**1. Technical Writing :** Technical writing is a piece of writing which focuses on factual and straight forward content and technical papers are published to inform and instruct and educate the user about some specific topic. There exists a specific reader who prefers technical papers. It gives readers information about some technical topics or it gives directions on how to do something. For **example**writing any articles on Geeks for Geeks related to computer science field comes under technical writing.

**Features of Technical Writing**

1. **Use of familiar and easy words:** In professional and technical writing, instead of the abstract words, familiar words should be used. Technical writing does not require verbose style or circumlocution. Hence the writer should not use too many words.
2. **Use of clear sentences:** the writer should place the main idea at the outset. He should follow normal word order- subject-verb-object. In this word order, the first sentence is the topic sentence in which the main idea is presented. Later, the writer develops the idea in clear sentences.
3. **Use of sentences of moderate length:** sentences should be moderate length. Too short or too long sentences make the writings either too simple or too difficult. Generally, sentences of 12 to 25 words should be written.
4. **Use of active voice:** in the sentences written in active voice, the performer of the action is more emphasized than the receiver i.e., subject is more emphasized than the object. The active voice, therefore, helps the readers to comprehend ideas more easily.
5. **Avoid redundant phrases:** redundant phrases should be avoided.
6. **Avoid inaccurate expressions:** precision and accuracy are too important features of a technical writing. Inaccurate expressions may lead to obscurity that will ultimately mar the purpose of a technical writing.
7. **Logical division of paragraphs:** in order to make technical document clear and meaningful thoughts should be properly arranged into different paragraphs.

**2. General Writing:** General writing refers to any piece of writing which focuses in general subjects of writing and general papers are published for amusement of the reader. But sometimes many general topics also give life lessons, moral, inspiration etc. There is not such specific set of audience or readers like technical writing. It is written on subjective tone and purely personal style. For **example** writing any prose or story which will be published in a local magazine comes under general writing.

**Features of General Writing**

1. Its content may be general in nature whose basic purpose is to amuse the readers.
2. Literary/general writings are often cast in personal or subjective style.
3. The style of general writing is decorative and often includes bombastic words.
4. It is not always for a specific reader.

**Difference between Technical Writing and General Writing:**

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| **S. No.** | **TECHNICAL WRITING** | **GENERAL WRITING** |
| 01. | Technical writing focuses on factual and straight forward content. | General writing focuses on general subjects of writing. |
| 02. | Technical writing aims to impart information, instructions and explanations. | General writing aims at amusement. |
| 03. | Technical writing is based on objective tone. | General writing is based on subjective tone or personal style. |
| 04. | It follows standard structured format. | It follows artistic unstructured format. |
| 05. | It is usually based on a formal way of writing. | It may be formal or informal way of writing. |
| 06. | The voice used in technical writing is 3rd person. | The voice used in general writing is 1st person. |
| 07. | In technical writing specialized vocabulary is required. | In General writing evocative vocabulary is required. |
| 08. | Technical writing has its specific set of audience or readers. | General writing has no specific set of audience or readers. |
| 09. | Technical writing is archival. | General writing is non-archival. |
| 10. | It is accurate and more precise in manner. | It is decorative and bombastic in manner. |
| 11. | Technical writing is related to any specific area or domain. | General domain is related to any life in general. |
| 12. | It focuses on more technical words specific to the area. | It focuses on more common words suitable to the general topic. |
| 13. | For example writing any articles on Geeks for Geeks related to computer science field comes under technical writing. | For example writing any prose or story which will be published in a local magazine comes under general writing. |