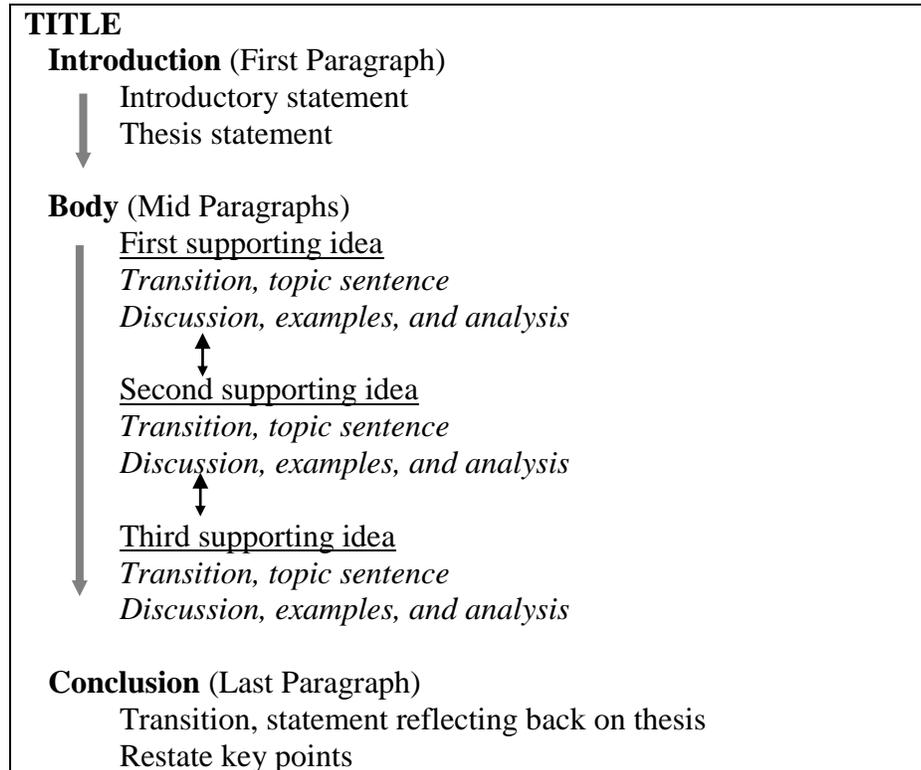


English Series 10 Section Writing

8. Essay Writing

Here is a structure of a model essay :



Read these points to know the organization and types of essays:

- The **introductory** statement could be an anecdote, quotation, saying, description, striking statistic, a fact that will lead to the thesis statement.
- The main idea of the essay is stated in a single sentence called the **thesis** statement.
- **Supporting** paragraphs make up the main body of the essay. They develop the main idea of your essay.
- A **topic** sentence is the sentence that explains what the paragraph is mainly about. Each paragraph should have one topic sentence.
- We use special transition words to link your supporting paragraphs together. Here are some **transition** words- first, second, third, however, even though, nevertheless, therefore, in addition to, as a result of, consequently, furthermore, also, despite, etc.

Read the following sample essay:

My School

The **first** paragraph introduces the topic. It often starts with a definition, an example, a saying or quotation. It tells the reader what information about the topic you are going to include in your essay.

A school is a place where we go to get education. The name of my school is Divine Grace Academy. It is a secondary school. It was established in 1989. Our school has nice buildings. It provides excellent education.

Our school has sufficient buildings and playgrounds. There are twenty classrooms and we have separate rooms for science labs, libraries and language labs. There is a big playground where we play games and sports. There is also a small garden where we plant various flowers.

Our school provides quality education. All our teachers are highly qualified and competent. They are very friendly and teach us nicely. They also help us for extracurricular activities. We take part in various extra-activities like debate contest, quiz contest, essay competition, games and sports, one act play, etc.

To sum up, our school has been a good place for education and all the students and parents are satisfied from its infrastructure and its ways of imparting an all-round education

The **mid** paragraphs contain ideas that describe the main idea of the essay topic. The ideas are grouped into various paragraphs. Each paragraph should have a topic sentence that tells us what the paragraph is going to be about.

