

## WRITING SECTION

### TOPIC- Short Story

A short story describes an incident with the happenings associated with it. It may expand on one thought or idea. It is asked in the exams to judge the student's creative thinking and writing skills.

### Main Elements of a Short Story

- 1. Theme-** It is the main idea or message of the story
- 2. Plot-** It is the logical connection among all parts of the story. A proper beginning a middle and an end are essential components of a good plot.
- 3. Setting-** It is the time, location and the background suitable to work out the theme
- 4. Characters -**The people, animals or other living creatures of the story are its characters. A short story has one main character and very few minor characters to support the plot.

### Steps to Write a Short Story

1. Read the cue/outline carefully given in the question.
- 2 Think about the possible plot and the characters
3. Start the story as instructed in the question.
4. Starting or beginning should be brief and interesting
5. Build the plot by using dialogues and interesting point.
6. End the story appropriately by giving a climax.

### Points to be Kept in Mind

- Always use past tense while writing a story.
- Consequences/ Climax of the story should be clear and satisfying.
- Make simple and innovative use of language.
- Stick to the limit of 150-200 words.
- Make sure that the story has a moral message if it requires one.
- A tide may be given to the story if the question requires it; otherwise it is optional.

### EXAMPLE

**3 Complete the story in 150-200 words, giving a suitable heading to it.**

**"It was a rainy day, and I was all alone at home. It was pitch dark outside. Suddenly I heard someone knocking at my door....."**

**Ans.**

### **The Worst Nightmare**

It was a rainy day, and I was all alone at home. It was pitch dark outside. Suddenly I heard someone knocking at my door continuously, I was scared at first but decided to see through the peep hole if it was someone known. I was shocked to find no one outside the door. I started walking towards my room but the knocking started again.

My heart was in my mouth at that time. I did not know what to do. My parents were out of station and I was all alone in my house. I was overcome with fear and was almost in tears, but I knew only I could do something about it.

I decided to lock myself in my room and hide under the bed. All I could think of doing at that time was to pray. I tried calling my parents several times from my cellphone but was not able to reach them, as the phone signals were very weak. I also tried calling the police, but the call kept on getting disconnected.

I was ashamed of myself as I had not imagined myself being such a coward ever. I immediately decided to get rid of my fear and face the situation. As I moved to get out, I hit my head on the bedside. That is when I realised it was just a dream. I sighed in relief and went back to sleep again, hoping to catch some sleep free from all worries.

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