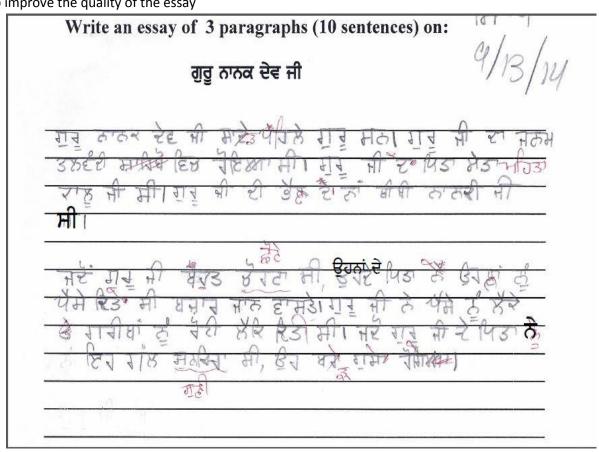
Guidelines for writing a good essay

- Understand what the topic is and what the central theme should be;
 - o If the topic is 'Guru Nanak Dev ji', talk about him, who he was, what his mission was and what did he accomplish. Don't write too much about the sakhis. If the topic is "Travels of Guru Nanak Dev ji', write more about his travels and less about other accomplishments. Stay focused on the topic.
- Jot down the points that will comprise the essay (proper order is not required at this time);
 - Again, if the topic is 'Guru Nanak Dev ji', consider the following points:
 - Information related to his Prakash
 - Who he is
 - His family members
 - His mission
 - His accomplishments
 - His travels
 - Transition to the next guru
 - His message to us
 - Quotation from Gurbani
 - One or two sakhis (depending on how long the essay needs to be)
 - His early life
 - How we can improve our lives from his teachings
- Using the points written above, prepare an outline of the essay and group points together so some points can be written in one paragraph:
 - o 1st paragraph
 - Who he is
 - Date and place of his Prakash
 - His family members
 - o 2nd paragraph
 - Early life sakhis
 - His refusal to learn about worldly affairs
 - His concept of 'True business'
 - 3rd paragraph
 - His mission
 - His travels
 - His message to all of us
 - 4th paragraph
 - His banis in the Guru Granth Sahib
 - One or two quotations and explanation of the quotes
 - 5th paragraph
 - Transition to the next guru
 - How we can improve our lives from his teachings

- A few other points should be noted while writing an essay:
 - O **Do not** write two sentences with completely different ideas next to each other. If you still have to write, use words or phrases to bring in the transition from one idea to another.
 - When ending a paragraph and starting a new one, make sure you again **bring in the transition. Use appropriate phrases to make the transition.**
 - Do not end your essay abruptly. Try to put a sentence or two indicating you are wraping up.
 - o Make sure you put some empty space between paragraphs so they can be clearly identified.
 - Check your spelling all the time. Wrong spelling can change the meaning of the sentences and also create a bad taste for the reader.
 - All paragrphs should be proportional to each other. Some may be a little bigger than others but don't have one paragraph two pages long and the other less than half page. Try to balance ideas so you put equal amount of weightage on each idea.
- Read three different samples of essay written by you during the evaluation and see what needs to be fixed to improve the quality of the essay



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