

Essay Writing

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Essay means a literary composition on any subject. Relevant and good material is the most important thing for essay writing. One needs to think and properly organize all the ideas and information before putting them into words. An essay can have many purposes, but its basic structure remains the same. You may be writing an essay to argue for a particular point of view or to explain the steps necessary to complete a task or just to describe an incident.

Ideas should be organized in a skilful manner as there has to be continuity of thought. Merely assembling the ideas in a haphazard way will not make an essay. There has to be an impressive beginning. In an essay, one has to introduce an idea or a subject at the outset, go into details in the body and lead to a convincing conclusion.

The essay should have one dominant idea, and each paragraph should contribute to strengthen that idea. No other competing idea should be allowed to sneak in the essay.

If given a choice, spend some time to decide the topic. At times, when the topic has not been assigned and there is lot of choice, making a decision becomes all the more difficult. Select the topic that is of interest to you and on which you have maximum information. Making an appropriate choice will enable you to write an impressive essay.

Once the topic has been selected, prepare an outline of ideas. Planning is the most important thing to give a proper direction to the essay. The way of expressing the words is more important than the words themselves. The purpose of an outline is to put your ideas about the topic on paper, in a moderately organized format. The structure created initially may still change before the essay is complete.

PARTS OF AN ESSAY

Introduction:

It should be very short, but always keep in mind that it is the most important part of the essay as it will arouse interest of the reader. If the introduction is attractive, the reader

is likely to go through the whole composition with interest. The essay may be started with a relevant quotation or a proverb or an appealing statement.

Body of the essay:

It has the main content, supported with reasons. As it could be quite lengthy, it should be written in paragraphs. Care should be taken to ensure that there is no repetition of ideas, and the content is original. A good essay requires relevant content, organized in a proper order and with adequate manner of expression.

Conclusion:

Do not end the essay abruptly. It should be as interesting as the introduction to leave a long-lasting impact on the mind of the readers. Abrupt end may spoil the effect of the entire essay. The end should be gradual, and it should summarize the main points and restate the main idea.

A suitable quotation or a sentence to finish the essay can make the conclusion impressive.

PRE-WRITING STEPS

Think carefully what ideas and thoughts you want to express in the essay. What questions you are going to deal with and what are the answers? What is the most important part of the answer? How can you write an impressive ~~intro~~ introductory sentence from the most important part of the answer? What facts or ideas can be used to support the ~~introductory~~ introductory sentence? How can you make the essay interesting? Do you need some more information on the topic, and where can you find it.

Write down the answers to the above questions. You do not need to spend a lot of time doing this; just write enough to help you remember why and how you are going to write your essay.

Collects facts relevant to the topic of the essay. Look for the facts that will be useful to answer the questions. Write down your own ideas and think about making the topic interesting for the readers.

Work on the main idea of the essay and pick the most important point to be presented. If choosing the main point is not possible, then just choose a point you feel important and stick to it throughout the essay.

Organize facts and ideas in a way that develops the main idea of the essay. Once the most important point has been chosen for the essay, find the best way to tell readers about it. Look at the facts and your own ideas on the topic. Decide which facts and ideas will best support the main idea of the essay and how to write them in a lucid style.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD ESSAY

Unity:

The subject should be clearly defined and should be kept in mind throughout. Matter not related to the topic should never be included in the essay. But the subject be treated in various ~~possib~~ possible ways.

Order :

Essay should have an orderly sequence of thoughts coming to a definite conclusion. It should not only have unity of subject but unity of treatment.

Style :

It has to be natural, familiar, easy to understand, but dignified. Language should be simple but interesting.

Size : Essay should not be too long, though there is no hard and fast rule about the limit of the words; but it should be concise.

Expression :

The essay should be given a personal touch to show the thoughts and opinions of the writer. Essay is about expressing your own ideas, instead of repeating the ideas of others.

To summarize a good essay, one requires relevant content, a proper organization of the content and adequate manner of expression.

Environmental Challenges

The future of the human race depends upon its health. However, health is at stake because of environmental degradation. The rate of environmental degradation in India has perhaps surpassed the rapid rate of its economic growth. Depletion of ozone layer, deforestation and air and water pollution are some of the major factors leading to ecological imbalance and environmental degradation. The extent of damage is so large that these factors cannot be considered as localized problems but as global problems.

Ozone layer surrounds the atmosphere of the earth and protects us from harmful radiations from the sun. It also helps to keep the earth cool. However, gases like chlorofluorocarbons and carbon monoxide form compounds with ozone gas, thus, leading to its depletion, which is called ozone hole. Ultraviolet rays pass through this ozone hole to reach the surface of the earth.

Deforestation is denuding the earth, leading to unstable rainfall pattern.

Air pollution has increased. Insufficient oxygen has affected all the living organisms. Many species have become extinct and many are at the verge of extinction.

Air pollution is caused by burning of tonnes of hydrocarbon fuels. The poisonous gases emitted by vehicles, factories and generators are making the life of children miserable.

Environmental pollution has led to the diseases such as lung cancer, bronchitis, eye infection and asthma. Industrial waste is polluting our water. Use of pesticides and fertilizers is polluting the soil. The soil is getting toxic, which makes the crops ~~harm~~ harmful for human consumption.

Population also exerts and puts stress on the environment, society and resources. This is obvious from existing consumption patterns of the natural and environment resources. Environmental degradation we see today ~~is~~ is a result of overpopulation and overexploitation due to consumerism.

Pollution control measures are being taken by the concerned authorities for putting a check on pollution of all forms. While more and more companies have embraced environmental sustainability as a management imperative, it is also clear that even more comprehensive strategies and actions will be required if business is to reach its full potential with respect to global and local environmental challenges.

Environment can be protected by resorting to afforestation, using eco friendly vehicles, ~~was~~ consuming less amount of fuel, avoiding accumulation of nuclear weapons and taking great care in the operation of nuclear plants.