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From the Editor's Desk

The Perfect Recipe for the Perfect Essay! - Sheetal Karandikar

Writing an essay is an Art. An art that evolves over a period of time. It is an art which involves different strokes and colours. While it can be metaphorically a painting on a canvas; for some it could be relatable to that delectable dish, tastefully and aesthetically laid out to create a memory of a lifetime for the person who relishes it!

So how would you be able to master this skill? How could you get yourself to make that perfect dish, from ingredient to presentation? Well, here's a recipe for you – A perfect recipe for a perfect essay!

Take a look at the 'Ingredients' and the 'Procedure'.

Ingredients:

	Ingredient	Quantity
1	Understanding of the concept	The more the better!
2	Objective i.e. an idea about the thought you wish to express	One
3	Vocabulary	As per your taste
4	Phrases	At least five in number per 100 words
5	Grammatical precision	A complete handful in every sentence
6	Different types of sentences such as questions and exclamations	A light dash every few lines
7	Creativity	To add extra flavour
8	A comprehensive conclusion	For garnishing

Procedure:

Take a fresh and clean paper and a pen. Prep up your mind with focus and determination. Concentrate on the topic laid out before you. Start gathering the ingredients (list them down on the paper)

- i) Elaborate the concept in a few simple words, the way you understand it.
- ii) If required, stop here and read a few relevant articles, opinions, facts and statistical records.
- iii) Jot down the purpose of your essay – What you want to achieve and whom you want it to impact.
- iv) Draw a mind map of words and phrases which cross your mind in context of the topic
- v) Start writing.
- vi) As you begin adding the ingredients, keep stirring them well till you achieve the right (grammatical) consistency at every stage.
- vii) Toss in a dash of a variety of sentences (question statements, exclamations, question tags etc.) to spice up your essay mildly.

viii) Add that extra flavour of creativity as you consider different perspectives in relation to the topic, at times in the form of humour, at times provoking the thoughts of readers and at times stating factual statistics too! Creativity would lie in keeping the readers moving and on their (thinking) toes, having fun catching pace with you.

The trick is prompt them to respond to each creative idea you present, like they would sense and respond to the cheese, the chilly, the pepper, the sugar, the cream and the texture in a dish they would taste!

This will make your essay truly come alive!

ix) Now that your essay is all set and ready, garnish it with a comprehensive conclusion that will leave behind a feeling of contentment and a lingering flavour in the minds of your reader!

x) VOILA! And you will have a perfect essay....

How I would love to see you emerge as Master Chef – Essay and stand out proudly in the crowd!



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ANCIENT LEGENDARY AUTHORS AND EPICS:

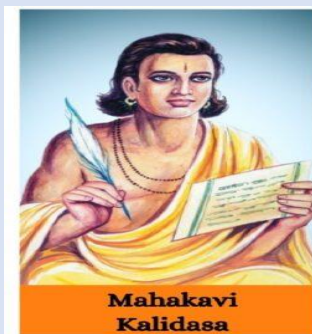
The ancient legendary authors of India, revered as the luminaries of their time, gifted the world with a treasure trove of scriptures, epics, and philosophical treatises that continue to inspire and enlighten generations.



Valmiki - Ramayana : Valmiki is revered as the author of the epic poem Ramayana, one of the most beloved and influential works in Indian literature. The Ramayana narrates the life and adventures of Lord Rama, his wife Sita, and his loyal devotee Hanuman, showcasing themes of virtue, duty, and the triumph of good over evil.



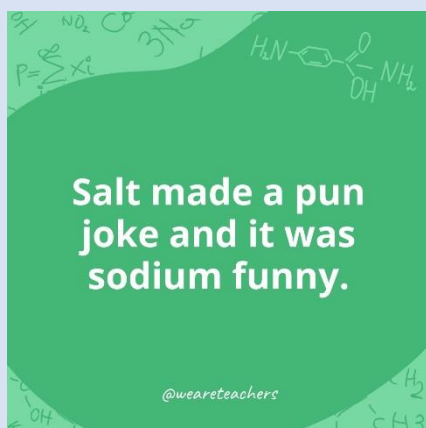
Vyasa - Mahabharata : Vyasa is the author of the Mahabharata, another epic of great significance in Indian literature. It is a vast narrative that chronicles the dynastic struggle between two sets of cousins, the Pandavas, and the Kauravas. Along with the epic battle of Kurukshetra, the Mahabharata delves into profound philosophical and moral teachings, including the Bhagavad Gita.



**Mahakavi
Kalidasa**

Kalidasa - Abhijnanasakuntalam : Kalidasa is renowned as one of ancient India's greatest playwrights and poets. His most celebrated work is Abhijnanasakuntalam (The Recognition of Shakuntala), a Sanskrit drama that tells the story of the love between King Dushyanta and the maiden Shakuntala. It explores themes of love, separation, and ultimate reunion.

