

Analytical Paragraph

✚ An analytical paragraph is a form of descriptive writing which is written on the basis of a given chart, graph, data, outline, clues, table etc. It requires analysis and comparison of the given facts and drawing conclusion based on the given data.

❖ Some significant features of an Analytical Paragraph are:

- It describes the given chart, graph, table, data, clues etc.
- It should be short and informative.
- It should clearly mention the provided facts and figures.
- The whole paragraph should be in same tense.
- The language used should be simple and accurate.
- No personal observation or feedback should be added.

❖ Types of Analytical Paragraphs

1. Data Based

- In this, some data is presented in the form of a pie chart, a bar graph, line graph or a table. Students have to analyse the data making comparisons and drawing conclusions.

2. Problem and Solution Based

- Here, a problem is presented and students have to suggest some solution based on some logic. Their solution must be supported with arguments, reasons and data.

3. Process Description Based

- In this, students have to analyse the information presented in the form of a flow chart, a diagram, a visual or an info graphic.

4. Information Based

- This has some information presented as an input. Students are required to process and understand the given information and then describe it in the form of a paragraph.

5. Map Based

- In this, a set of two maps is presented as an input with significant differences in a piece of land or a building plan showing some additions and alterations. Students have to analyse these changes and summarise them in the form of a paragraph.

✚ Format of an Analytical Paragraph

- ❖ The content of an analytical paragraph should be written in 100-120 words. The content of the paragraph must include the following parts:

(i) Introduction:

- ❖ Explain in one or two lines the context or the subject of the given graph.

(ii) Body:

- Explain in detail the figure and trends, making comparisons and contrasts.
- Explain in detail what the graph is about.
- Use relevant figures, explain trends, make comparisons and contrasts.
- Divide it into sub paragraphs, if required.
- Use appropriate functional language to show trend progression and comparison

(iii) Conclusion:

- ❖ Conclude the paragraph giving the overall view or summary of the chart or graph.



Most important tips to score full marks in the analytical paragraph:

- Analyse the given diagram 2-3 times carefully and understand it properly before you start writing.
- Keep the sentences crisp and clear.
- The facts of data should be kept the same.
- Organize the content and structure the ideas logically, sequentially, cohesively
- Use functional language to show comparison, contrast, emphasis, conclusion etc.
- Avoid grammatical and spelling mistakes.
- Do not repeat the same words in a single line.