

UNIT 3

WRITING

Lecture No.-24

Essay writing

- It is thought to be the most effective test of ability of a candidate to express his thoughts on a topic.
- An essay is a very sensitive part of self expression. It is a harmonious blending of thought and expression. If the thought

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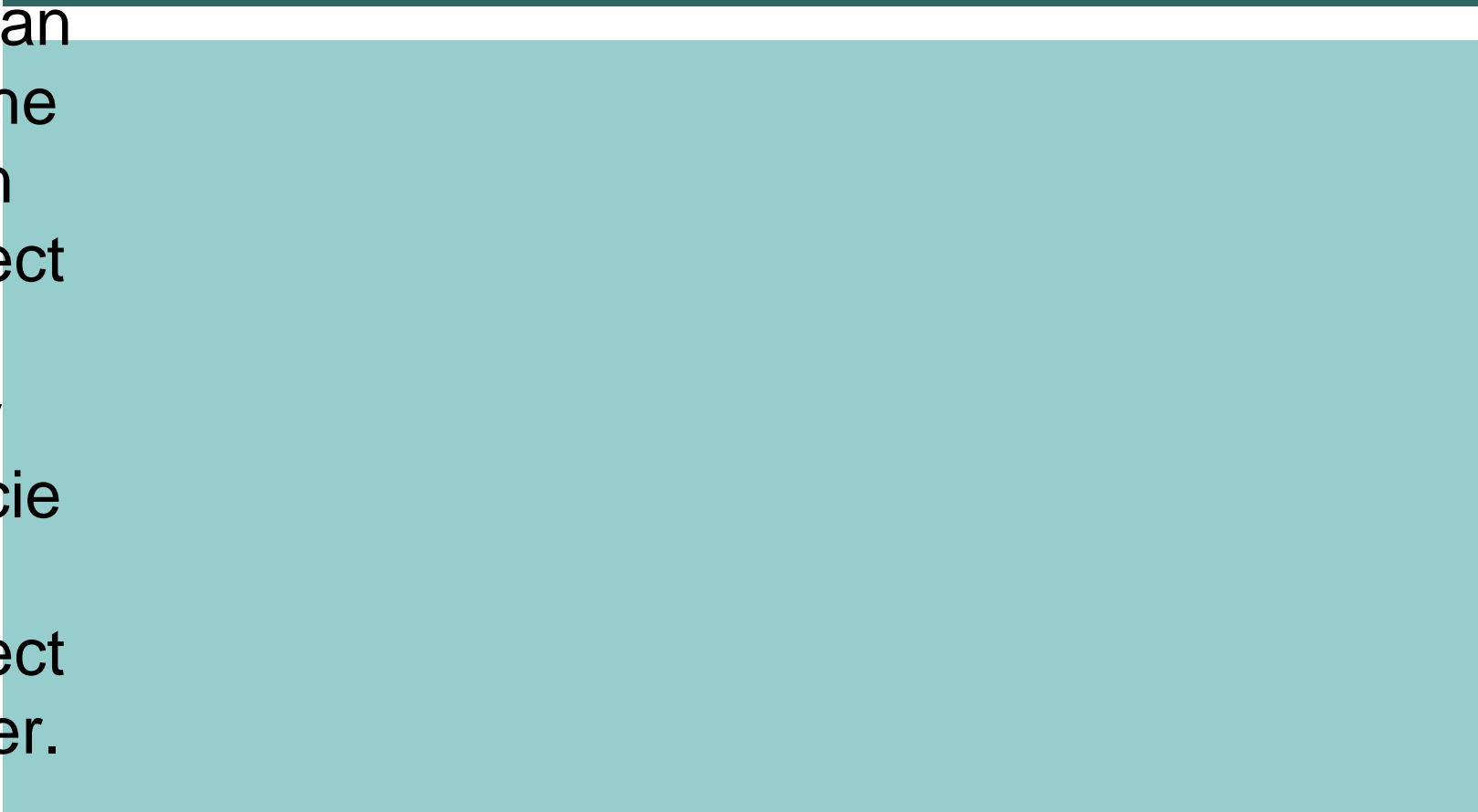
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Guidelines of a good Essay

- 1) Define scope of essay; Before you start writing an essay, it is important to define the scope of the subject. It is here that most students fail.
- Jot down the ideas; Having defined the scope of essay, jot down the ideas as they occur to you. Be sure that the ideas you are jotting

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- Prepare the outline; Now it is time to arrange these ideas that prepare your outline.
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relevant to the
subject. The conclusion has also to be
thought of before hand. You must know
how you are going to conclude your
essay.

Develop different points for different
paragraphs. Revise, if there is time.

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- UNIVERSITY Notes
- Never be irrelevant. Do not ever overload your essay with statistics. Use simple language. Develop the habit of reading

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Types of essays

- 1) narrative essays
- 2) Argumentative essays
- 3) Reflective essays
- 4) Descriptive essays
- 5) Imaginative essays

Narrative essays

- Here the incidence or happening is narrated in a chronological order. We adopt the style of narrator or a story teller, gradually moving towards the climax or main events. An example of

narrative essay is “ The day when
~~every thing went wrong with me.~~”

2) Argumentative essay

- It deals with subject or subjects which have conflicting views and opinions. They are written on topics which are meant for debate. And where people hear arguments both in favour and against the topic. An

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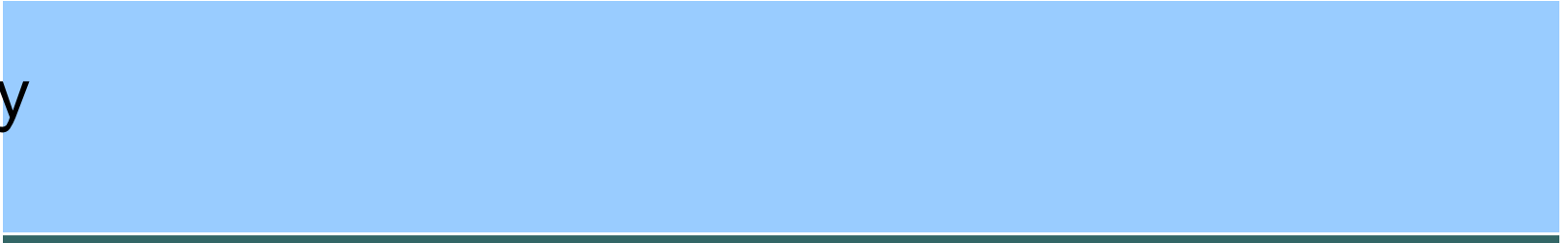
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3) Reflective Essay

- It contains the thoughts of the author. It can be written on abstract topics or on important problems. It generally tests the general awareness and understanding of the writer on a given topic. It also throws light on the maturity of ideas. In such essays we have to organize the facts logically and draw to conclusion. An example of these types of

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4) Descriptive essay

- Here the writer describes an event, an object. He tries to create visual images and paint pictures afterwards. Here we should be clear about the ideas. An example of this type of essay is “My favorite book.

5) Imaginative essay

- In such essay one imagines one self. In such situation one can fly in the imaginary world or on the plane of imagination and then starts writing. An example of this type of essay is " If I were the Prime Minister of India?"

Imaginative essay