

3.4 ESSAY WRITING

An essay is a short piece of writing, it is often written from an author's personal point of view. The definition of an essay is vague, overlapping with those of an article and a short story.

In recent times, essays have become a major part of a formal education. Secondary students are taught structured essay formats to improve their writing skills, and essays are often used by universities in selecting applicants. In both secondary and tertiary education, essays are used to judge the mastery and comprehension of material. Students are asked to explain, comment on, or assess a topic of study in the form of an essay.

Academic essays are usually more formal than literary ones. They may still allow the presentation of the writer's own views, but this is done in a logical and factual manner.

Kinds of Essays

1. Definition Essay

When you are writing a definition essay, you take a term or an idea and write about what it is.

Often, definitions are combined with classification or other forms of organization in the essay. You need to give a careful definition of the key term before going on to discuss different types or examples.

2. Classification Essay

In a classification essay, you separate things or ideas into specific categories and discuss each of them. You organize the essay by defining each classification and by giving examples of each type.

3. Description Essay

In a description essay, you write about what a person, place, or thing is like. You organize the essay by describing different parts or aspects of the main subject.

4. Compare and Contrast

In a Compare and contrast essay, you write about the similarities and differences

between two or more people, places, or things. You can organize the essay by writing about one subject first and then comparing it with the second subject. A more effective way is to organize the essay by comparing each subject by category.

5. Sequence Essay

In a sequence essay, you are writing to describe a series of events or a process in some sort of order. Usually, this order is based on time. You organize the essay by writing about each step of the process in the order it occurred.

6. Choice Essay

In a choice essay, you need to choose which object, idea, or action that you prefer. You organize the essay by describing each option and then giving your opinion.

7. Explanation Essay

In an explanation essay, you explain how or why something happens or has happened. You need to explain different causes and effects. You should organize the essay by explaining each individual cause or effect.

8. Evaluation Essay

In an evaluation essay, you make judgments about people, ideas, and possible actions. You make your evaluation based on certain criteria that you develop. Organize the essay by discussing the criteria you used to make your judgment.

Example:

1. Comparison/contrast essay: Microsoft Vs. Apple

Microsoft primarily makes its profits from business to business, which mainly consists of selling licenses to its operating systems to computer manufacturers and office suites for enterprises. It does not mean that they don't sell their products to consumers they do, and they have consumer-specific product lines as well, such as the Xbox gaming console, and, of course, home users also buy Windows and MS Office. This means that their business targets pretty much everyone from home computer owners to developers and enterprises. Apple is primarily a consumer goods company, and makes most of its profit selling hardware, like its iPod music players and Macintosh

(Mac) computers.

This makes the target of Apple's website much clearer-marketing, selling, and providing support for its products to consumers. They don't have to worry about selling licenses to manufacturers because they are the only manufacturer, so the key purpose of the website would be to advertise and promote their multiple product lines, as well as selling them through their online store. Windows-based computers are more practical, easier to use, and more versatile than Macintosh computers.

There has always been much debate over which is the better system. There are people who are die-hard Macintosh users, and there are people who are the complete opposite, and naturally there are people sitting somewhere in between. The fact remains that the majority of home and business users own Windows-based systems because of their versatility in all areas.

2. Argumentative essay: Capital punishment

If there are people who are in favor of capital punishment, there are also those who want it to be abolished. According to the opponents, capital punishment is nothing but an act of violence. There is nothing more inhumane than tolerating the killing of another human being. It is indeed very funny that the state can allow the killing of a human being as a solution to crime and violence. Violence can never be the right solution to the rising criminal nature of humans. It is sad that violence gets legalized because of this.

Capital punishment is also understood as useful for the Society because it stops a criminal from committing another crime, and it also prevents other criminals from committing the same crime. However, so far there has been no scientific literature to prove that there is a cause-and-effect relationship between capital punishment and the commission of crime. The third objection against capital punishment is that it is always possible that an inmate who is on death row may turn out to be innocent. There are flaws in every criminal justice system. Death penalty is a process that can be irreversible. Under normal circumstances, once it is awarded, it can be no longer be taken back by the state.

In view of the above, some people feel that capital punishment is not the right solution for dealing with crime.

