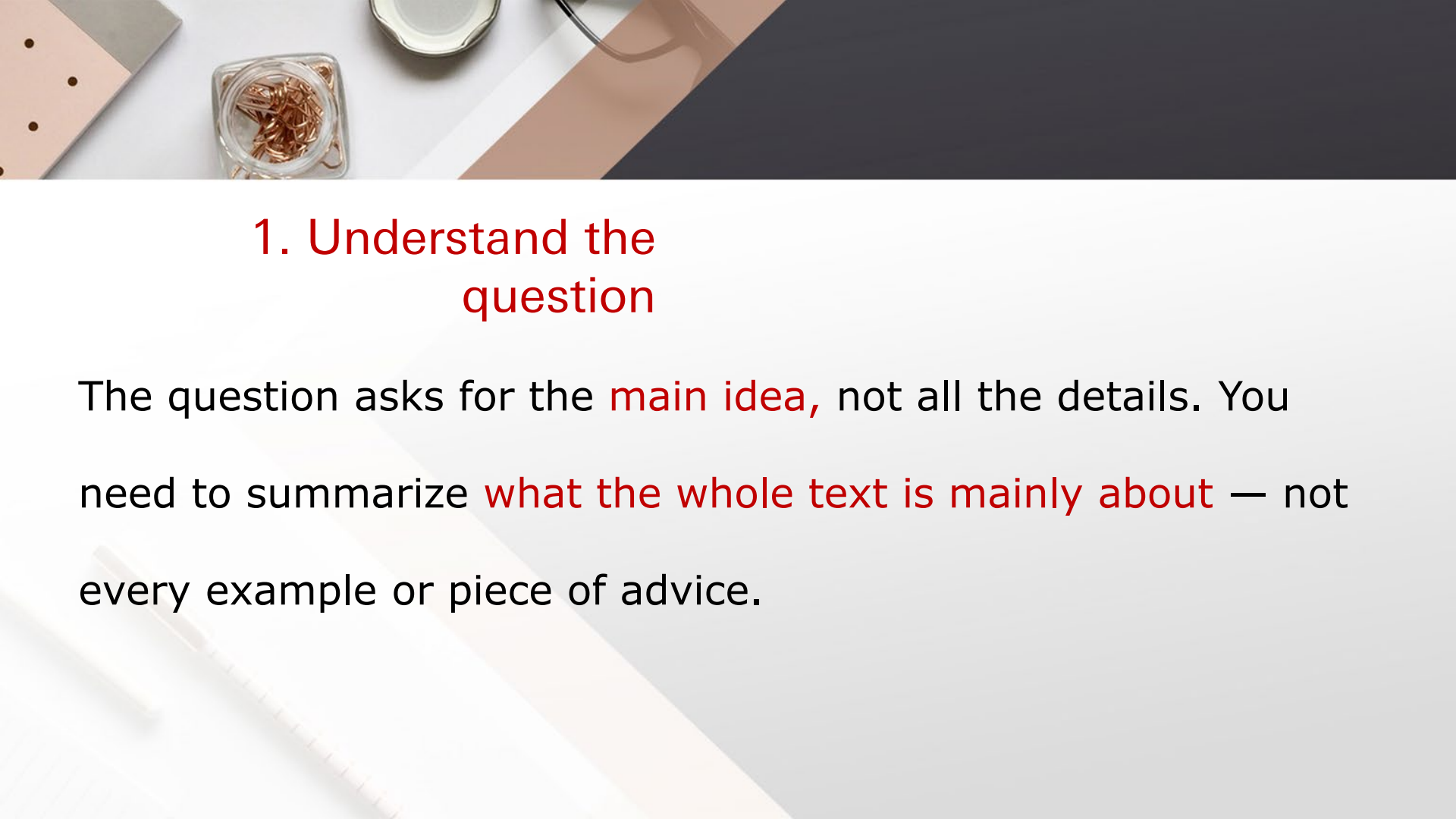
You will be given a 160-word expository text related to the theme, asking for the main idea of this text, and using their own words in **3-4** sentences. (**15** marks)

Question

1.1 Read the text. Write the main idea in the text in your own words.
Write at least **3-4** sentences.

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How to answer this question



1. Understand the question

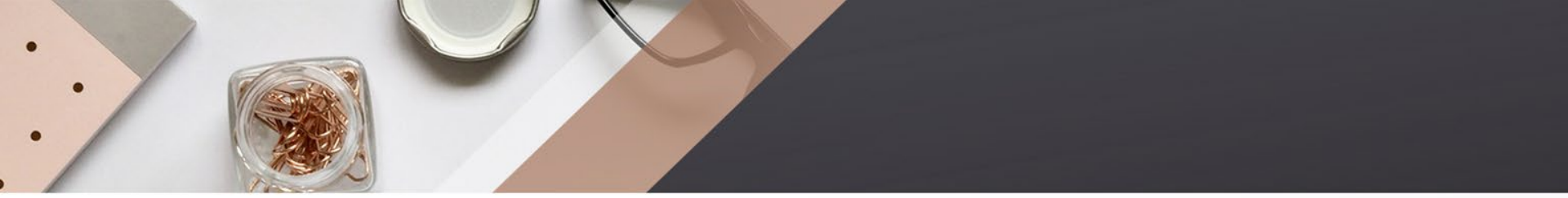
The question asks for the **main idea**, not all the details. You need to summarize **what the whole text is mainly about** — not every example or piece of advice.

1.1 Read the text. Write the main idea in the text in your own words. Write at least 3-4

Finding a new place to live in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, can be exciting, but it also requires careful planning. The city is large, modern, and expanding rapidly, so every area offers a different lifestyle. For example, central Riyadh is close to offices, restaurants, and shopping centres, but rent is usually high, and traffic can be heavy. Families who prefer more space and quiet surroundings often move to neighborhoods on the edge of the city, where homes are larger and streets are calmer.

Before moving, people usually check how close their home is to schools, supermarkets, and transport in order to save time and money each day. It is also important to compare rent prices online because they can change quickly. Some people choose to share accommodation to reduce costs, while others decide to live near their workplace to avoid long commutes.

