**Practice**

Study the following examples of in-text citations (APA style) and say whether they are acceptable or not.

* Brown (2001, p. 335) states that the view that writing is graphic symbols is not valid any more and that it is defied by a major theme in the field of ESL writing.
* Neman (1995) argues that writing can be learned and improved and he provides the following definition: writing is "a craft, an artistic process with techniques and conventions that can be learned, employing skills that can be improved."(p. 4)
* Byrne (1991, p. 2) states that what makes writing difficult is that "we are writing for a reader". According to Parrott (2004), the writer has to affect the readers in order to be successful in his/her writing. One researcher Byrne (1991) further argues that because the reader is not present, we have to put all our effort on writing, the only means available to us, unlike in speaking, additional facilitators as gestures and facial expressions which would do a lot for us. For this reason we have to learn how to use words in writing as skilfully as possible.
* Most people see writing difficult. Hilton & Hyder (1992, p.7-8), state that many people "regard writing as a chore: something that is difficult, which you delay or try to avoid".