

**TEXT ANALYSIS METHDOLOGY
FOR BEPC AND BAC EXAMINATIONS**

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BAC ORAL EXAMINATION

TEXT ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

The text analysis is composed of four (4) main parts:

- Introduction
- Summary (structure / summary proper)
- Commentary
- Evaluation (and Branching out)

Text characteristics:

Type of letters: Normal letters. Bold and italic letters are to be avoided.

Font: Time New Roman

Size: 12

Line number: The lines must be numbered in 5 (on the left margin).

Line spacing: 1.5

Text alignment: Justified

Length: 20 – 35 lines

I- INTRODUCTION

Title : This text is entitled ‘...’ / The title of this text is ‘...’

Nature : A text can be a poem, a letter, a story, a play, a song, an extract of a text, an article, a website/an online article, a press article, etc.

Author : Give the author’s name. It is mentioned at the end of the text.

Origin or source : A text can be taken from a newspaper, a novel, a biography, a web site, a magazine, etc.

Date of publication : The text was published ... / The text was issued... + $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{on + day, month, year} \\ \text{in + month, year} \end{array} \right.$

Genre : A text can be descriptive, informative, argumentative, narrative, explanatory, polemical, expository, etc.

General idea : The text is about ... / The text deals with ...

Writer’s intention : Does the writer want to analyze, to draw our attention, to persuade, to inform, to show, to sensitise, to criticize, etc.

II- SUMMARY

1. Structure (text division)

Divide the text into parts. Give a title to each part, or say the main idea of each of them.

Example : This text can be divided into three(3) parts.

The first(1st) part goes from Line... to Line..., it’s about ... / it can be entitled ‘.....’

2. Summary proper

Rewrite the text in a very simple and short paragraph with your own words. Take into account the ideas of each part of the structure.

III- COMMENTARY

Choose the most interesting points (one, two or three of them) of the text structure, and comment on them (discuss, explain, and develop). Quote relevant passages from the text to support your argumentation.

IV- EVALUATION / CONCLUSION

a) Following questions can be asked :

- What is the interest of the text ? Is the text scientific, political, cultural, etc.
- Have you learnt something from the text ?
- What is the author's opinion?
- Do you agree / disagree with the author? Why ?

b) Branching out:

Deal with another topic which is in relation to the main idea of the text. You can start your branching out with the following words:

After reading the text, I think of ...

This text remind of ...

This text makes me think of ...

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- Summary (structure / summary proper)
- Evaluation or Personal opinion

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Size: 12

Line number: The lines must be numbered in 5 (on the left margin).

Line spacing: 1.5

Text alignment: Justified

Length: 15 – 20 lines

I- INTRODUCTION

Title : This text is entitled ... The title of this text is ...

Nature : A text can be a poem, a letter, a story, an extract of a text, an article, etc.

Author : Give the author's name.

Source : Newspaper, magazine, internet, novel, biology, etc.

Date of publication : The text was published ... / The text was issued... + { on + day, month, year
in + month, year

General idea : The text is about ... / The text deals with ...

II- SUMMARY

3. Structure (text division)

Divide the text into parts. Give a title to each part, or say the main idea of each of them.

Example : This text can be divided into three(3) parts.

The first(1st) goes from L1 to L2, it's about the importance of going to school.

4. Summary proper

Rewrite the text in a very simple and short paragraph with your own words.

III- EVALUATION OR PERSONAL OPINION

Following questions can be asked :

- Do you like the text? Justify
- What is the author's opinion?
- Do you agree / disagree with the author ? Why ?