PUN FOR FUN



Students contribute!



Why is snow white?

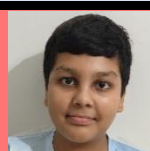
- Advait Shelke, V

Snow is actually frozen water and as we know, ice has no colour. Why then is snow 'white'?

The reason is that each snow flake is made up of a large number of ice crystals which have many surfaces. This makes the snow look white.

Snow forms when water vapour in the atmosphere freezes. As the water vapour freezes, clear transparent crystals are formed. The currents that are there in the air make these crystals go up and down in the atmosphere.

As the crystals do this, they begin to gather around tiny particles that are there in the clouds. When a group of ice crystals is big enough, it floats down to the earth as a 'snowflake'.



My face –

Description in German

-Rudrapratap Bhosale, Batch - German for Juniors



Das ist mein Gesicht. Ich habe braune Haare. Ich habe zwei blaue Augen, zwei Ohren und eine kleine Nase. Ich habe einen Mund. Ich lächle schön. Ich sehe süß aus, oder?

This is my face. I have brown hair. I have 2 blue eyes, 2 ears and one small nose. I have a mouth.

I smile beautifully. I look sweet, right?.....

Hidden dangers in technology

- Aadit Mahajan V

In our hi-tech world, gadgets and gizmos are everywhere, making life easier and fun. But behind the screen is a hidden danger!

We developed technology to help humans, but now it has overpowered nature and eventually.....US!

Every gadget we use, right from smart phones to heavy machinery...each product requires raw materials which are extracted through mining. Irresponsible deposition of old gadgets could harm animals. It also pollutes water and soil. Kids are also getting addicted to mobile phones which impacts their mental and physical health.

We are now making computers so intelligent that hackers are hacking accounts and robbing money. Our over dependence on technology has also made us victims of cybercrimes.

Despite these challenges, however, there is still hope! By developing eco-friendly habits, such as using renewable energy, recycling items responsibly and supporting eco-friendly technologies, we can reduce this problem.

It is up to us to balance the natural world. Even with all this technology, we can still take care of our planet. By being aware of these hidden dangers and making thoughtful choices, we can ensure that our love of technology doesn't come at the expense of our beautiful planet.

Where there is a will, there is a way..

- Avanish Kulkarni IX

Where there is a will, there is a way...

'Where there is a will, there is a way' is an extremely popular proverb. Its meaning is very simple, but it is very hard to implement it in our day-to-day life. This proverb tells us that one can even achieve the impossible, if he/she has a strong enough will. This proverb focuses on the ability of a human's will power.

The power of our will is beyond our imagination!

We as individuals should all possess the will power to strive and overcome all the hurdles, obstacles in the path of life, come what may ...

This proverb reminds us to push our limits a step ahead every time. This also teaches the prudent use of resources, and helps us to maintain an optimistic frame of mind.

An optimistic frame of mind invariably favours resilience... It helps us to achieve our goals.

There are many such examples like the famous scientist Stephen Hawking who have actually exemplified this proverb.

Stephen Hawking had a disease in which the patient doesn't survive more than five years. But as a result of his will power, he survived up to an age of seventy plus!

Another such example is from cricket, where team India in 1983, having not very expert players won the World Cup with prudent use of resources, by giving their cent percent and will power....

So one must hope for the best and keep the will alive....

Another related proverb is -Try-try but don't cry.

Wilma Rudolph – A story

- Tanvi Deshpande VIII



Wilma Rudolph a sweet girl born in America in a poor family. Her father was a railroad porter and her mother was a maid. It was a misfortune that she had polio when she was just four years old.

Wilma had to wear a brace and the doctor said she would never put her foot on the earth. But her mother was courageous and didn't accept the things. She challenged the reality and decided to fight.

She encouraged Wilma. She told Wilma, that with persistence and faith, she could achieve anything she wanted. At the age of nine, against the advice of the doctors, she removed the brace and took her first step. At the age of 13, she entered her first race and came last. And then she entered her second, third and fourth race without giving up but still came last, until a day came, when she came first. It was a great milestone in her life.

Her tireless efforts continued. At the age of 15, she met a coach named Edward Temple. She told him, "I want to be the fastest woman on this earth." Temple said, "With your spirit, nobody can stop you."

The day came in 1956 when she was 16 years she participated in Olympics and won medal for her country. She showed glorious performance in 1960 Olympics. Wilma was matched against a woman named Jutta Heine who had never been beaten. The first event was the 100-meter race. Wilma beat her and won her first gold medal.

