Read the following paragraphs. Identify and highlight the topic sentence in each one.

Paragraph 1
Consumers concerned about the hazards of noise can reduce noise pollution in many ways. They can purchase noisy products such as garbage disposals and lawn mowers with reduced noise levels. They can also use sound absorbing materials in their home. Carpeting can be installed instead of hard flooring, and cork and fabric can be used in rooms that tend to be noisy. Also, people can become less noisy themselves. They can learn to avoid shouting, to close doors without slamming them, and to play radios, TV, and stereos at moderate levels.

Paragraph 2.
A study at one prison showed that owning a pet can change a hardened prison inmate into a more caring person. Another study discovered that senior citizens, both those living alone and those in nursing homes, became more interested in life when they were given pets to care for. Even emotionally disturbed children have been observed to smile and react with interest if there is a cuddly kitten or puppy to hold. Animals, then, can be a means of therapy for many kinds of individuals.

Paragraph 3
When you were younger, your mother cautioned you not to act like an animal. What mother did not realize is that much of the world holds animals in such high regard that they use animals’ names for their organizations and products. For instance, many professional sports teams, such as the Tigers and the Rams, have chosen animal names to suggest power. Also, cars are given names to make consumers associate them with speed and grace. Examples are the Jaguar, the Cougar, and the Bobcat. Even our political parties have adopted animals to represent them.

Paragraph 4
Americans express high agreement that pornography should be restricted. An overwhelming 91% of all Americans think that the law should limit or forbid its distribution-48% favoring laws that forbid the distribution of pornography to persons under eighteen, and another 43% favoring laws that would keep pornography from people no matter what their age. Females feel even more strongly about this matter than do males, with a full 50% wanting to entirely forbid its distribution.

Paragraph 5
The essence of many perfumes comes from the oils in the petals of fresh flowers, such as the rose, carnation, and orange blossom. However, fragrances are not limited to the petal, but can come from the leaves of lavender, peppermint, and geranium. Also the oils of cinnamon and balsam are derived from bark, while the oils of cedar come from its wood. The fragrance of ginger and sassafras comes from roots, and orange, lemon and nutmeg come from fruits and seeds. There are many sources from which to derive fragrances for perfumes.