The **last** paragraph or concluding paragraph ends the essay. It simply reminds the reader what they have learnt in the essay in brief.

Read these essays.

My Favourite Teacher

A teacher is a good source of inspiration and knowledge for students. A child idolizes his teachers more than anyone else in his life. I study in SB Academy. There are about 30 teachers in my school. I know them all. I like all of my teachers. They all are very kind and loving. But my favourite teacher is my Miss Ruby Rai. She teaches us English.

Miss Rai is intelligent and a master of her subject. This is one quality that impresses all the students. She speaks English fluently with clear pronunciation. She presents the lessons in the classroom with full of fun activities and examples. She makes English lessons so easy for all of us that we all enjoy it. She gives us assignments regularly and corrects them nicely. She makes us do English project work time to time and tells us to participate in various extra-curricular activities.

Not only she possesses excellent teaching techniques, she has some other important qualities that a good teacher should have. She is much disciplined but not so strict. The students are not terrified of her. In fact, we feel at ease when she is around. She is very soft spoken, kind, gentle,

helping and caring. She is always ready to listen patiently to the problems of the students. We eagerly wait for her period everyday and feel very sad when she is absent.

Therefore, Miss Rai is an ideal teacher for us. She teaches us about things in the world and shares with us her knowledge and wisdom. She also leads us on the path of truth, light, eternal wisdom and everlasting virtues. All these qualities make her a favourite of not only me but all the students.

An Ideal Citizen

People who have the legal rights to live in a particular country are its citizens. If all of them are citizens, what type of person is called an ideal citizen? An ideal citizen is a citizen that has some distinguished qualities that make him different from others.

First of all, an ideal citizen is more importantly a true human being. He has great respect for all religions, his society, his neighbours, his family, and for oneself. He is honest and does not believe in discrimination and traditional beliefs. He treats others accepting them as human beings, irrespective of their religions, casts, countries, sex and colour.

Moreover, an ideal citizen has three basic duties to himself. The first is to acquire the best possible education. The second duty is the ability to write to his local council about a social problem, or to express a political view in a letter to the newspaper. The third duty is the ability to work hard and intelligently. Hard work has a good formative value on character as well as being the essential factor in personal success.

Another important quality is an ideal citizen is that he must respect the law of the land in which he lives. Democracy is based on the rule of law but can only be maintained if there is a vast majority of law-abiding citizens. An ideal citizen pays his taxes regularly and detests such practices as corruption, smuggling, terrorism, black-marketing, etc.

Finally, an ideal citizen has an undoubted responsibility to his country. He considers his country above his personal interest. He is a true patriot. He lives and dies for the country. As our country is passing through a difficult period of struggle, it does not seem to have a high percentage of ideal citizens.

To sum up, all the citizens of a country should be ideal . For that, we must try to obtain all the qualities an ideal citizen possesses. Only then our society and nation could reach the zenith of glory.

Importance of the English Language

There are about seven thousand living languages in the world. Among them, the English language is an international language that is spoken all over the world. It is spoken by more than 300 million native speakers, and between 400 and 800 million foreign users. Over the years, English has been of great importance for us.

One main importance is that the world's best books are written in the English language. So a person with sound knowledge of English can get great academic achievement in his career. In many countries, English is the main medium of science, literature, commerce and international studies. Realizing this importance, the Ministry of Education in Nepal has also started teaching English from primary level.

In addition to its importance in academic field, English is a means not only for international

commerce; it has become increasingly essential for inter-state commerce and communication. Without its knowledge, one cannot read the instructions written on many products or things that we use in our life. It is the official language of air transport and shipping; the leading language of international conference, technology, computers, commerce, employment, etc. Overall, we find the English language used in every aspect of our life so it has become an important language.

Value of Time

Time and tide waits for none. It is a popular English proverb. If you stand by a river and watch it, it goes on flowing regularly. Time is the same thing as the flowing river. Once it passes, it never comes back again.

