In-Class thesis statement and outline assignment

Write a thesis statement and an outline for any three of the following essay prompts. Your thesis and outline should be written with a 500 word essay on the topic in mind. You have one hour:

1. “Although innovations such as video, computers, and the Internet seem to offer schools improved methods for instructing students, these technologies all too often distract from real learning.” Support your position with examples from your readings, observations, or experiences.

2. “College students—and people in general—prefer to follow directions rather than make their own decisions. Therefore, colleges should eliminate as many choices as possible in order to offer students clear direction.” Support your position with examples from your readings, observations, or experiences.

3. Wanting something and not getting it can be very disappointing, but wanting something and then getting it can be disappointing too. Have you ever wanted something, gotten it, and then were disappointed? Describe these disappointments.

4. “‘Moderation in all things’ is ill-considered advice. Rather, one should say, ‘Moderation in most things,’ since many areas of human concern require or at least profit from intense focus.” Support your position with examples from your readings, observations, or experiences.

5. Throughout your school life you may have taken a particular course about which you had certain expectations which may not have been met. Describe your expectations and how that course did not satisfy those expectations.

6. “The purpose of education should be to create an academic environment that is separate from the outside world. This kind of environment is ideal because it allows students to focus on important ideas without being held back by practical concerns.” Support your position with examples from your readings, observations, or experiences.