**ENGL 155 Chapter 5 Cause-Effect Essay**

1. **IMPORTANT NOTES ON WRITING A CAUSE-EFFECT ESSAY**
2. You must at least read one of the two essays in Unit 2. If you get a chance, read both to understand how a cause/effect essay can be written.
3. Practice writing thesis statements for all the practise topics on the course webpage and also topics provided in Activity 7, p. 144. It will also be a good idea if you prepare plans with points and key words.
4. For cause/effect essay, remember that the topic sentence of each paragraph will show what you will be comparing in that paragraph. Use connectors from p. 145 to clearly state which whether you are focusing on causes or on results.
5. **How to Use Transitions and Connectors in Cause-Effect Essay**

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| **No.** | **Connector**  **/Transition Word** | **Sentence Example** |
| 1 | as a consequence | Animals have died **as a consequence of** coming into contact with this chemical.  Some animals came into contact with this chemical. **As a consequence,** they have died. |
| 2 | as a result | He was very rude. **As a result,** none of his students respected him.  None of his students respected him **as a result of** him being very rude.  None of his students respected him **as a result of** his rudeness. |
| 3 | (X is/ can/must/may be) attributed to (Y) | The collapse both of temples must be **attributed** to an earthquake.  **Attributed to** the earthquake is the collapse of many buildings in the city. |
| 4 | because (+sentence) | **Because** they were not trained properly**,** they caused a huge loss in a few months.  They caused a huge loss in a few months **because** they were not trained properly. |
| 5 | because of (+ noun phrase) | **Because of** their ignorance**,** they caused a big loss in few months.  They caused a big loss in a few months **because of** their ignorance. |
| 6 | caused (active) | The man who **caused** all this worry was still free.  This decision **caused a lot** of fundamental changes in the company’s system. |
| 7 | (X is the ) cause of (Y- noun phrase) | We need to know **the cause of** this tension.  this habit the **cause** of her slowness in learning to speak. |
| 8 | (X is) caused by (Y) (passive) | A lot of fundamental changes in the company’s system **were caused by** this decision.  All this **is caused by** a man who is still free. |
| 9 | (one) consequence of this (is that…) | * **One of the consequences** of global warming in mountain regions is increasing risk of infectious diseases. * **The consequences** of war are the reasons people went on the march. |
| 10 | consequently | I missed one test and did not submit my project on time. **Consequently,** I failed in the course.  I missed one test and did not submit my project on time **and consequently** failed in the course.  His constant absence has affected his performance in the course **and consequently** his grade. |
| 11 | due to (+noun phrase) | The concert was cancelled **due to** the rain.  The cancellation of the concert **was due to** the rain. |
| 12 | (the) effect (of X) | **The effect of** the battle on the rest of the war is profound.  There are several **negative effects** of the privatization of water in the UK. |
| 13 | (a key) factor of (X) | Taking notes is **a key factor of** succeeding in a course.  Making use of your instructor’s feedback is **the key factor of** improving your writing skills.  Another **factor** was caffeine. |
| 14 | for this reason | This tribe lives in isolation from the modern world and does not allow strangers into their village**. For this reason** we know very little about them.  The manager has not been treating me well and I am resigning **for this reason.** |
| 15 | furthermore | Social media has negatively affected social relationships. **Furthermore,** it has become a source of rumours and bullying.  Social media has negatively affected social relationships. It has, **furthermore,** become a source of rumours and bullying. |
| 16 | if (X), then (Y) | **If** government does not punish the culprit**, then** more people will do the same. |
| 17 | in addition (to) | **In addition to** the social reasons**,** there are also some health related reasons why we need this change.  **In addition,** there are also some health reasons why we need this change. |
| 18 | in order to | **In order to** reduce waste**,** people should buy quality product that last long and get reused very frequently.  People should buy quality product that last long and get reused very frequently i**n order to** reduce waste**.** |
| 19 | (X) influences (Y) | This strongly **influences** customers’ behaviour. |
| 20 | (X) leads to (Y) | The lack of practise **leads to** bad performance. |
| 21 | on account of (+noun phrase) | **On account of** the current economic crisis**,** more people are losing their jobs.  More people are losing their jobs **on account of** the current economic crisis. |
| 22 | (sentence) owing to (for this) reason | **Owing to** his illness**,** he missed the exam.  He missed the exam **owing to** his illness. |
| 23 | (X is the) reason for/ behind (Y) | We did not know **the reason for** his call.  This medicine **is a reason behind** many health problems in new-borns. |
| 24 | (X) resulted in (Y) | His misbehaviour **resulted in** his being fired. |
| 25 | since | The bank had to close early today **since** the system was down and they could not fix it.  **Since** the bank system was down and they could not fix it, the bank had to close early today. |
| 26 | so | The system was down and the bank couldn’t fix it**, so** they had to close down earlier today. |
| 27 | therefore | The system was down and the bank couldn’t fix it**; therefore,** they had to close down earlier today.  The system was down and the bank couldn’t fix it**, and therefore** they had to close down earlier today. |
| 28 | this means that | The machine was leaking for at least a week. **This means that** all the bread in the stores is contaminated. |
| 29 | thus | He intended to lose weight. **Thus,** he went on a strict diet. |