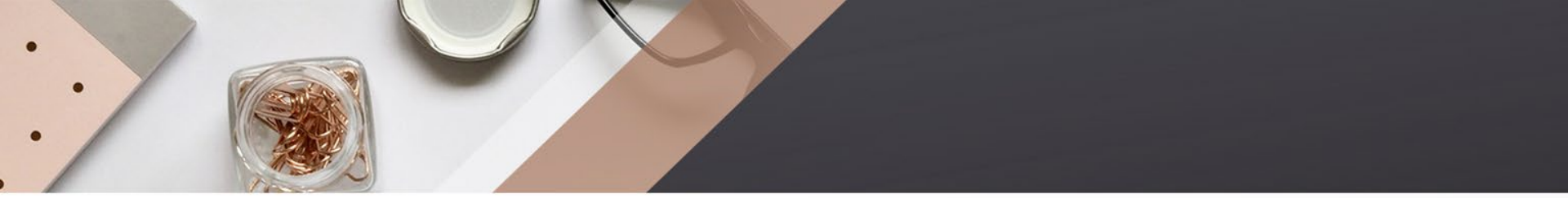
To find the right home in Riyadh, you must balance comfort, budget, safety, and convenience carefully.



2. Identify key points in the text

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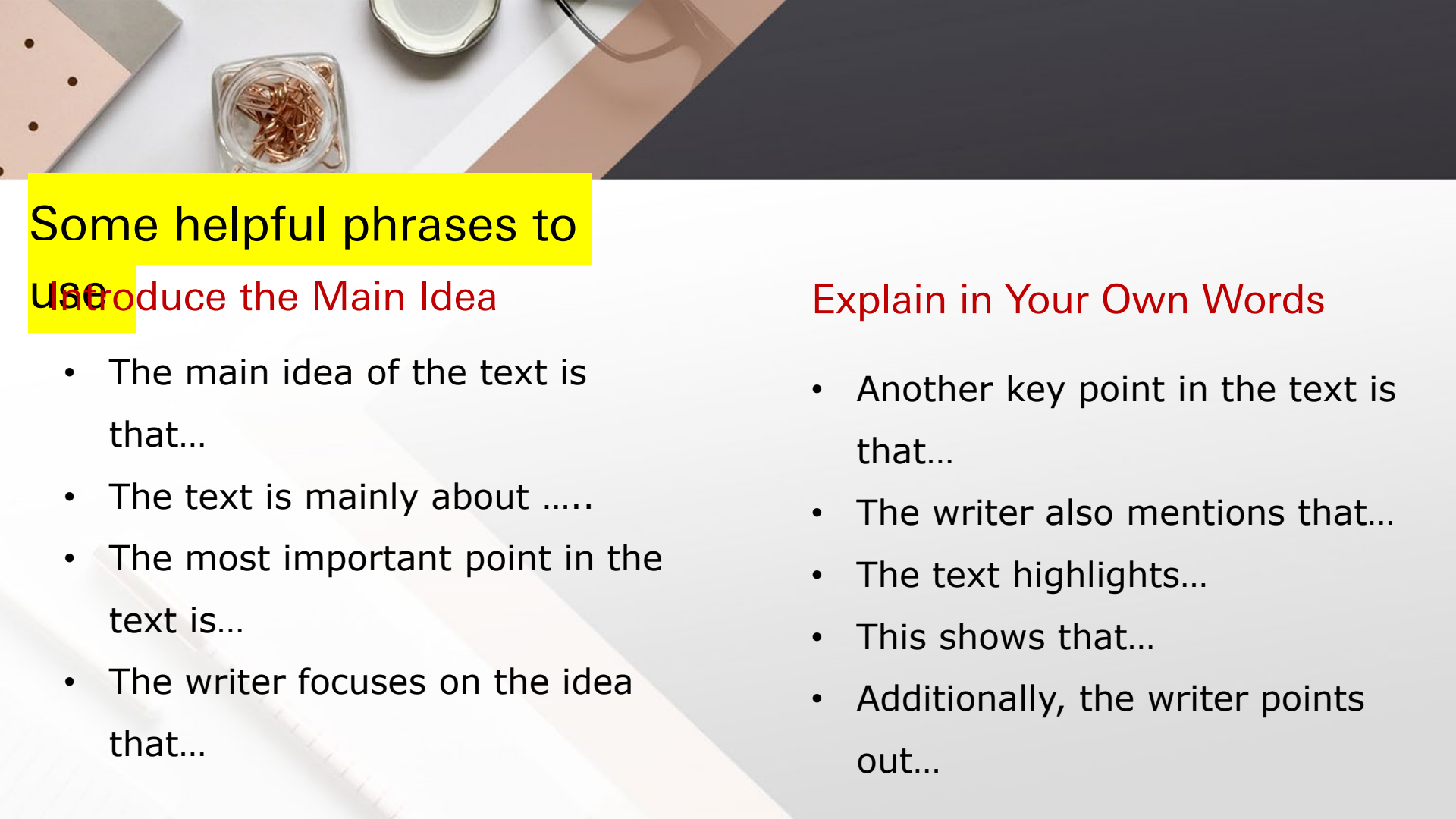
- The text is about finding a place to live in Riyadh.
- It explains that different areas have different advantages.
- It gives advice on what to consider before moving (rent, transport, schools, budget, etc.).
- The main message is about balancing comfort, cost, and convenience.



3. Write your answer in your own words

You have to **paraphrase** your answer and write **3-4** sentences

- ❑ Start with a **general sentence** introducing the topic.
- ❑ Add **two supporting sentences** explaining the main ideas.
- ❑ Finish with a **concluding idea** that summarizes the overall message.



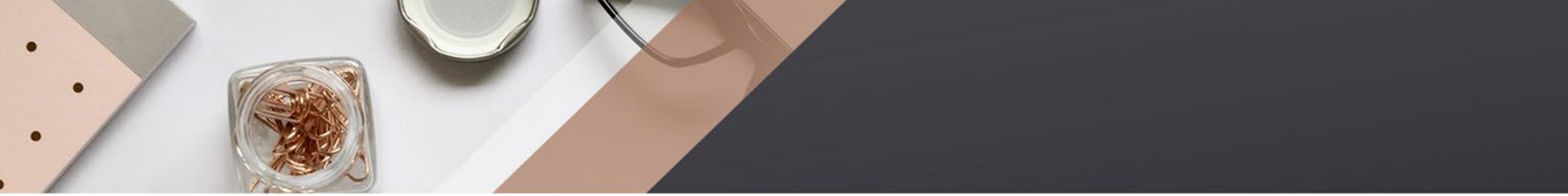
Some helpful phrases to

Use to Introduce the Main Idea

- The main idea of the text is that...
- The text is mainly about
- The most important point in the text is...
- The writer focuses on the idea that...