Time is roughly divided into three parts. They are past, present and future. Past is already passed. You cannot get it. Future is always uncertain. You cannot foretell it. Nobody knows what happens in future. But the present is your time. You can use it as you like. A person's life is in his own hand. What do you like to make yourselves? Make plan and mould it in the present time.

Our life is like the time. It is also flowing like the water of a river, blowing like the wing and passing together with the time. Neither an adult can get his childhood nor can an old man get his youth back again. A person is strong, active, energetic and intelligent in his youth. He can do many things in this stage. But he can't do them in his old age.

If a person stands facing towards the east at 8 am, he cannot see the scene of sunrise. He must get up before six to see it. So if you like to be a good learner or do something valuable in your life, you must do in time. You must work hard to be successful. If you don't grab the chance now, you will only have to regret in your old age. So we should be very careful about the time.

Importance of Extra curricular Activities

The students of some schools are far better than other schools. There might be many other reasons behind it, but the most important reason is 'the extra curricular activities' performed in schools.

For the all round development of a student only the course books and class room teaching are not enough. They must be involved in extra curricular activities. These may include games, quiz contests, spelling contests, dancing, singing, oratory contests, drawing, writing poems, stories, essays, etc. Games help them develop physically and other activities broaden their mind.

Educating student doesn't only mean to teach each and every line of textbooks and solve mathematical problems. To educate means, to develop the inherent capacity of the students. For this purpose we should give them chances to take part in the activities of their interest. How can we find out which student has the potentiality to become a singer until we give him/ her chances?

It is human nature that everyone likes to win and do things better than others. A student who is weak at theoretical study can be brilliant at other extra curricular activities. If we give students

chances to take part in these activities, they will not fall into bad company. Rather, they will use their free time in creative works.

Education for Girls

Education is the light of life. It cultivates life. It makes people social and civilized. It gives us knowledge, skills and techniques to apply in our practical field. It gives us ideas to do things in different places. It gives us ideas to find out the right and wrong, good and bad, etc. The next thing it gives us is the sense of responsibility. We can't do anything until we are responsible.

The number of girls nearly makes half of the human population. To leave the girls uneducated means to make half of the people uneducated. The girls of today are the mothers of tomorrow. It is said mother is the first teacher and home is the first school of a child. Now, we can realize what the children of an uneducated mother will be like. If a man is educated, only he is educated, but if a woman is educated the whole family is educated. We must educate mothers to educate children. Only then we can educate the family. Gradually, we can educate the locality, society and then the whole country.

Men and women are like two wheels of a cart. If one wheel of the cart is broken, how can the cart go ahead? In the same way, if women remain uneducated, unskilled or ignorant, how can we develop our society? How can our cart of civilization and progress go ahead? It is also necessary to educate girls because uneducated ladies cannot be the life partners of educated men. If one is educated and the other is not they won't have good understanding and co-operation.

Educated women are not inferior to men. If they get chance, they can do as good as men. Therefore, for the all-round development of a country, girl education should be given a good priority.

Modern Inventions

This is 21st century. This is the age of science and technology. Our lives have been drastically changed during these few years because of science and technology. Now we can live in a warm place in a cold season, in the same way we can cool the hot rooms and live in a temperature of our need.

People in Kathmandu are consuming the things produced in Moscow, Beijing or any other places of the world. We can even eat a readymade item made in foreign countries as fresh as we have just made. We can talk to people living in any place of the world in a few seconds with the scene as if we are talking face to face. If any event happens in any corner of the world, it spreads all over the world with sound and picture in a second.

These are all because of revolution in science and technology. The inventions made in the transport sector brought a great change in our lives. They added comforts and made people dream of other new things. The next great invention is the electricity which added unexpected facilities to the people. After this the invention of computers brought further more wonders to us. Sometimes it seems a magic to see the effects of these inventions.

It's true we have got so much change in human life. But we have been dependent on the

inventions. We cannot do even very easy things ourselves. Students use calculator machine to add 5 and 3. Our food may not be prepared if electric power supply is cut. If we have to go o a local market, we need a bike or at least a bicycle, we can hear the news everyday. No news is heard where there is no accident, plane crash, murder etc. Anyway, we have to live in the world using these all inventions.

