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APPROACH TO ANSWER WRITING IN UPSC MAINS

- **WHAT ARE COMPONENTS OF ANSWER WRITING?**
- **HOW TO WRITE BEST ANSWERS**
- **ELEMENTS OF PRESENTATION OF ANSWERS**
- **WHAT ARE DIRECTIVE WORDS**

Significance of Answer Writing

"Every Answer is an Emotion that you convey to the Examiner"

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- Each Question→ Directive Word
- Each Question→ Some Restrictions

Decoding the Components of Answer

Your skills are checked through the following aspects of an Answer

1. Understanding Ability
2. Drafting/Structuring
3. Content/ Knowledge
4. Grip over contemporary events/ Interlinking
5. Presentation skill

1. Understanding Skill

Tests accurate understanding the demand of the Question

अपर्याप्त संसाधनों की दुनिया में भूमंडलीकरण एवं नए तकनीक के रिश्ते को भारत के विशेष सन्दर्भ में स्पष्ट करें। (250 शब्दों में उत्तर दें)

Elucidate the relationship between globalization and new technology in a world of scarce resources, with special reference to India. (Answer in 250 words)   15

2. Structuring Skill

Each Answer has

- **Introduction**
- **Body**
- **Conclusion**

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3. Content

Information that has been asked in the question

- Definitions
- Facts/Statistics
- Examples
- Case studies
- It changes according to directive/tail words

4. Contemporary Events (Dynamic Content)

Your knowledge on International & National events that affects India's interests

- Interlinking → With static content
- Citing good examples
- Data
- Judgements
- Reports etc

5. Presentation

Embellishments to your answer & Presenting the answer in an attractive and simple manner to Examiner

- Use of Paragraph
- Pointers
- Flow Charts
- Diagrams
- Maps
- Graphs
- Tables etc

How to begin Answer Writing

1. Understanding the demand of Question→ Read the question multiple times and divide it into segments.
2. Structing of Answer→ Make a rough schematic of (I B C)
3. Content → Brainstorm & Integrated all GS papers
4. Contemporary events → Be through with Current Affairs & Interlink them with static syllabus
5. Presentation → Keep practicing