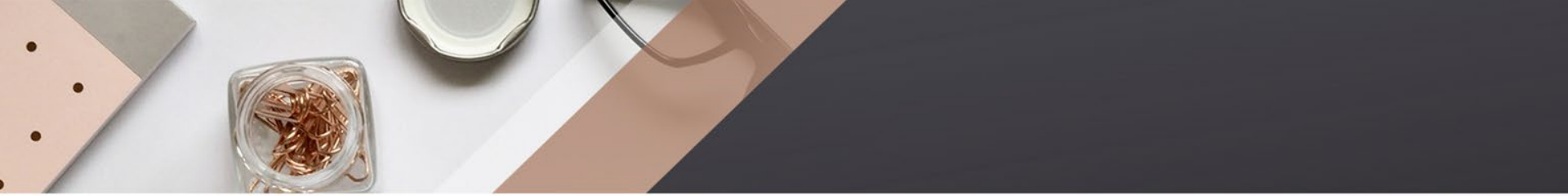
Explain in Your Own Words

- Another key point in the text is that...
- The writer also mentions that...
- The text highlights...
- This shows that...
- Additionally, the writer points out...



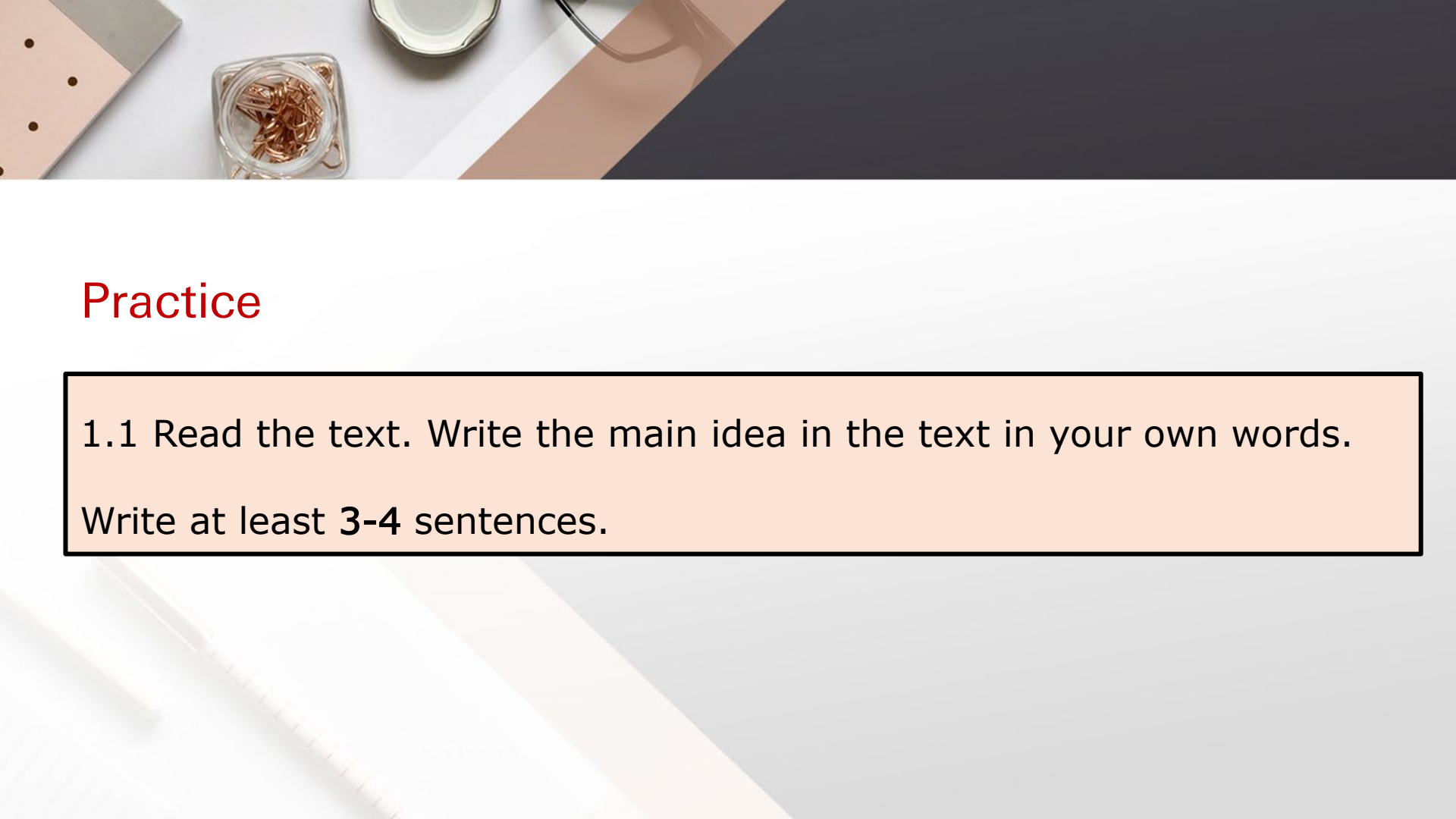
Conclude Your Explanation

- In conclusion, the main message of the text is...
- Overall, the text teaches us that...
- To sum up, the text mainly talks about...



Model answer

The text is mainly about how finding a home in Riyadh needs to be carefully planned since the city offers many ways of life. People must think about location, rent, and access to schools or travel methods before moving. The text also explains that each area has benefits and challenges, such as high costs in central areas or quiet surroundings outside the city. Overall, choosing the right home in Riyadh means balancing comfort, expenses , and available services.



