

EHEE ENGLISH EXAMINATION QUESTIONS ABOUT TYPES OF PARAGRAPH/ ESSAY/ WRITING

1. Which one of the following sentences is most likely taken from a descriptive writing?
- It is very tough to get the tip of Mount Kilimanjaro.
 - At the tip of Mount Kilimanjaro, it is very windy and very cold.
 - Many people think Mount Kilimanjaro is in Kenya but it is not.
 - It took us longer than we expected to the tip of Mount Kilimanjaro. (EHEEE, 2006)

ANS: B

2. Which one of the following sentences is most likely taken from narrative piece writing?
- That day, I didn't feel like joining the group.
 - The place was unusually crowded by strange people.
 - First, we had to get together right in front of the gate.
 - Everybody had their backpack stuffed with something. [EHEEE, 2007]

ANS: C

3. Which one of the following is a line most likely taken from a narrative writing?
- The cause of the uproar remains a mystery.
 - Quite a lot of them died suffocated in the crowd.
 - I do not know how many people died that day.
 - When the clock struck seven, people started shouting and yelling. [EHEEE, 2006]

ANS: D.

4. "We climbed the mountain and decided to rest for a while. The top of the mountain was all covered with something that looked like clean 'shemma'. Some of us were experiencing snow for the first time." This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:

- A. Narrative B. Expository C. Descriptive D. Argumentative

ANS: C

5. "In front of me stood this beautiful lady with her arms round the waist of a young man. The physical make up of this man is strongly expressive tells the on looker that he was definitely reviving from some chronic illness that eroded all his stamina," This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:

- A. Narrative B. Expository C. Descriptive D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2004]

ANS: C

6. "If you take this one, there is a possibility for you to win a new microscope that the company has put on offer. You can enjoy all benefits that state-of-the-art achiness in the category could provide." This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:

- A. Narrative B. Descriptive C. Expositor D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2004]

ANS: D

7. "The claim that zoo educates people about wild life and the environment is totally unfounded. On contrary, they encourage people to see animals as a form of entertainment." These statements are most likely taken from the beginning of a/an _____ text.

- A. Narrative B. Descriptive C. Expository D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2004]

ANS: D

8. "I thought he was asking me just for a walk as I didn't hesitate to give in. He then started smartly guiding me in to a forest where the venture, however, I started realizing that he was trying to use my naivety. He remarked, 'you know, I...'" this is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:

- A. Narrative B. Descriptive C. Expository D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2004]

ANS: A

9. "We had already cruised for one and a half hours when we heard a loud bang. The driver instinctively swerved the vehicle and we came to a safe stop." This is likely part of a writing that is _____ in nature.

- A. Narrative B. Expository C. Descriptive D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2003]

ANS: A

10. Which one of the following best illustrates a sentence taken from an argumentative piece of writing?

- Four-wheel drive vehicles are available here.
- Most four-wheel drive vehicles consume more petrol.
- We hired a four-wheel-drive vehicles for the off-road trip
- It was not possible to make it even in a four-wheel-drive vehicles [EHEEE, 2003]

ANS: B

11. "The internet provided great benefits, but at the same time it has also created problems and inequalities," this piece of writing is most likely taken from _____.

- A. Narrative B. Expository C. Descriptive D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2003]

ANS: B

12. "This bird is one of a group of long-legged wading birds. It has a long beak that curves down." This statement is likely taken from the beginning of a/an _____ text.

A. Narrative B. Descriptive C. Expository D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2003]

ANS: C (This is very confusing question. The statement given has certain features of descriptive. However, the main aim of the text is not describing what that bird looks like, rather it is to classify it to certain group of bird. Since the main aim of the statement is asserting that that bird belongs to a particular group of bird, the statement is most likely taken from expository, which is used to classify and assert characteristics.)

13. "I was born in Jimma and moved to Harar with my parents when I was twelve," this is likely taken from the beginning of a/an _____ text.

A. Narrative B. Descriptive C. Expository D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2003]

ANS: A

14. Which one of the following best illustrates a sentence taken from a descriptive piece of writing?

- A. The girl standing by him is beautiful and wore blue jeans.
B. The girl standing by him is confronting the police man.
C. The girl standing by him should have really won the contest.
D. The girl standing by him has a father. [EHEEE, 2002]

ANS: A

15. "Below are **my reasons** to claim that the seminar is a better alternative to the lecture method of teaching in higher education." This is likely taken from an/a _____ piece of writing.

