

Expository Writing (SS1014)

Sessional-I Exam

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Total Time (Hrs): 1

Total Marks: 40

Total Questions: 2

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Attempt all the questions on the separate answer sheet in sequence. There is NO need to attach the question paper with the answer sheet.

CLO 3: Express ideas with logical and well supported arguments

Q1: Critically read the given excerpt and write the Critical Response Essay in 300 words.

Note: Follow the 5-paragraph Essay structure.

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- *Introductory paragraph*
- *Three body paragraphs*
- *Concluding paragraph*

The Magic of the Family Meal

Close your eyes and picture Family Dinner. The aprons, the napkins are linen, the children are scrubbed, steam rises from the green bean casserole, and even the dog listens intently to what is being said. That ideal runs so strong and so deep in our culture and psyche that when experts talk about the value of family dinners, they may leave aside the clutter of contradictions. Just because we eat together does not mean we eat right and just because we are sitting together doesn't mean we have anything to say. Often the richest conversations take place somewhere else, in the car, say, on the way back from soccer at dusk. Yet for all that, there is something about a shared meal. And on those evenings when the mood is right and the family lingers, caught up in an idea or an argument explored in a shared safe place where no one is stupid or shy or ashamed, you get a glimpse of the power of this habit and why social scientists say such communion acts as a kind of vaccine, protecting kids from all manner of harm. "A meal is about civilizing children. It's about teaching them to be a member of their culture." The researchers

found essentially that family dinner gets better with practice; the less often a family eats together, the worse the experience is likely to be, the less healthy the food, and the more meager the talk. When parents say their older kids are too busy or resistant to come to the table the way they did when they were seven. Parents sometimes seem a little too eager to be rejected by their teenage sons and daughters "We've sold ourselves on the idea that teenagers are obviously sick of their families, that they're bonded to their peer group" "We've taken it to an extreme. We've taken it to mean that a teenager has no need for his family. And that's just not true." "It's become a badge of honor to say, 'I have no time. I am so busy. Research on family meals does not explore whether it makes a difference if dinner is with two parents or one or even whether the meal needs to be dinner. For families whose schedules make evenings together a challenge, breakfast or lunch may have the same value. So, pull up some chairs. Lose the TV. Let the phone go unanswered. And see where the moment takes you.

*Source: Excerpt from "Models for Writers", first Published on June 12, 2006 in Time Magazine,
by Nancy Gibbs*

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Q2: Paraphrase the given paragraph following all conventions including the in-text citation.[15]

Karachi has seen a rise in traffic-related tragedies, with many killed by speeding dumpers, trucks, and water tankers. Public anger has led to vehicles being set ablaze. From the Bushra Zaidi accident in 1985 to recent deaths, the list of tragedies is long. Survivors face life-altering injuries. The government has formed a road-checking committee, but real reforms are needed. Traffic police selectively enforce laws, sparing law-enforcement vehicles and the wealthy. Roads are chaotic, sidewalks are disappearing, and reckless driving is rampant. Karachi needs a Citizen Traffic Liaison Committee to tackle these urgent issues.

Source:

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1892942/perilous-traffic> by Dr Noman Ahmed (February 19, 2025)

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