Practice

1.1 Read the text. Write the main idea in the text in your own words.

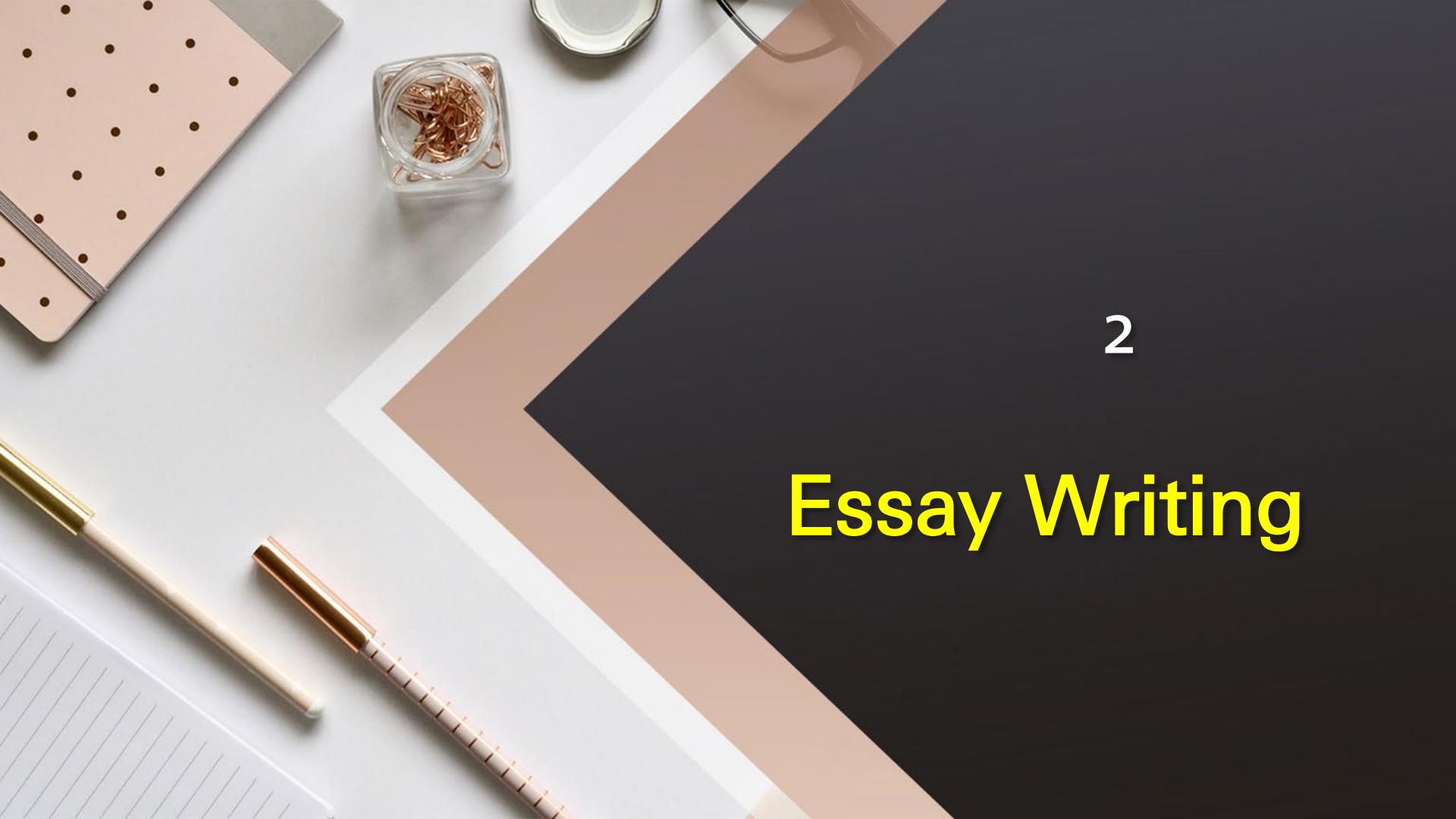
Write at least **3-4** sentences.

Different types of weather can have a strong impact on people's health and daily well-being. Hot weather, for example, often causes dehydration and heat exhaustion, especially when people spend long hours outdoors without drinking enough water. High temperatures can also make it difficult for older adults and young children to regulate their body temperature, increasing the risk of heatstroke.

Cold weather, on the other hand, brings its own challenges. When temperatures drop, the body works harder to stay warm, which can weaken the immune system and make people more likely to catch colds or the flu. Extremely cold conditions may also affect people with joint pain, as their symptoms often become worse in winter.

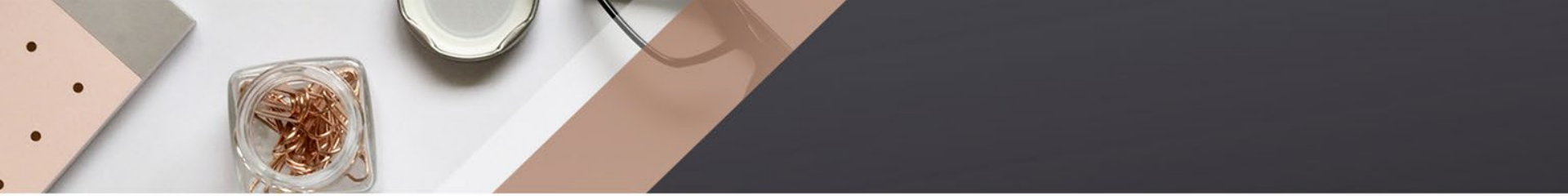
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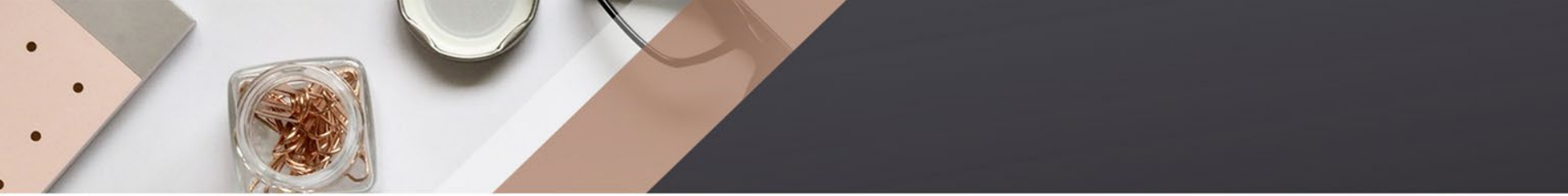
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Essay Writing



