Essay Topic

**Topic A**

What does it take to be a good parent?

 In your essay, describe the characteristics of a good parent. Give specific details to explain your views. Use your personal observations, experience, and knowledge.

Part II is a test to determine how well you can use written language to explain your ideas.

 In preparing your essay, you should take the following steps:

         Read the **DIRECTIONS** and the **TOPIC** carefully.

        Plan your essay before you write. Use scratch paper provided to make any notes. These notes will be collected but not scored.

        Before you turn in your essay, reread what you have written and make any changes that will improve your essay.

 Your essay should be long enough to develop the topic adequately.