

ESSAY WRITING TEST

CODE: 9112

FINALS

Max. Marks : 60

Duration : 60 Mins.

General Instructions :

1. Please find the separate Answer Sheets along with the question paper.
2. Mention your Test Code, Student ID, Name, Class, Section, Contact no. and School Name on the Answer Sheet as per Question Paper and Hall Ticket.
3. This question paper contains 6 Essays in which you have to write only 5 Essays in 120-150 words. Each Essay carries 12 marks. The duration is 60 minutes.
4. Please read the instructions carefully before attempting the question.
5. Answer questions in Answer Sheet only.
6. Don't write or tick anything on the question paper.
7. Use only Black or Blue Ball Point Pen to answer the question in Answer Sheet.
8. Submit only answer sheet(s) to the invigilator.

1. ROAD SAFETY

2. THE IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL EXERCISE

3. THINGS I LIKE TO DO

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5. NOISE POLLUTION

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MODEL ESSAYS

1. ROAD SAFETY

Everyday many people are involved in road accidents. Some are killed. Many more are injured or maimed. So it is important for us to learn to use the roads properly and safely. No sane person would like to be involved in an accident.

As the roads are very busy now a days, we should be very careful when crossing one. It is safer to use a pedestrian crossing or an overhead bridge whenever one is available. Never cross a road by dashing across it. That is inviting trouble. If there are no crossings, then we must look carefully right and left and cross only when it is safe to do so.

Some of us take the bus to school. It is important that we do not try to get on or off a bus while it is still moving. I tried to get on a moving bus once. It dragged me a short distance and nearly ran over me. I was lucky to escape with only some scratches on my legs. Also we must not fool around while in the bus. A suddenly lurch can send us knocking our heads against something hard.

Using a bicycle can be dangerous too. We must pay attention on the road and never cycle too far out to the middle of the road. We must obey all traffic rules. Also we must make sure our bicycles are in good condition with working brakes, lights etc.

These are some things we can do to avoid accidents. However there is no guarantee that we will never be involved in one. The important thing is to stay alert at all times while using the roads. We must know what is happening around us. In that way we can take necessary action to avoid danger whenever we see one. Road safety is very much up to how we use the roads. Use them carefully and we may be able to use them for a long time. Use them carelessly and we may never be able to use them again.

2. THE IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL EXERCISE

Each of us has a physical body made of muscles, blood, bones and various other living tissue. When any of these are injured or not working properly then we get ill. Nobody likes to be ill. So it is important that we keep our body healthy.

Exercising the body is one way of keeping it healthy. If we do not exercise then our muscles become weaker and we are less able to do things properly. Also the bones can become weaker and thus break easily.

There are many types of exercises that we may participate in. We may play badminton, football, netball or whatever games that we prefer. We may also jog, walk, swim or climb a mountain. Older folks prefer less strenuous exercises like Tai Chi, Yoga or a leisurely stroll in the park. For the really fit young people, there are rock-climbing, gymnastics and other physically demanding activities.

We exercise to keep the body healthy. However there are some who over do things and end up injuring themselves. It is fine to jog for a few kilometres. It is madness to jog until we are exhausted. Also they are people who become addicted to their exercises. They become unhappy when they are unable to exercise or when they lose to someone in a competition.

Exercise is important. No exercise may result in a weak body. Too much exercise may result in injury. Neither extremes are good. It is up to us to be sensible in exercising.

3. THINGS I LIKE TO DO

I like playing the guitar. Though I am not very good at it and am still learning, I can play some tunes. I spend quite a lot of time playing the guitar so much so I get scolded sometimes by my mother. I suppose I do tend to spend a bit too much time with it. Any how, playing the guitar is very enjoyable.

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I also like taking evening walks around my neighborhood. In the evening the air is cool and refreshing. The children are busy playing and the neighbors are friendlier. So I take leisurely strolls, sometimes stopping to play with other children and sometimes stopping to chat with the neighbors.

Another thing that I like doing is getting up late in the morning. During weekdays I have to get up early or I will not get to school on time. On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, it is so pleasurable to just lie in bed in the morning without having to get up and hurry to school. Again I tend to lie too long in bed and my mother has to come and tell me to get up.