Overview

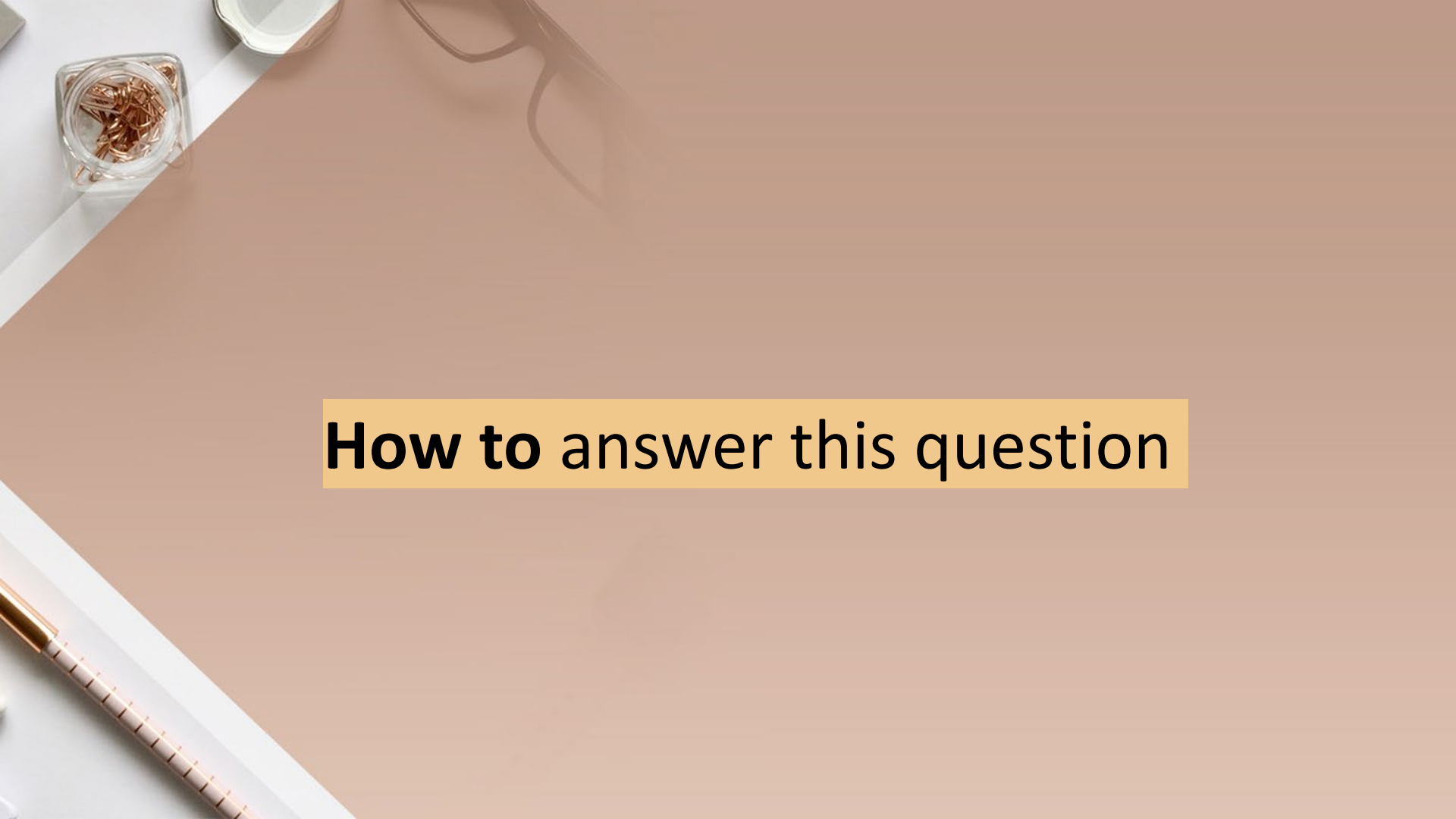
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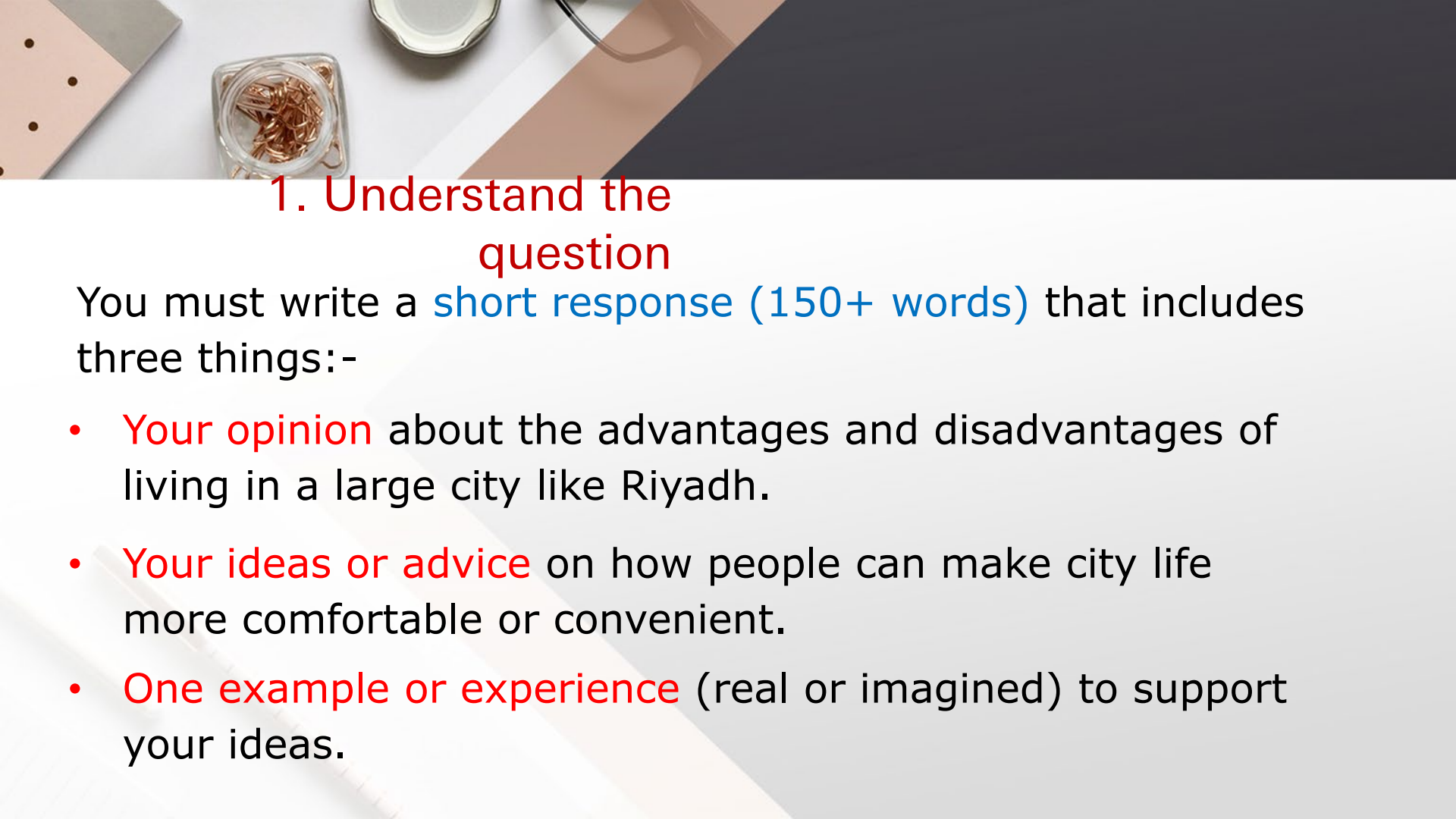
Question

- 1.2 Read the text again. Now write a response to the text in which you:
- give your opinion about the advantages and disadvantages of living in a large city like Riyadh
 - explain how people can make living in a busy city more comfortable or convenient
 - include one example or experience to support your ideas

Write at least 150 words.

