

## **Diary / Blog Writing**

Lord Byron rightly said "Words are things; and a small drop of ink, falling like dew upon a thought, produces that which make thousands, perhaps millions think."

Diary / blog writing is a talent which needs patience and special techniques and in turn it makes your writing effective and captivating, attractive and influential. Blog writing, specially offers a vast canvas to publish a piece of writing in a matter of seconds by the simple check of an "upload" button. In fact, computers and information technology has changed the way writers write, editors edit, reviewers review and readers read.

### **DIARY WRITING**

A personal diary gives an account of daily happenings, appointments and other important incidents.

A diary entry should be short. It should give a brief summary of your feelings, of the events you wish to record.

Hence diary writing is a private way of recording the events around us.

Diary writing is one of the most personal and informal categories of writing. Diary writing can be based on an experience, a scene, a description or narration of certain event or any other thing or activity that the writer considers worth writing in her/his personal diary. In the examination, the question on diary writing is aimed to test your imaginative, creative and expressive skills. The required length of a diary entry according to our syllabus is about 100-120 words.

A diary entry has no fixed format or style of writing. However, a good diary entry does contain the following features.

### **GUIDELINES FOR DIARY WRITING**

A good writing contains the day, the date, place and even the time of writing. For example: Friday, 10th July, 2019 (8:00 p.m.) Delhi

A diary doesn't need any formal heading. However, it is optional. If you want you can give a suitable heading.

The style and tone is generally informal and personal. However, it depends on the subject. Sometimes the tone can be philosophical and reflective too. You can freely express your viewpoints and feelings.

As the diary is writer's personal document, the diary entry doesn't need any signature. It is totally optional.

You can evolve your own suitable style depending on the topic of your writing.

### **FORMAT**

- Date/Day
- Salutation "Dear Diary"
- Heading(Optional)
- Contents of the Diary Entry
- Signature(Optional)

### **Points to Remember**

- Creativity, imagination and expression in diary writing is tested.
- You should write as if you have really been a part of the situation.
- It is written in first person.
- One does not write about things experienced on a daily basis. Only matters of some significance are recorded.
- It is a secret record of one's life ,so one can be honest about one's feelings and emotions.

### **SAMPLE OF A DIARY ENTRY**

**In 1942 during the Second World War, when Hitler was ruling Germany, eight Jews hid in sealed off rooms at the back of an office building for two years. Anne Frank, a girl of 13, was one of them. Anne kept a diary and noted the events.**

15th June, 1944

9.00pm

Thursday

Dear Diary

I wonder if it's because I haven't been able to poke my nose outdoors for so long that I have grown so crazy about everything to do with nature. I can perfectly remember that there was a time, when a deep blue sky, the song of the birds, moonlight and flowers would have never kept me spell-bound. That's changed since I have been here.

Anne

**GUIDED WRITING :Sample 1**

You are Anurag / Anuradha of Government College, Deogarh. Last night you had a horrible dream. Taking help from the information given in the input below, make a diary entry in about 100-120 words on "A Horrible Dream that you had last night."

Life is just a dream — rarely dream — pray the dream I had last night might never comes true — first day in the exam — highly worried and confused — paper very difficult — memory failed me — couldn't recollect right answers —mind went blank — similar experience in other papers — results out — faced lot of humiliation and embarrassment — opened my eyes — it was a mere dream — God forbid it may ever come true.

**Sample Answer**

10th October 2019

Sunday

Dear Diary,

They say life itself is a dream — a 'maya'. And they also say that sometimes dreams do come true. God forbid it. I shudder to think what happens if the dream that I had last night comes true. It was really a bad dream. I was appearing in the Board-examination. It was the first day of the examination. I had the question paper in my hand. But I was highly worried, confused and irritated. It was rather a difficult paper. My memory simply failed me. The right answer would not come to my mind. When I left the examination hall, I was really dejected and disillusioned. The same thing was repeated in other papers too. Then I dreamed that the results were out. My name was not there in the list of successful candidates. I cried bitterly. It looked as if my academic career was over. Certainly, all my dreams and hopes ended in smoke. I dreamed that my classmates, teachers and neighbours were trying to console me. O God, what a humiliating and embarrassing situation! When my mother woke me up in the morning, I realised that it was just a bad dream. Life was as sweet and exciting now as it was before going to bed last night.