Listening to the radio and watching television are also things I like to do. Of course I do not listen and watch everything. I only tune in to my favorite programmes and enjoy myself while seated on my favorite chair.

There are other things that I enjoy doing too but there seems to be not enough time to do them all. So I generally just stick to doing those I mentioned plus any others that I have time for.

4. CLEANLINESS A GOOD HABIT

Cleanliness is one of the greatest virtues. It is rightly said to be next to godliness. It is cleanliness which chiefly differentiates man from animal. A pig likes to eat dirt. A buffalo likes to wallow in mud.

A donkey likes dust the best for this purpose. Similarly, most of other animals like dirt and garbage in one way or the other. It is only man who does not like such things.

It is very important for us to observe personal cleanliness. We should wear well washed clothes. We should have a bath daily. We should pare our nails regularly.

We should keep our houses neat and clean. Dirt which often gathers in corners, harbours bacteria of all kinds. We should wash our hands thoroughly before we start to take our meals.

We should take clean, purified water and other liquids. We must not take stale foods and liquids.

We should also ensure cleanliness in streets, parks and on the roads. We should throw garbage only in the dustbin and not spread it in streets.

Besides physical cleanliness, we should also maintain mental and intellectual cleanliness. We should have good and pure thoughts. We should read healthy books. We must not watch unhealthy movies or T. V .serials.

5. NOISE POLLUTION

Loudspeakers are a great nuisance. They spread noise pollution which affects human nerves and can make a person, especially an infant, deaf or perhaps even dumb.

No, doubt, we have several other agents that spread noise pollution such as horns of motor vehicles, buzzers and hooters of factories, noises of people in markets, high volumes of TV and radio sets, jugging sounds of tractors, scooters and generators, etc., but the blaring of loudspeakers are the most obnoxious of them all.

People have no sense of realizing that silence and tranquillity are gold and even the best speech is only silver.

Day in and day out, people in disregard of any social norms, start blaring film songs on festivals and functions.

On such occasions, they think they have got the right and licence to disturb the people.

The infants, the patients and the students are the most effected class. The poor students who have to appear for some examination cannot concentrate on studies. The patients can't get a blink of sleep.

Loud speakers, including those used for religious purposes, must be banned if the government have any real regard for people's health.

6. THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCCESS

All men and women want success, but only a few have it. They know the secret of success. Success comes by hard work and perseverance. A lazy man or woman cannot succeed.

A lazy student can seldom achieve good grades. If you are not prepared to work hard you should not expect good results.

If you want to succeed you must know the value of time. Time is money. Lost time means a lost opportunity. The punctuality and economy of time lead to success and happiness.

Life is too short to be wasted. And there is so much to be done. All great man and women have complained of shortness of life. One becomes great and successful just as one knows how to make best use of time.

As I cast my glance there, to my horror, I found a child drowning in the canal. Without a moment's hesitation, I jumped into the canal. Fortunately, I had learnt swimming and was quite good at that.

I caught hold of the child in my arms and put him on my back. I at once swam back towards the bank.

As i reached the bank, the old lady's eyes glistened and she could not withhold the tears of joy. But the child was unconscious and clearly it was not yet the proper moment for rejoicing. I assured the old lady that I would do whatever I could to save the life of the child.

I put the belly of the child on a stone which was lying nearby. As the excessive water in his stomach came out through his mouth, he opened his eyes. Now, the old lady's and, of course, my joy knew no bounds.

ESSAY WRITING TIPS

I) **Before the Exam** : Prepare and Practice

Writing a good essay requires synthesis of material that cannot be done in the 20-30 minutes you have during the exam. In the days before the exam, you should :

- 1. Anticipate test questions.** Look at the question from the last exam.
 - Did the question ask you to apply a theory to historical or contemporary events?
 - Did you have to compare/contrast theories?
 - Did you have to prove an argument?
 - Imagine yourself in the role of the instructor--what did the instructor emphasize?
 - What are the big ideas in the course?
- 2. Practice writing.** You may decide to write a summary of each theory you have been discussing, or a short description of the historical or contemporary events you've been studying. Focus on clarity, conciseness, and understanding the differences between the theories.
- 3. Memorize key events, facts, and names.** You will have to support your argument with evidence, and this may involve memorizing some key events, or the names of theorists, etc.