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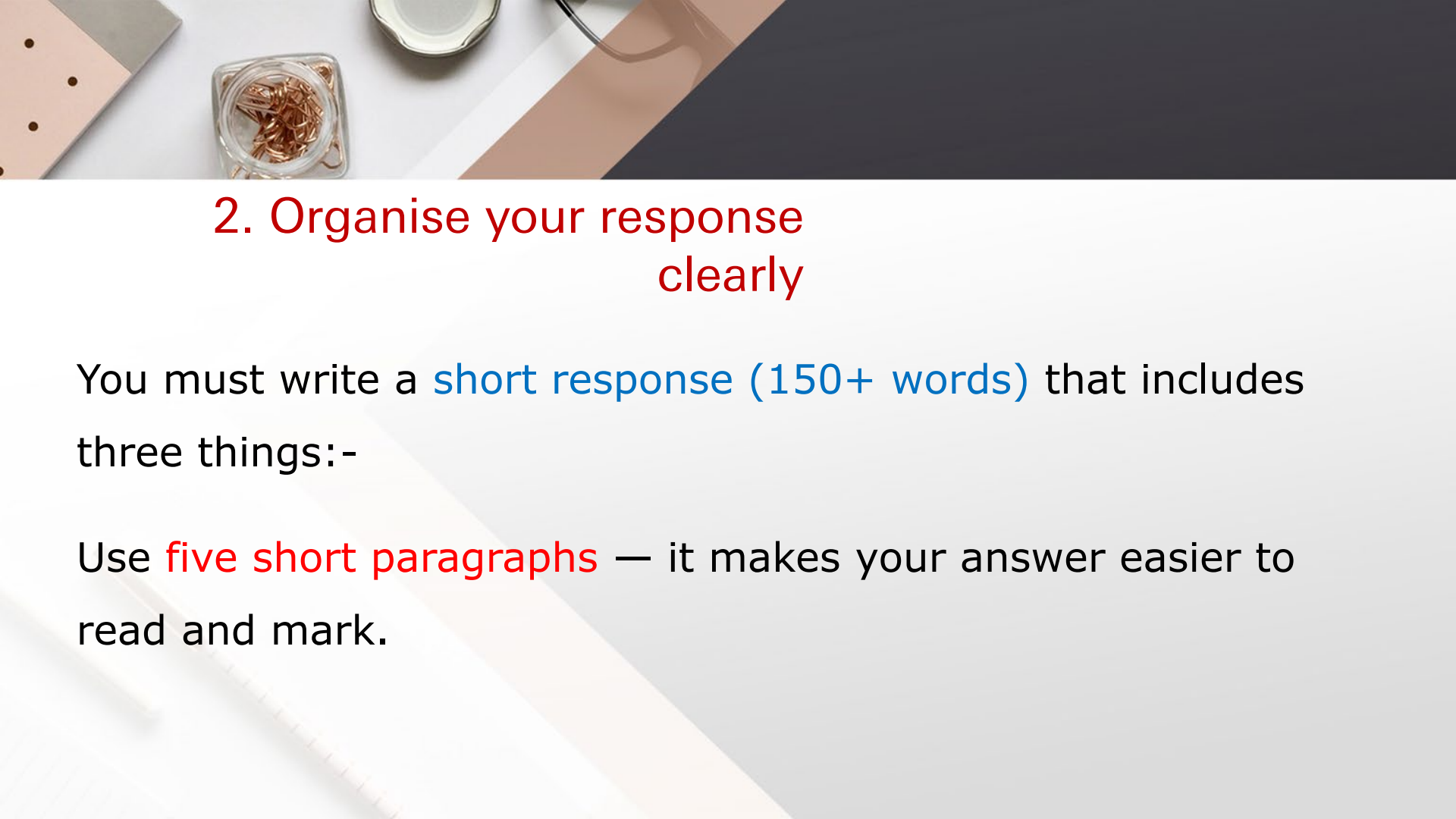
How to answer this question