CAUSE AND EFFECT ESSAY

Cause and effects of pollution

About 40 percentage of deaths worldwide are caused by water, air, and soil pollution. For the last several years, the problem of too much pollution has been brought to public attention, and small steps to stop it have been taken but the main causes of pollution still exist. Three main causes to pollution are the cars and machines people use, people's inability to use renewable resources, and the attitude of people to throw away their junk instead of recycling them and to not help stop pollution. The machines that people use cause lots of pollution that normally wouldn't occur naturally.

Since they don't occur in nature, it is harder for nature to deal with it. For example, carbon pollution occurs somewhat naturally, so trees use it to make oxygen. One of the largest contributors to the increase in pollution for the past several years is the machines people use like cars and electronic appliances.

The second cause of pollution comes from people and their inability to use renewable resources and environmentally friendly products. Toxic wastes that people don't properly dispose of aren't a large problem but they are still a very serious one. Companies and people who dump toxic wastes, even in small quantity, can ruin a whole ecosystem and cause harm to many life forms, even people.

Lastly, the pollution that exists today is caused by the people's attitude. People drinking from adulterated water supplies cause health problems, thus making them susceptible to diseases and resulting in human casualties too.

PROBLEM SOLUTION ESSAY

1. No More Traffic Jams

There is nothing worse than being trapped in your car, waiting in the middle of a traffic jam. It is frustrating, knowing that there is nothing you can do and that you are going to be late to work. Traffic jams often occur during rush hour or right after a large event because there are more cars on the road than normal. Traffic jams can also be

caused by car accidents or road construction. They usually occur on major roads that many people use to travel to work or school. Traffic jams are a problem because they make people late for work or school, they can cause car accidents, and they are frustrating. How can we reduce the number of traffic jams? Possible solutions include carpooling or using public transportation. The best way to solve traffic jams is by using public transportation because it will be efficient, economical, and reliable.

First, using public transportation is efficient. A bus is a very efficient way to move lots of people from one place to another using only one vehicle. Instead of having one vehicle for each person on the road, buses take many cars off the road as people ride together. Trains are even more efficient at reducing the number of cars on the road. Because trains have their own dedicated rail system to get people around, all of the cars are eliminated without adding any more traffic to the roads. Not only are buses and trains more efficient at carrying passengers, but time spent on a bus or a train is more efficient for the passenger. This encourages more people to use public transportation. It is easy to see how efficient public transportation is and the impact that it has on reducing traffic.

Another reason that public transportation is the best solution to traffic jams is because it is so economical. People want to use public transportation instead of driving their own car because they can save money. Public transportation usually does not cost very much, especially for people who use it often. There are discounts for seniors and students, which makes it an even more economical way for these groups to travel around town. Using public transportation also eliminates the need to pay for parking, car insurance, and car maintenance, not to mention gasoline.

All of the expenses related to owning a car are replaced with one simple fare. Because it is so economical, public transportation is a good solution to traffic jams by encouraging more people to travel together and reduce the number of cars on the road.

Finally, public transportation is the best solution because it is reliable. Many people set up carpools to reduce traffic, but this is only a temporary solution. Every time someone has a change in their schedule, the carpool needs to be adjusted, for

example, if someone has to go to one doctor or sleeps in, the carpool will not work that day. If someone changes jobs or transfers to a new school, the carpool will need to be adjusted again. Public transportation, on the other hand, is more reliable, The bus and train schedules don't change every time that one rider needs to go to the doctor. The schedules are set and people can plan on them. People who use public transportation will find that it is reliable and can help limit the number of cars on the road.

Because it is efficient, economical, and reliable, public transportation is the best way to reduce the number of traffic jams. There are other possible ways to address this problem, but using public transportation is clearly the best. Traffic jams during very busy hours on the road can be reduced and more people can get to work on time and avoid the frustration caused by sitting in the middle of long line of cars. Cities and governments should consider ways to improve their public transportation system and encourage more people to use it. If they do, they will surely see fewer traffic jams on their roads and much happier drivers.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Environmental pollution generally means that the atmosphere, air and water everything is becoming dirty. It happens through changes in energy patterns, radiation levels, chemical and physical constitutions. This dirty atmosphere makes the air unsuitable for breathing. It harms the quality of water and soil. It causes damage the health of human beings, plants and animals. The major types of environmental pollution are air pollution, water pollution and soil pollution. Deforestation and hazardous gaseous emissions also lead to environmental pollution.

