Ellipses and Em Dashes

A. Directions: Read the sentences. Rewrite them with ellipses.

1. “In my opinion, your work is extremely average do you disagree?”
   “In my opinion, your work is extremely average . . . do you disagree?”

2. “I know what it says I am able to read.”
   “I know what it says . . . I am able to read.”

3. Lamusa’s eyes opened in amazement wider and wider.
   Lamusa’s eyes opened in amazement . . . wider and wider.

B. Directions: Read these sentences. Rewrite them using em dashes.

1. Ditanu worked as if his chisel was on fire flakes of stone flew everywhere.
   Ditanu worked as if his chisel was on fire—flakes of stone flew everywhere.

2. Ditanu heard a voice his uncle’s that sent a shiver up his spine.
   Ditanu heard a voice—his uncle’s—that sent a shiver up his spine.

3. Belshunu was finishing an important project a royal statue.
   Belshunu was finishing an important project—a royal statue.