A. Narrative B. Descriptive C. Expository D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2002]

ANS: D

16. "The building is a small house consisting of two floors. The outside front wall is 9 long and 5m high. There is the middle of the wall at ground level." This is likely taken from a/an _____ piece of writing.

A. Narrative B. Descriptive C. Expository D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2002]

ANS: B

17. "The first time I experienced a problem with age was on my fiftieth birthday. Fifty seemed to be too much older than 49. I used to like it when people told me I looked young for my age but then I realized that they were just telling me how old I was." This piece of writing is likely to be _____.

A. Narrative B. Expository C. Descriptive D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2002]

ANS: A

18. "After a two hours walk, we come to what is suspected to be strong hold of the bandits. This place was deadly quiet and normal; life seems to have ceased functioning long ago." This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:

A. Descriptive B. Argumentative C. Narrative D. Expository [EHEEE, 2002]

ANS: A

19. "Love is an emotion that binds two individuals in a mutual attraction to one another, and a feeling of loneliness when the two individuals are not together." This piece of writing is likely to be _____.

A. Narrative B. Descriptive C. Expository D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2001]

ANS: C

20. "This has always been the weaker version. It is obviously cheaper but you cannot get same effect on this machine." This is likely taken from a/an _____ piece of writing.

A. Argumentative B. Expository C. Narrative D. Descriptive [EHEEE, 2001]

ANS: A

21. "This one is really effective. Just a spoonful of it will make all your problem go." This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:

A. Descriptive B. Argumentative C. Narrative D. Expository [EHEEE, 2000]

ANS: B

22. "We were then thrown down into the world of giants. Having seen what they do there, we then had to go to another world- the world of the dwarf." This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:

A. Descriptive B. Argumentative C. Narrative D. Expository [EHEEE, 2000]

ANS: C

23. "I was then thrown down in to the world of giants. That was a special world where everyone seemed to have been chosen for their height." This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:

A. Descriptive B. Argumentative C. Narrative D. Expository [EHEEE, 2000]

ANS: A

24. Which one of the following is a line taken from a narrative piece of writing?

A. Al together, he was extraordinarily eloquent.

- B. Then the speaker stood up and asked everyone for attention.
- C. He was so simplistic in his approach and influential in his argument.
- D. He had the art of disarming you of your opinion and making you join his bloc. [EHEEE, 2006]

ANS: B

25. Which one of the following is most likely taken from an argumentative piece of writing?

- A. Their price depends on their capacity.
- B. This is much faster than its predecessor.
- C. This one transports 500 of them every minute
- D. This is a new version of the previous ABB machine [EHEEE, 2006]

ANS:B

26. Which one of the following best illustrates an argumentative writing?

- A. Type writers are not as good as computers
- B. Some of the computers have really huge memory.
- C. We have 32 computers distributed among the staff.
- D. Computers have the ability to convert wrong spellings. [EHEEE, 2002]

ANS: A

27. Which one of the following sentences is most likely taken from a descriptive piece of writing?

- A. Computers are like TV sets.
- B. Computers can store huge amount of information.
- C. Computers can save information for later use.
- D. Computers are largely used in companies. [EHEEE, 2001]

AND: A

28. Which one of the following is most likely taken from a narrative piece of writing?

- A. It was such a delicious meal.
- B. Lunch was served at a stop-over.
- C. I wasn't sure where the lunch came from.
- D. This was much better than the lunch we had yesterday. [EHEEE, 2002]

ANS: B

29. Which one of the following best illustrates an argumentative writing?

- A. Books come in all size and shape.
- B. The price of books is going sky-high.
- C. Books are primary source of knowledge.
- D. If you like to read books, you will never get bored. [EHEEE, 2000]

ANS: D

“Dragged out of their hospital bed in Bangui, the patient were brutally kicked and beaten until they fell unconscious. Crouched in a corner of about 30 meters away from the scene, I was going on. Then all of a sudden, a young man of about 23 pulled out a machete...” This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely :

- A. Narrative
- B. Argumentative
- C. Expository
- D. Descriptive [EHEEE, 2006]