1. Understand the question

You must write a **short response (150+ words)** that includes three things:-

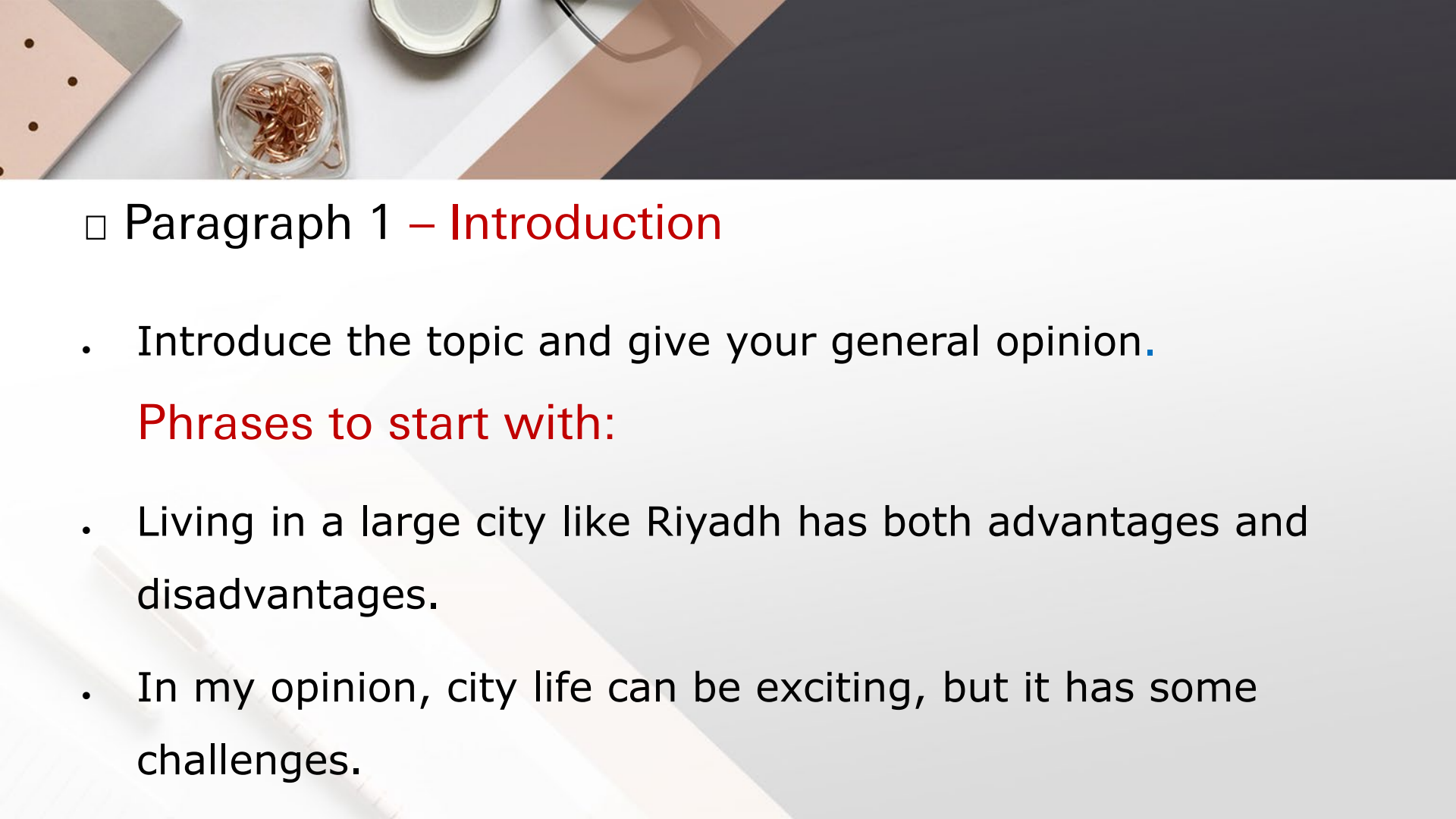
- **Your opinion** about the advantages and disadvantages of living in a large city like Riyadh.
- **Your ideas or advice** on how people can make city life more comfortable or convenient.
- **One example or experience** (real or imagined) to support your ideas.



2. Organise your response clearly

You must write a **short response (150+ words)** that includes three things:-

Use **five short paragraphs** — it makes your answer easier to read and mark.

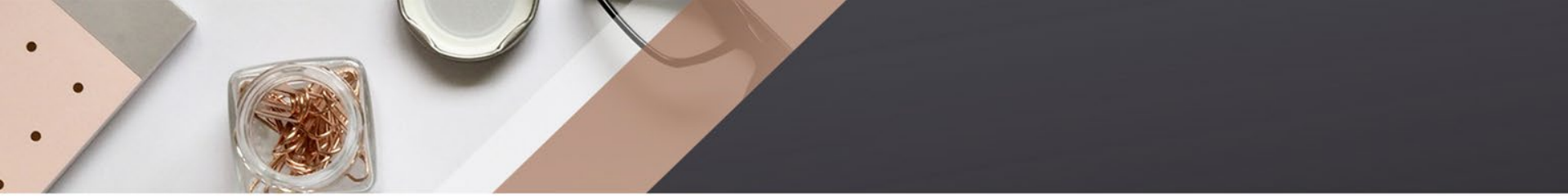


□ Paragraph 1 – Introduction

- Introduce the topic and give your general opinion.

Phrases to start with:

- Living in a large city like Riyadh has both advantages and disadvantages.
- In my opinion, city life can be exciting, but it has some challenges.



□ Paragraph 2 – Advantages and disadvantages

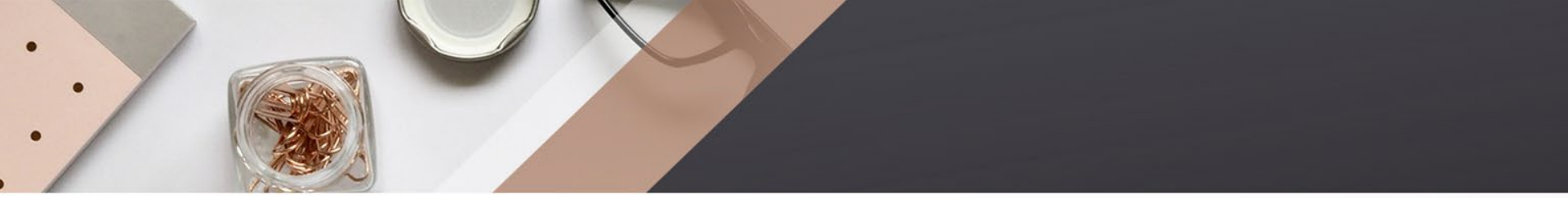
- Mention at least one benefit and one challenge.

Useful phrases:

- One advantage of living in a big city is that...
- However, a major disadvantage is that...
- On the other hand,...

- Examples:

- There are more job opportunities and entertainment, but traffic and high rent can be problems.



□ Paragraph 3 – How to make city life comfortable

- Give practical suggestions.

Useful phrases:

- People can make city life easier by...
- To make living in Riyadh more comfortable,...
- For example, using public transport or living close to work helps reduce stress.

