**Thesis Statement Practice**  
**Answer Key**

Decide if the following are good thesis statements or not. Write **yes** if it is a good one. Write **no** if it is a weak thesis statement.

Remember, a good thesis statement will:

- have a topic and a controlling idea.
- be arguable.
- not be too broad or vague.
- not be too narrow.
- not announce the topic.

1. **No**  
   Cancer is a bad disease.  **Too broad**

2. **No**  
   Some children have to walk to school.  **Not arguable**

3. **No**  
   *Transformers* is a great movie.  **Too broad**

4. **Yes**  
   High schools should require students to wear uniforms.  **Has two parts and is arguable**

5. **No**  
   Every seventy-four years, Haley’s comet passes Earth.  **Not arguable**

6. **Yes**  
   The U.S. needs to raise its minimum wage for workers.  **Has two parts and is arguable**

7. **No**  
   Greenland is an island made of ice.  **Not arguable**

8. **No**  
   This essay will explain why college tuition rates are increasing.  **Announces**

9. **No**  
   It is necessary because children need help and need to be safe.  **Not specific because of pronouns**

10. **Yes**  
    Political fighting prevents the government from functioning properly.  **Has two parts and is arguable**