During the last 10 years, the world has witnessed severe rise in environmental pollution. The scenario in India is also the same. We all live on earth which, is but a planet, - and the only planet known to have an environment, where air and water are two basic things that sustain life. Without these air and water the earth would be like the other planets - no men, no animals, no planets. The biosphere in which living beings have their sustenance has oxygen, nitrogen, carbon dioxide, argon and water vapour. All these are well balanced to ensure and help a healthy growth of life in the animal

world. This balance does not only help the life cycles of animals and plants, but it also creates the perennial sources of minerals and energies without which the human civilization of to- day could not be built. It is for this balance that the human life and other forms of existence have flourished on earth for so many thousands of years.

The gases from factories are damaging the ozone layer of the atmosphere. Noise from loudspeakers, vehicles, factories, television, and radio cause noise pollution. Thus these types of pollution are causing threat to mankind. The environmental pollution is not caused by the fall -out from nuclear tests or industries alone. The smoke left behind the automobiles and other vehicular traffic the increasing use of synthetic detergents, nitrogen fertilizers and insecticides contaminate both air and water. The water we drink the air we breathe and even the vegetables and fish we eat are all contaminated today. As a result of this contamination our world is afflicted with a quite a number of incurable diseases Nothing in this world is immune, no life is safe, and the future of this world is bleak. The life on earth is becoming more and more difficult. The situation is quite alarming, and we have to stop this pollution otherwise it will be too late. Eco friendly products must be promoted. Use of polythene must be banned. Afforestation should be encouraged. People should be made aware of cleanliness and other forms of pollution. Everybody should contribute to solve this global problem of environment pollution

3. ROAD SAFETY

Nowadays road accidents are very common. Many accidents are Occurring every day. Road accidents are human tragedy that results in health, environmental and social problems. Road accidents have been and will continue to be one of the greatest health hazards. Statistically, it has been shown that the number of death and injuries due to road accidents has been steadily increased within the past five years. Fatalities and injuries within the past two years have exceeded other years by a vast number. There are many causes of road accidents. The most important factor which contributes to road accidents is the irresponsibility of the drivers. Driving an automobile is a privilege, which many people succeed to abuse. Anything that may impair one's ability to make

wise decisions should never be mixed with driving.

This is when a driver should practise "social responsibility" Drivers must always, abide by the safety regulations of the road and most importantly stick to the speed limits or stick to a speed which will allow one to stop within a safe distance. Drivers must, most importantly, always take responsibility for themselves, they must know that they should not drive if they feel tired, sick, drunk or upset. They must also ensure that the appropriate eye wear or hearing aid be worn if necessary. Patience is a quality in which drivers must exercise.

They must be cautious especially on wet roads, pedestrian crossing, and junctions. Increasing of vehicles is also another reason for road accidents. So, step should be taken to make the roads safer. Lack of knowledge of basic traffic rules, limited skills of the driving license examiners and unavailability of a reliable accident investigation and data system are also the other problems causing accidents. Other important factors which could avoid accidents are Automate Highway System, defensive driving and headlights in good condition, following highway rules, avoid using of cell phone while driving and keeping stop signs.

Write an essay of the following in about 300 words.

1. Nature's terror- Global Warming and the ways to handle it.
2. Who is the probable winner? Money or Humanism Justify
3. Freedom of press in abroad and India
4. Merits and demerits of technology
5. Pollution
6. Increasing air pollution
7. Internet and TV
8. Cyber crime
9. Internet- curse and blessing
10. Which is better after passing B.E higher education or Job?
11. More industries mean more Environmental pollution.
12. The computers and modern man.

13. Energy crisis.
14. Computers of the future.
15. Impact of the television on people.
16. Noise menace in the modern world.
17. Television and children is education.
18. Environmental conservation.
19. Robots and their uses.
20. Internet and its uses.
21. Science in modern life.
22. Modern industries and water pollution.
23. Road safety in India.
24. How to reduce pollution.
25. Indian achievements in science and technology.