Organize your ideas. Knowledge of the subject matter is only part of the preparation process. You need to spend some time thinking about how to organize your ideas. Let's say the

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question asks you to compare and contrast what regime theory and hegemonic stability theory would predict about post-cold war nuclear proliferation. The key components of an answer to this question must include :

- A definition of the theories
- A brief description of the issue
- A comparison of the two theories' predictions
- A clear and logical contrasting of the theories (noting how and why they are different)

II) In the Exam

Many students start writing furiously after scanning the essay question. Do not do this! Instead, try the following :

1. **Perform a "memory dump."** Write down all the information you have had to memorize for the exam in note form.
2. **Read the questions and instructions carefully.** Read over all the questions on the exam. If you simply answer each question as you encounter it, you may give certain information or evidence to one question that is more suitable for another. Be sure to identify all parts of the question.
3. **Formulate a thesis that answers the question.** You can use the wording from the question. There is not time for an elaborate introduction, but be sure to introduce the topic, your argument, and how you will support your thesis (do this in your first paragraph).
4. **Organize your supporting points.** Before you proceed with the body of the essay, write an outline that summarizes your main supporting points. Check to make sure you are answering all parts of the question. Coherent organization is one of the most important characteristics of a good essay.

- 5. Make a persuasive argument.** Most essays in political science ask you to make some kind of argument. While there are no right answers, there are more and less persuasive answers. What makes an argument persuasive?
- A clear point that is being argued (a thesis)
 - Sufficient evidence to support that thesis
 - Logical progression of ideas throughout the essay
- 6. Review your essay.** Take a few minutes to re-read your essay. Correct grammatical mistakes, check to see that you have answered all parts of the question.

III) Things to Avoid

Essay exams can be stressful. You may draw a blank, run out of time, or find that you neglected an important part of the course in studying for the test. Of course, good preparation and time management can help you avoid these negative experiences. Some things to keep in mind as you write your essay include the following:

- 1. Avoid excuses.** Don't write at the end that you ran out of time, or did not have time to study because you were sick. Make an appointment with your TA to discuss these things after the exam.
- 2. Don't "pad" your answer.** Instructors are usually quite adept at detecting student bluffing. They give no credit for elaboration of the obvious. If you are stuck, you can elaborate on what you do know, as long as it relates to the question.
- 3. Avoid the "kitchen sink" approach.** Many students simply write down everything they know about a particular topic, without relating the information to the question. Everything you include in your answer should help to answer the question and support your thesis. You need to show how/why the information is relevant -- don't leave it up to your instructor to figure this out!

EXPECTED ESSAYS

1. Road safety
2. My hobby
3. My neighbour
4. Diwali
5. Republic Day
6. My favourite subject in school
7. A visit to the market
8. My classmates
9. A Birthday Party
10. The day I won a prize
11. The importance of physical Exercise
12. Teachers' Day
13. Independence Day
14. Holi
15. Christmas
16. Games I like to play
17. Places I like to visit
18. My favourite Time of the day

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19. Visiting a Book Fair
20. A visit to a Jungle
21. A Robbery
22. Things I like to do
23. Some Funny people I have met
24. Preparing for an Examination
25. How I spent the weekend
26. My Best Friend
27. A Cricket Match
28. A Farmer
29. A visit to a Historical Place
30. Good Health a Good Gift
31. Cleanliness A good habit
32. Honesty is the Best Policy
33. A Foot ball Match
34. A house on Fire
35. Delhi - The capital of India
36. My Ambition
37. Mahatma Gandhi
38. Sports in School
39. The importance of discipline
40. Science - A blessing or a curse

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41. Noise Pollution
42. National Integration - The need of Hour
43. Television Today
44. The importance of Games
45. The Value of Science
46. A visit to a Hospital
47. What is an Ideal Citizen
48. News Paper Today
49. The fear of examination
50. My motherland
51. The importance of Success
52. My Pocket Money
53. Train Robbery
54. Wonders of Science
55. Slow and Steady wins the Race
56. A day in a over Crowded bus
57. Ways of improving My English
58. Power failure
59. At A Shopping Complex
60. The way we eat