ANS: D

“Everybody was unusually punctual. There was, however, someone very important that was still expected- the driver. While everyone was eagerly waiting to leave the campus, Samuel's phone rang. It was the driver....” This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:

- A. Narrative
- B. Expository
- C. Descriptive
- D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2006]

ANS: A

“Why should the poor pay as much as the rich? First, the poor is already poor and nothing is drawn out of poverty. Second, there is a moral question of whether it would be just to add another burden to this group already saddled with...” this is taken from piece of writing that is most likely:

- A. Descriptive
- B. Expository
- C. Narrative
- D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2006]

ANS: D

“Tattoos are put in place by means of a tattoo gun, which has a cluster of needle which job in and out rapidly.” This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:

- A. Descriptive
- B. Argumentative
- C. Expository
- D. Narrative [EHEEE, 2006]

ANS: C

“Many people are less prejudiced against foreigners than they used to be in the past.” This is taken from a piece of writing that is:

- A. Descriptive
- B. Argumentative
- C. Expository
- D. Narrative [EHEEE, 2006]

ANS: B

35. "Out in the office behind his house, lemma is sweating over newspaper column. His feet are propped upon his desk and his computer key board sits on his lap." This is most likely taken from a piece of writing that is:
A. Descriptive B. Argumentative C. Expository D. Narrative [EHEEE, 2006]
ANS: A
36. "Coffee was originally used as a food and a medicine by Arabs, who cultivated it 1400 years ago in Yemen. Its use as the drink we know today only began to spread after the year 1400." This is most likely taken from a piece of writing that is:
A. Descriptive B. Argumentative C. Expository D. Narrative [EHEEE, 2006]
ANS: C (Despite its narrating historical account, this is not most likely taken from narrative. Rather it is most likely taken from expository which reveals factual information. This type of information is often written as background information of expository texts.)
37. "One of the reservations that people have about this one is that it has radioactive element in it. Very important is, however, if it has these elements in the amount that could be harmful to the user. Personally, I say this cannot be...." This is most likely taken from a piece of writing that is:
A. Descriptive B. Argumentative C. Narrative D. Expository [EHEEE, 2005]
ANS: B
38. "We then found both lying on the floor soaked in the blood. There was no question that the shut was from short distance as something that looked like content of the head lay close to what used to be the skull." This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:
A. Narrative B. Argumentative C. Descriptive D. Expository [EHEEE, 2005]
ANS: C
39. "According to government records, the number of men working or looking for work fell to a record low in the early part of 2012. But I don't think this reflects the realities of everyday life." This is most likely the introductory part of a writing that is:
A. Narrative B. Argumentative C. Expository D. Descriptive [EHEEE, 2005]
ANS: B
40. "Walk along the road in front of the post office there until you come to the football field. Behind the football field there is a street with a vegetable market. There is a café opposite the vegetable market. I am living in the villa located just next to the market." This is most likely taken from a piece of writing that is:
A. Descriptive B. Expository C. Narrative D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2005]
ANS: A
41. "Once up on the time there was an emperor who loved to spend his money on expensive things." This is an introductory part of a writing that is:
A. Narrative B. Descriptive C. Expository D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2005]
ANS: A
42. "The new office building has a contemporary look." This statement is likely taken from the beginning of an/a _____ text.
A. Narrative B. Descriptive C. Expository D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2004]
ANS: B
43. "A man and his son were once going with their donkey to a market." This most likely begins a/an _____ text.
A. Narrative B. Descriptive C. Expository D. Argumentative [EHEEE, 2004]
ANS: A
44. "She made me remember Mona Lisa. Her smiles and beauty were indescribable and as she came straight looking into my eyes, all I could do was standing dumbfounded. She got closer and closer, and her eyes shone unbearably brighter." It is taken from writing that is most likely
A. Argumentative B. Descriptive C. Narrative D. Expository
ANS: B
45. Which one of the following is most likely taken from a narrative writing?
A. Everybody ordered a meal and started waiting. C. Of all, I liked the picture hanging from the ceiling.
B. The food in the restaurant was popular for its taste. D. The meal wasn't as such expensive compared to other places.
ANS: A
46. "We met at the back of the building and started looking for a quiet place where we could sit down and enjoy the presence of each other. The area was a bit dark and we were sure no one would come there in the mid of the night. We found a corner to sit and..." These lines are most likely taken from a piece of writing that is
A. Descriptive B. Argumentative C. Expository D. Narrative
ANS: A

47. Which one of the following sentences is most likely taken from a descriptive writing?

- A. Unlike what they thought, we managed to get there early morning.
- B. The whole area was wet and smoggy making driving extremely difficult.
- C. In fact, it is good to start early morning if you want to drive long distance.
- D. At 9 o'clock, some of the people started appearing from different directions.

