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**ESSAY WRITING: PRACTICE II**

**Exercise 01:** Follow the writing directions below then write different types of essays

**A.Persuasive essay writing**

**1. *Writing situation*:** In many households containing teenagers, there are often arguments over *cell phones*.

***Directions for writing*:** Think about the importance of having a cell phone. Now, write to persuade your parents to buy you a cell phone or to allow you keep the one you already have.

**2. *Writing situation:***Teen drivers have a lot more fun than older drivers do. Teens also have more accidents. Now, some states are limiting how and when teenagers can drive to help keep the roads safer.

***Directions for writing***: Before you begin writing, think about teenagers behind the steering wheel. Now, write to persuade your state’s officials to agree with your view on teens’ driving.

**B.Expository essay writing**

**1. *Writing situation:*** Each year millions of tourists visit the state of Florida

***Directions for writing*:** Before you write, think about why Florida is a good place for vacations. Now, write to explain the reasons which make it a popular place for holidays.

**2. *Writing situation:*** Look at this quotation:” Good things are not cheap, and cheap things are not good”

***Directions for writing:*** Before you begin writing, think about the meaning of this quotation. Then, write to explain how it can reflect / can describe your experience or the experience of someone you know.

**C. Narrative essay writing**

**1.**For an audience of your classmates, write a description of a particular time and place that you know well, such as your room on a rainy afternoon, the video arcade after your school, ,or the waiting area at your doctor ‘s office on a busy day. Use as many specific sensory details as you can. Try to capture the moment, and share how you felt about it.

**2**. Think about a time when you felt you were treated unfairly. Tell about it.

**3.** Weather can affect your life. Think about a time in your life when you have been affected by some kind of weather. Write an article for a popular young people’s magazine. Tell about your experience so that to explain what it was like.

**D.Argumentative essay writing**

**1.** Is homework harmful or helpful?

**2.** Does age matter in relationships?

**3.** Do violent video games cause behaviour problems?

**4.**Is cheating out of control ?

**5**.Are actors and professional athletes paid well in Algeria ?

**Exercise 02:** Choose *two* of the suggested topics and develop them in a form of an essay. Pay attention to the method you will follow (exemplification, details, classification, cause / effect, definition, comparison….. , or description, narration, problem/ solving, argumentation, persuasion……)

**Suggested Topics :**

1-Imagine you are 80 years old, looking back at your life .What have you accomplished? What are you proud of? Have you any regrets?

2-What is the funniest thing you have ever seen or heard? Describe this amusing event and tell why do you think it was funny

3-How can you learn from other people? Give an example (s) of something you learnt from someone else and explain why and how you learnt it

4-How are you different? What makes you different from other people? How do you think this will affect your life?