In the 200-meter race, Wilma again beat Jutta and won her second gold medal. In the 400-meter relay the fastest person always runs the last lap and they both anchored their teams. The first three people ran and changed the baton easily. When it came to Wilma's turn, she dropped the baton. But Wilma was not ready to accept the defeat. She picked the baton, ran like a machine, won her third gold medal.

She became the first American woman to win three gold medals in a single Olympic Game. Rudolph was called the fastest woman in the world in the 1960s. Her dream came true. After retirement she went on coaching and encouraging other young people.

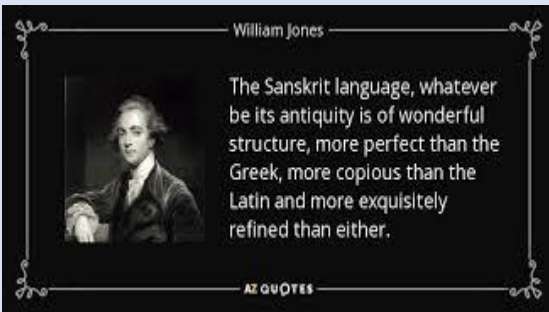
So, from this story we learn faith, perseverance and determination can overcome even the greatest challenges. Never let your obstacles define your potential. Always strive towards your dreams; no matter how daunting they may seem



चित्र वर्णनम् – संस्कृत**- Avani Bothe IX**

एतस्मिन् चित्रे एकः ग्रामः दृश्यते । ग्रामे एकः कुटीरः
दृश्यते । कुटीरस्य पुरतः एकः कुम्भकारः घटान् रचयति ।
महिला घटं भूषयति । कुटीरस्य समीपे एका बालिका
खेलति । कुटीरस्य पृष्ठतः एकः विशालः वृक्षः दृश्यते । इदं
चित्रं सुन्दरम् अस्ति ।

This picture shows a village. There is a hut in the
village. A potter is making pots in front of the hut. A
woman is decorating a pot. A girl is playing near the
hut. There is a big tree behind the hut. This picture
is beautiful.

**A diary entry****- Mrudula Sawarkar VIII**

Dear Diary,

Today, we had been to Alandi. I was very excited to go to the temple, but it turned out to be a disconsolation!

Places of worship like these, which are visited often to show gratitude to the Almighty must be respected and kept clean. However, when we reached there, I saw that the entire place was completely polluted! Food was lying all over and in every corner of the place. Water was polluted. The litter and garbage was not organised and was strewn around.

I had thought that the place would be clean and positive as it is the 'home' of God, but I will have to say that people have forgotten the value of God and the nature in which he resides.

Unhygienic behaviour of masses, in this manner will soon cause ill-effects on the health of those very people who litter the place. That is when they will probably learn a lesson. Then that day will not be far, when people will start to conserve nature.

Hoping to see a better picture during my next visit to such a place.

Mrudula.





FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Choose the correct alternatives for the underlined words:

(image source: internet – used for educational purpose only)

3. The man rambles in the park.
 a. run
 b. rolls
 c. wanders
 d. dances

4. The fruits of her hardships were greatly rewarded.
 a. A sweet and fleshy product of a tree.
 b. The result or reward of work or activity.
 c. offspring
 d. Natural produce that can be used for food.

5. Marky wants to play the piano.
 a. role
 b. game
 c. perform
 d. turn on

Solve this crossword puzzle:

WINTER

ACROSS

1. soft, white pieces of frozen water that falls to the ground
2. the color of fresh snow
3. a piece of clothing worn to keep warm
4. opposite of hot
5. to move on snow with long narrow strips attached to the feet
6. footwear in the winter
7. Dress warm so you don't ____.
12. children like to throw one of these
13. "The snow is 2 feet ____."
14. the coldest season of the year
15. frozen water
16. "We like to go ____ on the pond in the winter."

DOWN

1. the color of fresh snow
3. a piece of clothing worn to keep warm
6. "The temperature fell ____ zero last night."
8. a covering to keep the head warm
9. an outdoor winter toy for kids to slide down snowy hills
10. Be careful not to ____ and fall on the ice.
11. special shoes for ice
12. a model of a person made with snow
15. In the winter, the roads can be ____.

Tree Valley Academy

Special days from 3rd August to 17th August

- * 3rd August – National Watermelon Day
- * 4th August – Friendship Day
- * 6th August – Hiroshima Day
- * 7th August – National Handloom Day
- * 9th August – Quit India Movement Day
- * 9th August – Nagasaki Day
- * 9th August – National Book Lovers' Day
- * 10th August – World Lion Day
- * 12th August – International Youth Day
- * 12th August – World Elephant Day
- * 13th August – International Left-handers' Day
- * 13th August – Organ Donation Day
- * 14th August – Malayalam New Year Day
- * 15th August – The Indian Independence Day
- * 17th August – Indonesian Independence Day
- * 17th August – Afghanistan Independence Day