ANS: B

48. "When I looked up from the foot of the hill, I saw someone who was making almost to the tip and I knew it was Tesfaye. In no later than five minutes, he stood on the tip and start shouting to those of us crawling up..." This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely

- A. Expository
- B. Descriptive
- C. Argumentative
- D. Narrative

ANS: D

49. "Dressed purposely to confess her friends in the first week of school, Samrawit wears cloths she would normally never wear. With her new haircut, she really looks like a completely different person..." These sentences are taken from a piece of writing that is most likely _____

- A. Argumentative
- B. Expository
- C. Descriptive
- D. Narrative

ANS: C

50. "In his eyes I could see his desires to redeem himself and need to hit me more times than I hit him, just for the sake of it..." This text is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely

- A. Argumentative
- B. Narrative
- C. Expository
- D. Descriptive

ANS: D

51. "My coat was on the seat next to me. I took my passport out of my pocket and put in my bag in the luggage rack..." These lines are taken from a piece of writing that is most likely

- A. Argumentative
- B. Narrative
- C. Expository
- D. Descriptive

ANS: B

52. "The young man put a few morsels in his mouth and started munching. Then he nodded and said, 'Quite tasty.' After that, he looked at Debu, his friend." This is piece of writing that most likely taken from:

- A. Narrative
- B. Argumentative
- C. Expository
- D. Descriptive

ANS: A

53. "Most feature films fall in to the category of fiction because the story line for the film has been inverted." This is a piece of writing that most likely taken from:

- A. Narrative
- B. Argumentative
- C. Expository
- D. Descriptive

54. "The morning advanced. The heated air grew quite easily hotter, as if some enormous furnace from which it could draw at will." This is a piece of writing that most likely taken from:

- A. Argumentative
- B. Descriptive
- C. Narrative
- D. Expository

ANS: B

55. Which one of the following sentences best illustrates **argumentative** type of writing?

- A. Most of the people believe that psychic diseases are God's curse; however, I personally think that is wrong.
- B. Psychic disease refers to any behavior changes in a person resulting from physical, biological and psychological disorder.
- C. Psychic diseases have existed for long time but it is in sixteen century that it first was started to be treated scientifically.
- D. People with psychic diseases suffer of social isolation, maltreatment, baseless alias and some other physical harm.

ANS: A

56. Which one of the following sentences is most likely taken from a descriptive paragraph?

- A. Paul was such a quiet chap who always silent regardless of the bitter injustice.
- B. Paul says injustice that kills your work sprit and demoralizes those who work hard.
- C. Paul understands that injustice is a practice that everybody should fight and eliminate.
- D. Paul finally convinced himself that he should rebel and then went straight to his boss.

ANS: A

57. "... His ears are turned back while his noble looking head is held high. His all black coat glistens in the afternoon sun." This is taken from a piece of writing that is most likely:

- A. Descriptive
- B. Expository
- C. Narrative
- D. Argumentative

ANS: A

58. A story written by a person about his/ her experience of travelling from one place to another would most likely be _____.

- A. Descriptive
- B. Argumentative
- C. Process
- D. Narrative

ANS: D

59. "Shortly after the swifts fled, the walls of their house had fallen with a thud, and only the strong beams remained standing. By the time the house collapsed, the baby in its cradle had drifted many miles down the river. The cradle passed a village which had been..." This piece of text that is most likely taken from _____ type of paragraph.

A. Argumentative B. Descriptive C. Narrative D. Expository

ANS: C

60. "There was an all-pervading smell of the stable, of milk, of the dunghill, of hay, and of perspiration—that is acrid, fascinating yelling of man and beast peculiar to country people." This piece of text that most likely taken from _____ type of paragraph.

A. Argumentative B. Descriptive C. Narrative D. Expository

ANS: B