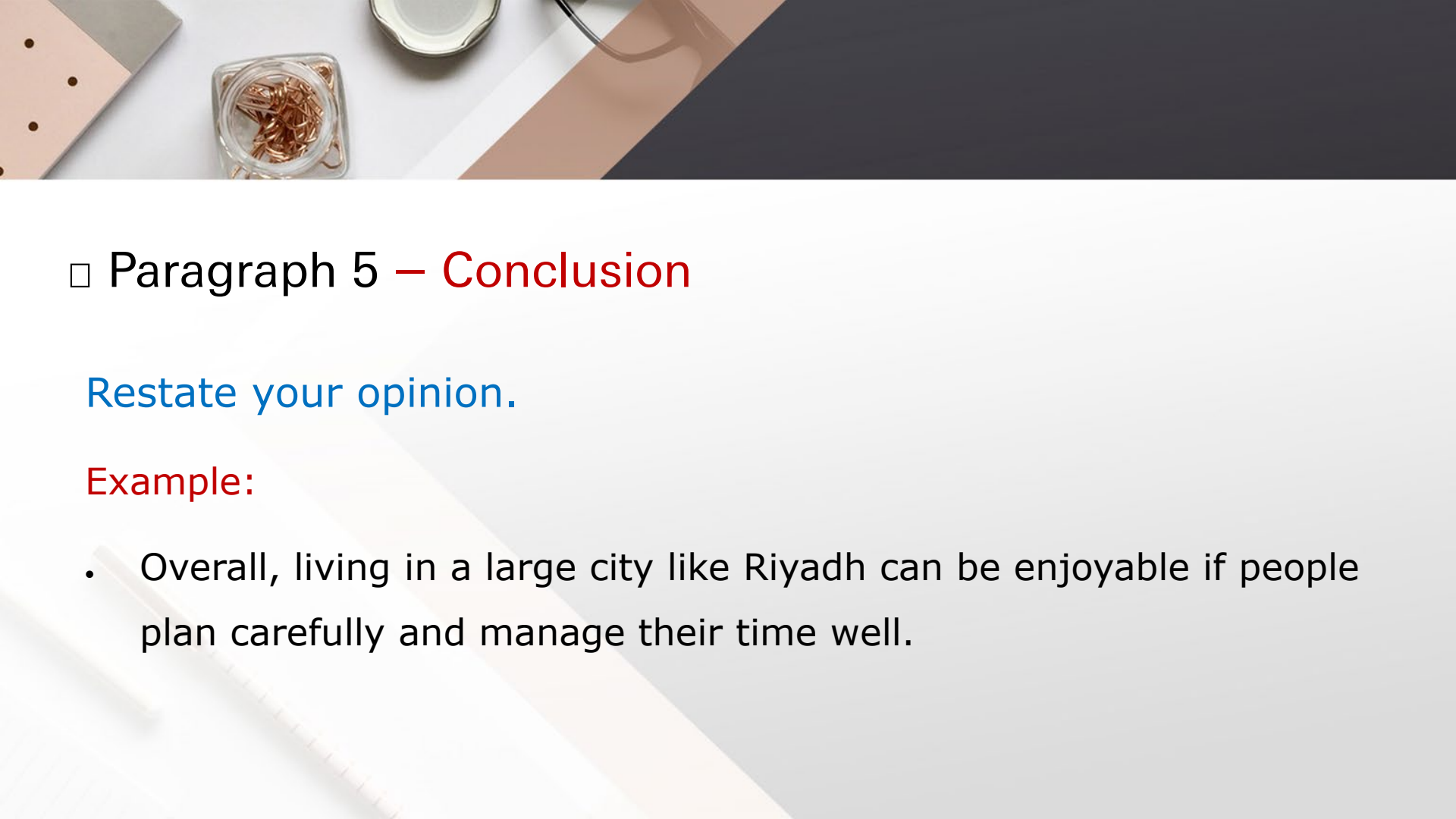
A decorative header image featuring a white desk surface. In the top left, there is a small clear glass jar filled with gold-colored paper clips. Next to it is a silver-colored metal object, possibly a stapler or a paper punch. To the right, there are several sheets of paper in shades of white, light brown, and dark grey, some with holes punched along the edges.

□ Paragraph 4 – Example

- Add a personal example or general experience, then restate your opinion.

Example:

- For instance, when my cousin moved to work in Riyadh as a civil engineer, he chose an apartment near his office, which saved his time every day.

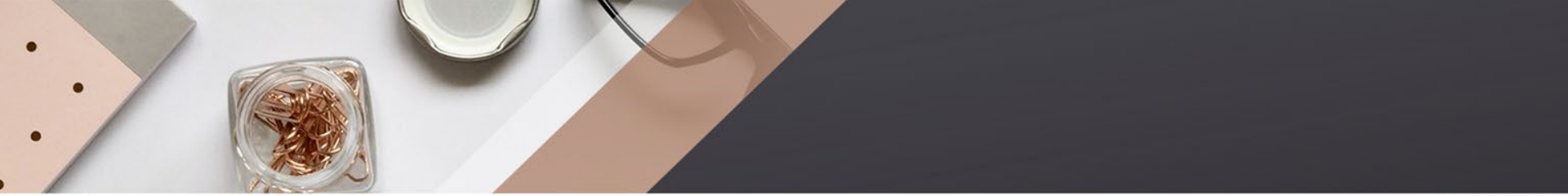


□ Paragraph 5 – Conclusion

Restate your opinion.

Example:

- Overall, living in a large city like Riyadh can be enjoyable if people plan carefully and manage their time well.



💡 3. Writing tips

- ☐ Use linking words: however, also, for example, in addition, therefore.
- ☐ Keep your ideas clear and connected.
- ☐ Don't just list — explain each point briefly.
- ☐ Write in **complete sentences** and use your own words and way of writing
- ☐ Check grammar, punctuation, and spelling before submitting your

💡 Model answer

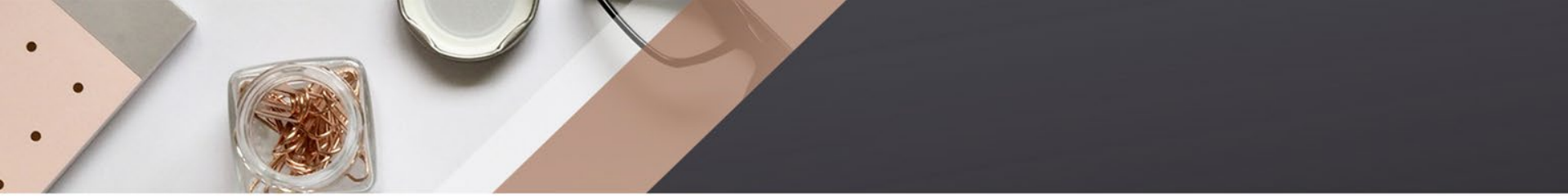
Living in a big city like Riyadh is an exciting experience for many people. The city is full of amazing opportunities; however, it also brings some challenges for its residents.

On the one hand, it offers many opportunities for work, education, and entertainment. People can enjoy modern shopping malls, good restaurants, and different cultural events. On the other hand, life in a big city can be stressful because of heavy traffic, high rent, and the fast pace of daily life.

However, there are many ways to make city living more comfortably. People can choose to live near their workplace or use public transport to save time and money. Planning daily routines and spending weekends in parks or quieter areas can also help reduce stress. Technology, such as delivery apps or online services, can make city life more convenient.

For example, my friend moved to Riyadh last year and decided to rent an apartment close to his job. He says this choice helps him enjoy city life without feeling tired from commuting every day.

Overall, it's important to think about both the good and bad sides when you decide to live in a large city like Riyadh.



Practice

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- give your opinion about the effects of bad weather on people's health
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Thank You

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