

Answer the following questions (2 marks each)

- How does critical thinking benefit an academic writer?
 - Writing and thinking complement each other. Thinking refines writing and writing strengthens the thoughts.
- What do you mean by non-academic writing?
 - It's informal writing without any defined pattern using simple words and phrases found in informal conversation. It may have an abrupt ending.
- What are the steps to excel in becoming academic writing?
 - Starting free writing without being worried about mistakes or logical order.
 - Keeping a journal
 - Reading
 - Thinking critically
 - Developing research skills
 - Learning the language of the discipline

- What are three major processes preceding the submission of an academic assignment?
 - They are pre-writing, writing and revising.
- What is the function of argumentative thesis statement?
 - The main function of argumentative statement is to persuade the reader to think the way the writer thinks.
- What do you mean by characters in a narrative?
 - Characters are the people in the narrative. The central character is the protagonist. The character who is against the protagonist is called the antagonist.
- What is an argument?
 - It is a reasoned claim or an opinion supported and explained by evidence.

- What are the constituents of an argumentative essay?
 - It consists of a set of debatable statements. They are classified into two: premises and conclusion.
- What is meant by a definition?
 - It is a statement that explains the meaning of a word, phrase, etc. The word may refer to an object, an idea, a concept, a type of person, a place, or a phenomenon.
- Why argumentative writing is called persuasive writing?
 - It is called so because argumentative essay attempts to persuade the reader to think the way the writer thinks.
- How can academic writing be made more effective?
 - It can be made more effective by ensuring the vocabulary is appropriate, avoiding conversational style, using sentences of varying lengths, avoiding redundant expressions, using parallelism, maintaining the tense, and removing weak phrases and using strong verbs.

- List a few words that are not gender specific expressions.
 - Chairperson, Police officer, owner, workforce, firefighter.
- What are the main functions of discourse makers.
 - Discourse markers are those words or phrases which are used to connect one discourse to another. Eg: anyway, right, okay, to begin with. They are used to. Their functions are; Balance contrasting points, Introduce a new idea, Present a counter argument, Adding, Changing of subject, Clarifying points, Summing up
- Define a sentence.
 - A sentence is a group of words arranged properly to make sense. It is the basic unit of a language, it starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop, exclamation or a question mark. It contains a subject and a verb.

- Define parallelism.

- Parallelism is a stylistic feature in writing where ideas are presented using grammatically similar or structurally identical words and expressions. When using a list of words or phrases, each expression in the list should be from the same grammatical category.
- Eg. The poem is lyrical, long, interesting and meaningful.

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- What are the advantages of a five paragraph essay?
 - A five paragraph essay consists of an introductory paragraph, three body paragraphs and a concluding paragraph.
 - Introduction: introducing the topic, thesis statement or the main idea
 - Body para 1, 2, & 3: supporting ideas
 - Conclusion: Rephrase thesis statement & Summarize the supporting ideas.
 - Its structure provides students with a safe and organized way to express their thoughts. They need that familiar structure to develop a thoughtful progression of ideas
 - For a beginner, it acts as a blueprint for a successful essay.
 - It is easy to find three supporting arguments or ideas for any topic.
 - It teaches students how to support a thesis.
 - It teaches them how to write a paragraph properly.
 - It is easy for the readers to follow the writing.

- What is meant by a case study? What are its essential components?
 - A case study is a detailed study of a specific subject, such as a person, group, place, event, organization, or phenomenon. Case studies are commonly used in social, educational, clinical, and business research.
 - The steps involved in writing a case study include (i) describing the situation (ii) Identifying the issues to be solved (iii) analysing the case using theories (iv) giving recommendations for solving the problem.
 - It encourages learning through problems.
 - It has the following format.

- Introduction
- Objectives
- Background/History
- Methodology
- Review of Literature

- Results
- Discussions
- Recommendations
- Conclusion

- What are the steps in writing an academic essay?
 - There are three steps in the process of writing an academic essay. They are Pre-Writing, Writing and Revising.
 - Prewriting means understanding the question/topic, purpose and audience.
 - It also involves brainstorming and organizing the ideas, identifying the sources for getting relevant materials and preparing an outline and deciding on the thesis statement.
 - Writing means listing the main points and supporting ideas and drafting the introductory paragraph and the body paragraphs and the conclusion.
 - Revising is checking for inconsistencies, tone, grammar, spelling, punctuation and referencing.

- Describe the inaugural function of your Arts Day Celebration.
- After a long year of waiting, that day came again. It was our Arts Day indeed. The whole college was blazing with a tremendous amount of positive energy. It was like a festival. Everyone was in beautiful color dress, and the joy seen on their faces was sublime. Everything was going on time. So was the inauguration which was scheduled at 9.30 am. The jubilation was very evident when all the seats on the stage were occupied by some great personalities. The most attractive among them were our chief guest, the young and handsome cine actor, Tovino Thomas. After the principal's inaugural address, the mic was handed over to Mr. Tovino. Even the principal was unable to control the excitement when the crowd started chanting Tovino's name. The atmosphere was electrifying....

- What are the points to remember while preparing an outline?
 - In academic writing, an outline is a framework for presenting the main and supporting ideas for a particular subject or topic. Outlines help to develop a logical, coherent structure for a paper, making it easier to translate the ideas into words and sentences.
 - Some points to remember while preparing an outline are as follows;
 - Choose the topic and establish a purpose.
 - Having a goal or objective in mind will help the writer to decide where to start and where to end.
 - Create a list of main ideas.
 - Brainstorming part. The goal is to come up with list of essential ideas.
 - Organize the main ideas.
 - Add supporting ideas.
 - The goal is to expand the original ideas
 - Review and adjust.
 - Once the outline is completed, the writer can start putting his/her ideas into full sentences and writing a logical and well-developed essay.

- What are the functions of an introductory paragraph? Attempt one based on the topic "Gold and Future".
 - First paragraph should grab the attention of the reader. It should;
 1. Invite the attention of the reader
 2. Give vital background information
 3. Present the thesis statement
 4. Provide outline statement.
- Who doesn't love gold, the most precious of all metals. Though gold is not as useful as other metals like iron and brass, it is the most valuable because it's rarity. The price and demand for Gold is increasing day by day, and it is likely to continue this way for at least the next 40 or 50 years. In a country like India, the rise can be influenced by a number of factors, from culture-related superstitions to the tendency of people to switch to safer investments...

- Describe the important writing genres employed by the academic community.
 - Essays
 - Assess students' progress – answer a question – defend an argument
 - Research Paper/Article
 - Longer than essay – provides analysis, interpretation, argument based on in-depth research – style like MLA and APA are used.
 - Proposals
 - Plan of a project, like book or research – to get fund – explains objectives and purpose.
 - Case study
 - Review of Literature
 - Part of research – summary of relevant previous writings on the same topic.
 - Dissertation/Thesis
 - Reports of research work – US, thesi, final project of MD; Dissertation, for doctoral degree – UK, it's just opposite.

- Write a five-paragraph essay on any one the following topics employing the rules and techniques of writing academic paragraph and essay:
 - The role of mother tongue in higher education sector.
 - The status of women in politics.
 - Sports and nationalism.
 - The strengths and weaknesses of social media.