

Pakistan Alumni Association

Pakistan Alumni Association aims at providing an opportunity to all Alumni Members especially Afghan Chapter to participate in curricular and extracurricular activities through this platform. We will organise range of activities in this regards. To start with, an essay competition has been planned on topic, “Students Role to Bridge Pak-Afghan Relations”. We are hopeful that it will not only provide an opportunity to the students to interact with each other but will also develop their writing skills – an important tool required in their future career progression.

Eligibility:

1. All registered members of Pakistan Alumni Association (Afghan Students studying in any Pakistani institutions)
2. All registered members of Pakistan Alumni Association (Afghan Students who completed their studies from any Pakistani institution)
3. Those Afghan students, who studied in Pakistan or studying, but did not register themselves can register now and can compete.

Guidelines for Essay Writing:

1. Essay must be relevant to the topic.
2. It should be well-organized within bound of relevancy.
3. It should demonstrate that you understand the topic by expressing your views clearly.
4. It should have an overall argument involving analysis of the issues and a critical evaluation of different points of view.
5. It should be well presented: the right length, carefully proof-read, with relevant references, where required.
6. Preferred length of the Essay is between 2500 to 3000 words.
7. It should be emailed on pan@hec.gov.pk in MS Word format.
8. Avoid plagiarism – It would automatically disqualify the competitor.

Introduction

It is the point at which you try to capture the reader's attention. Therefore, it is not advisable to fill the first paragraph with long 'background' narratives, gross overstatements or irrelevant information. The introduction may be the final section that you complete. You could re-write it last to be sure that it introduces your essay well and complements your conclusion.

Body

Your points need to flow logically on from one another and you need to create a sense of progression through the way that each paragraph is linked.

It is in the body of your essay that you should use the factual details and sources you discovered in your research to give your points weight and strength.

The golden rule: 1 idea = 1 paragraph.

The beginning of a paragraph has two main functions: to introduce a new idea for discussion and to indicate the role this topic plays in your overall argument. The rest of the paragraph is devoted to elaborating and substantiating its central idea

Conclusion

The whole of the final paragraph needs to be dedicated to making a strong conclusion, which pulls all your points together. Restate your argument in different words and allude to the main points you used in the body of the essay to support it. You may then move away from this narrow focus to the wider implications of your argument. The conclusion is not the place to introduce new evidence. This is a sure sign of poor planning.

Format

Number the pages

Leave margins wide enough for comments

Stick to the word limit

Footnotes are the place for including information that supports your point but is additional to the main body of your essay. However, the information included in footnotes must be absolutely relevant to your argument.

If you are quoting directly from a source in your essay, it should be placed in single 'quotation marks'. If the excerpt is a long one, of more than a sentence: The quotation should be separated from the main body of the text and indented, without quotation marks. It should not be italicized. In both cases, the quotation must be referenced.

Include in the following information on the cover sheet of the essay:

Essay Title:

Name:

Father Name:

University Name:

Degree Title:

University Roll Number:

Degree Completed Year:

Phone#:

Address:

Date of submission:

Word count:

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Make a copy of your essay before submitting it, so that you have one for your own records.

Submit the essay on time! Last date for submission is 5th March 2017

Submission in softcopy formats is required on pan@hec.gov.pk.