Signing off now,

**Sample 2**

You are Raju/Ranjana studying in a college of the University of Delhi. You are motivated by the 'Clean India Campaign' of the Prime Minister and participated in the "Clean Your Campus" drive initiated by your college. Taking help from the information given below write a diary entry in 100-120 words on the subject.

PM's 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyan' — motivated millions of young men and women like me — called a meeting of all young boys and girls — volunteers — started removing dirt in the campus — bought new bins — distributed pamphlets — enlightened public — good results — appreciable change in the mindsets — I feel proud of myself and my companions.

Participated in the Crusade Against Dirt

**Sample Answer**

12 October. 2019

Friday

New Delhi

Dear Diary,

It seems that our Prime Minister has felt the real pulse of the nation. His 'Swachha Bharat Abhiyan' or 'Clean India Campaign' has inspired and motivated millions of students, young men and women of India. I was highly impressed and motivated and wanted to be a part of the campaign. I started talking to my friends and it didn't take long to convince them. So we had a volunteer — army of fifty dedicated young boys and girls in the college. First of all, we started removing garbage and dirt from those corners in the area which had not been touched for months. We bought a few more bins for garbage to be placed at strategic places. In the beginning, the students were reluctant but gradually their indifference disappeared. We launched a public awakening campaign. We prepared posters and distributed pamphlets urging the others to make 'Clean India Campaign' a real success. Gradually our labour started showing positive results. There was an appreciable change in the mind-set of the staff and students alike. Even the support staff came out openly in our support. I felt proud of myself and the dedicated band of volunteers who helped me in this campaign. Such things arouse patriotic feelings and sense of unity among the people.

Signing off for now,

### **Sample 3**

You visited the India International Trade Fair held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Using the hints given below together with your ideas on the subject, make a diary entry in about 100-120 words of what you saw and experienced there.

As usual IITF was held at Pragati Maidan — All leading countries participated Chinese dominated the show — All states — Separate pavilions — all states of India participated- — Kashmir and Goa drew maximum crowds — Cultural programmes- Food Courts — From pins to luxury coaches — High prices dampened the spirit.

### **Sample Answer**

15th June, 2019

Friday

New Delhi

Dear Diary,

A visit to the international trade fair has always been a rewarding experience for me. Four of my close friends accompanied me there. It was a different world over there- A fairyland to be precise. The pavilions of Germany, Canada, the U.S.A. China and Great Britain attracted a large crowd.

India was represented by almost all states and establishments like the Indian Railways, Indian Tourism, L.I.C., Tatas, what and what not. The 'Food Courts' served all tastes from pizzas to 'Chholey Bhatturey'. We bought pairs of shoes, mobiles and garments.

The biggest dampener was the unruly crowd and poor management. Anyway, it was a very pleasant and rewarding experience.

**Task : Do as directed**

**Activity : Attempt a diary entry**

You are Alka/Anand of P.S. College New Delhi. You were one of the participants in the 'Run for Unity' race that was organised in New Delhi recently. Taking help from the input given below, make a diary entry in 100-120 words describing your experience of participating in such a historic event that was flagged off by the Prime Minister himself.

New regime comes with new thoughts and ideas — Modi known for his drives and dynamism — Sardar Patel rediscovered — highest statue in the world — Patel's birthday celebrated in grand style — A mini-marathon 'Run for Unity' organised in New Delhi — PM flagged off — thousands participated — Bollywood actors, industrialists, sportspersons.

**Task : Do as directed**

**Activity : Attempt a diary entry**

You are Amjad/Saira of Indore. You celebrated your eighteenth birthday with a lot of pomp and show with your family, friends and relatives. Taking help from the information given in the input, describe the happy experience in your personal diary in 100-120 words. You can invent your own details.

18th birthday — an important milestone in the life of a girl/boy — my family had decided to celebrate in grand style — all friends, relatives and classmates invited — my mother helped me choosing my outfit— decorations — lighting — birthday cake — songs and dance — congratulations — wonderful gifts — grand dinner — celebration continued till midnight.

**Task : Do as directed.**

**Activity : Attempt the following diary entry**

1. In the busy markets you often come across snake charmers. With different variety of snakes coiled around their necks, they trick the people to part with their money/gold rings and offer it to the snake, they put it in the mouth of the snake, and walk away, simply saying that the offerings have been accepted by Lord Shiva. You too were







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