



Mid-term: General reading in the following broad domains.

Social media

• (role of social media in cyberbullying, doing business, social media addiction, promote or harm real-life communication, phenomena of fake identities and having different online and offline identities)

Election

 (a tool of democracy, free and fair Elections, involvement of Political parties; Security forces in elections, electronic voting machines (EVMs), rationale for introducing EVMs)

Pollution

• (Pakistan's top environmental issues; air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution; in Pakistan's major cities; main causes of air pollution. Smog, dust and smoke; environment performance index (EPI) ranking; major reasons -carbon emission, increasing populations, and deforestation).

What are cause & effect essays?

- A cause and effect essay looks at the reasons (or causes) for something, then discusses the results (or effects).
- They are one of the most common forms of organization in academic writing.
- A cause-effect essay serves one of two purposes
- 1. It shows the effects of a thing or event
- 2. It explains the causes of a thing or event
- Cause effect essays deal with the action/result relationship. They explain why things happen (causes) and what happens as a result (effects).

- There are two types of Cause and Effect Essays.
- 1. A cause with multiple effects
 - Example
 - Effects of watching too much TV
 - The cause is watching too much TV explain the effects
- 2. An effect with multiple causes.
 - Example
 - Causes of air pollution (multiple factors leading to air pollution).....
 - Air pollution is the effect... Each of the Causes or Effects listed in the thesis statement will correspond to a paragraph in the body of the essay.

Section 1 -Introduction

- Reader's hook that grabs the audience's attention
- A lead-in to the thesis(general statement/s)
- A strong thesis statement that indicates what the essay is about: its causes, effects, or both

Section 2 - Main Body

1. Body Paragraph I

- Topic sentence (indicates causes, effects, or both)
- Cause 1/effect 1 (detailed explanation with examples)

2. Body Paragraph II

- Topic sentence (indicates causes, effects, or both)
- Cause 2/effect 2 (detailed explanation with examples)

3. Body Paragraph III

- Topic sentence (indicates causes, effects, or both)
- Cause 3/effect 3 (detailed explanation with examples)

Section 3 - Conclusion

- Restate the thesis statement
- Remind the reader of the main points
- Concluding sentence

- 1. Introduction -For this particular topic, the introduction can begin with opinions for and against smoking. A possible opening can be: "A puff of smoke, the stench of burning tobacco accompanied by the sensational stinging yet pleasing feel in the throat altogether is a smoker's haven. The same swirling smoke rings are like the hangman's noose to the one who do not smoke..."
- 2. thesis: Causes of smoking -the possible general reasons for smoking ...
- *Hereditary*: The most common cause is the child's tendency to imitate their elders. It is widely observe that the child is more likely to grow up into a smoker adult if his or her parents (even one of them) smoke.
- **Stress:** Another major reason for incurring smoking habits is stress. Be it professional or personal, a large part of the smoking population recollect their experience of first smoke as an outcome of some sort of psychological pressure.
- *Curiosity:* These people are a minority community in the smoking population who did not have any external push to become a smoker but tried it just out of curiosity and gradually became an addict.
- Whatever be the causes, the **effect** is always the same. It is advised to use factual reports/surveys on the effects to make it more informative and interesting. Universally known effects are lung cancer and similar respiratory diseases. Also infections in and around the mouth or cancer of throat are the deadliest of these effects. Others include chronic coughs, and related hazards.
- 3. Conclusion The hazards of smoking have always been a topic of innumerable debates. While smokers defend their habit as healthy for themselves and that they will fall sick if they are forced to quit, it is universally accepted that smoking is death trap even for non-smokers

Cause and Effect Transition Words

The following transition words explain the impact of something:

- accordingly
- as a consequence
- as a result
- because
- consequently
- due to
- Hence
- if/then
- therefore
- then
- thus

- 1. As a result of global warming, the polarbears' habitat is at great risk.
- 2. Brushing one's teeth fights off cavities; hence, individuals should try to brush twice daily
- If students want to do well on quizzes, then they should complete homework assignments.

Write a five paragraph essay on any one of the following topics: Readers hook interesting facts /statistics

- 1. Why growing numbers of people shop online?
- 2. What causes a video game to be popular?
- 3. Causes/Effects of the Popularity of Fast Food Restaurants.
- 4. What is the cause (or the effect) of people not getting vaccinated?
- 5. What effect does cell phone use have on teenagers?

Effect #1

Cause #2

Effect #2

Cause #3

Effect #3