Importance of Physical Exercise

A famous quote by Earl of Derby well defines the topic ‘Those who do not find time for physical exercise will have to find time for illnesses’. Physical exercise is any bodily activity that maintains physical fitness and overall health.

We do different kinds of activities like dancing, games, aerobic, jogging, walking, running, swimming, yoga, etc as regular exercises. People do these physical fitness activities for various reasons.

Physical exercise helps for weight loss or maintenance and for enjoyment. Regular exercise burns fat from our body and helps to lose weight. We go to gym or yoga centres or play indoor and outdoor games to remove toxic fat from our body. The activities like skating, dancing, cycling, etc are also done for enjoyment. People love doing them.

Likewise physical exercise makes our immune system better, and helps to prevent some diseases like heart disease, diabetes and obesity. It may help decrease the effects of childhood obesity. The research has shown that it also helps to cut genetic obesity. It also improves mental health and helps to prevent depression. We can find old age people doing various kinds of yoga, walking and jogging to get relief from old age health problems.

It is said that good daily activity, good balanced diet and good thinking are necessary to lead a happy life. These things are directly or indirectly maintained by frequent and regular exercise. So to keep ourselves healthy and well, we must exercise.

Rivers in Nepal

A massive amount of water flowing from one place to another is a river. Rivers are the greatest natural resources in Nepal. There are many rivers in Nepal. Some of the big rivers of Nepal are Mechi, Koshi, Bagmati, Narayani, Kaligandaki, Seti, Mahakali, Rapti, Seti, and Karnali. Actually they originate from high Himalayas. Rivers are very important for us.

Firstly, water from rivers is used for irrigation, secondly, for generation of hydroelectricity and for domestic purpose. Rivers are important also for scenic beauty. Many tourists love watching the flow of water and rivers are also used for rafting and even for transportation.

In spite of such advantages of rivers, people are polluting water resources by throwing wastage garbage, dead bodies, and waste materials. People have managed their drainage in rivers. Pollution of water in rivers has caused a great disadvantage for people themselves.

Our main challenge is that we are not being able to fully harness the water resources available in our country. So, we should take good advantage of resources available in our country. And for that protection of rivers is very much essential.

Child Labour

Children are always innocent and they are like the buds of flowers. Playing, singing, learning, eating, clothing and getting love are the inherent rights of the every child. When a child is deprived of these facilities and does hard labour for livelihood that is child labour. They are mainly involved in agriculture, household works, trade, construction works, factories, transportation, collecting waste materials and so on.

The main cause of child labour is poverty. Children are compelled to work to supplement the income of the family. Family disputes and lack of proper affection of their parents also lead children to town and join hard labour. Illiteracy and discrimination of castes are also possible causes of child labour.

Although many national and international agencies are activating their efforts to abolish child labour, it is still increasing in practice. To eliminate child labour, mainly two things: awareness and ample opportunities of employment should be provided to the people.

Importance of Women Education

Education is an important requirement for human life. It is as much necessary as food, cloth and shelters. Women who cover half of the present total population must not be left uneducated and in darkness. Their duties do not end in cooking and feeding. A woman of a house has a much wider range of work to do than a man has. She has a greater need of education than a man does. It is thought that both man and woman must be equally educated and they are like the two wings of a bird.

It is true that a home is the first school of every child and the mother is the first teacher. She must know how to nurse and take care of the child. The mother teaches her child what to do and what not to do. A well-educated mother can give a good environment to her child for well growth and for better education.

Because of the polite behaviour and the diplomatic speech, a well-educated woman can keep the house in right order, in peace and in happiness. She can also help the family with financial support as she can have a good job and earn good money.

It should also be considered where there is good respect of women; there is always happiness and prosperity.

Practice Questions:

1. Write an essay on; "Unemployment in Nepal" in about 150 words:

Meaning of unemployment - causes of unemployment - its consequence - solution.

2. Write an essay on 'Forests of Nepal' in about 200 words. You can take help of the following clues:

Introduction.....advantages.....present situation.....suggestions. ... and Conclusion.

- 3. Write an essay on "The Importance of Women's education in New Nepal" in about 200 words use the following clues:**

Meaning of education - women's position in our society - importance of women education - conclusion.

- 4. Write an essay on computer in about 200 words. Use the following clues:**

Introduction its application science business sports etc. conclusion.

- 5. Write an essay on 'The Role of Parents' in about 150 words using the clues:**

Introduction.... Parents as role model for children....children constantly imitate their parents good parents.....causes because of which children go off the track learn good things.....solutionimportanceconclusion.

- 6. Write an essay on 'The importance of Women Education in Nepal' in about 200 words. Use the following clues:**

Need of education..... Place of a man and woman in a society..... Condition of women in Nepal..... Some efforts for women education..... Scholarships and special provision for women..... Awareness campaign in the remote areas..... Conclusion.

- 7. Write an essay on 'Natural Resources in Nepal' in about 200 words. Use the following clues:**

Introduction.....names of resources and their utilities..... Suggestions..... conclusion.

- 8. Write an essay on "Political Change in Nepal" in about 200 words. Use the following clues:**

Background..... Shah dynasty ruled over 200 years..... Autocratic system..... army responsible for the King and his family..... King Gyanendra's military coup More direct King rule over 10,000 people killed all party united 12 points agreement protests, rallies and slogans curfew violated army/police shot people..... martyrs parliament reinstated Constituent election..... Constituent assembly unanimously declared Democratic Republic Nepal Jestha 15, 2064 B.S..... Independent sovereign citizen of Nepal.

9. News Paper Article

- a. Write a news paper article to be published in a news paper explaining the problem caused by rubbish.**

Problem caused by Rubbish

We people love living in cities. Because of some facilities, the population is growing very fast. The number of people doesn't grow alone. Together with it the traffic and the dirt is grown too. Houses have been built in fertile lands leaving no open space to breathe.

We have to face serious problems because of the rubbish thrown every where in the city, we can not walk around the city with our nose open, I would like to draw attention of the authorities through your popular newspaper.

The authority is so much negligent. It seems they don't have eyes to see and ears to hear the request of the people. They seem as if there is no problem. The dirt remains on the roadsides for

weeks and sometimes more than that. The environment is full of stink. The street dogs are roaming out of control. They may pass on rabies to the people.

We wonder when the authority will take care of it. I think the municipality can do something for the remedy. I strongly request the authority that they should train the people to manage the rubbish. We can separate the waste material coming from the kitchen to make fertilizer. We can collect the plastic and metal pieces and sell them and we can set up recycle centers. We can setup biogas projects and replace LP gas.

We can very often read these kinds of views in the newspapers, but they remain only in the seminars and workshops. Please bring them into practice. It is too late to think over it. Our life depends on us. Let's think before it is too late to control. It is said, "A stitch in time saves nine." Let's do something and show we are civilized.

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Practice Questions:

1. Write a newspaper article to be published in a daily newspaper explaining a recent event in your school.

2. Write a news paper article to be published in a newspaper explaining the difficulties caused by the strikes to the students.

3. Write a newspaper article on 'The growing use of computer in student life' in about 200 words:

Introduction.....how does it help the students.....advantagesdisadvantages.....what would happen if there were no computers.....conclusion.

5. Write a newspaper article in about 200 words on 'Tourism in Nepal' using the following hints:

Introduction– tourist and tourism– prospects of tourism in Nepal– advantages and disadvantages– achievements in the past– suggestions for improvement– government roles– individual roles– conclusion.

6. Write a newspaper article in about 200 words on 'Domestic Animals in Nepal' using the following hints:

Names of domesticated animals– various uses of those animals– conditions of those animals– efforts and ways to improve– support from the government– conclusion.

7. Write a newspaper article (in about 200 words) on "Importance of Preserving Water Resources" using the following hints.

Water resources in Nepal- their uses - how they have been misused-ways of preserving water resources - conclusion.

8. Write a newspaper article on 'Environmental pollution' with the hints given below:

Meaning of Environmental pollution - kinds and causes of pollution - pollution in the cities of Nepal - suggestions.