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Writing a Descriptive Essay

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V.	Writing	Grade 11:(Descriptive / Argumentative) Grade 12:(Argumentative / Expository) - All not less than 14 sentences / 160 words. - The topic should include an introduction, 2 body paragraphs & a conclusion. - Topics within students' experience.	20 Marks to be considered for Outlining: introduction , body, conclusion	20 100 120
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• Rubrics for Checking Writing			
Grade	Rubrics	Mark	Total Mark
11 & 12	Outlining	20	120
	Exposition of ideas & coherence	60	
	Paragraphing and number of sentences	10	
	Spelling	10	
	Grammar	10	
	Handwriting, spacing and punctuation.	10	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 marks to be deducted from the total mark for changing the format. • Off point topics / outlines receive ZERO. • 5 marks to be deducted from the outline if the ideas are not used in the topic. 		

Topic:

Nothing brings people together like festivals do. Plan and write an essay of 14 sentences 160 words) describing a festival you went to and the activities you took part in.

Outline

I- Introduction:

Topic: describing a festival

Thesis: In the last **Hala February Festival (Topic)**, I felt more than **happy** to attend its **unforgettable** festivities (**writer's position**), enjoy its **atmospheric settings** and **take part in its exiting activities (plan development)**.

II- Body:

Body 1: description of the setting

Supporting details:

- people's feelings
- breathtaking decoration (flags – lights – balloons ...)
- describing fireworks

Body 2: activities I took part in

Supporting details:

- taking part in a carnival along the Gulf Street
- attending musical concert
- raffles tickets – participating in competition – marathon promoting a campaign

III- Conclusion:

- summarising the atmospheres and the activities
- closing sentence

The Hala February Festival

“I love the outdoor festival feeling,” a quote by Joshua Bell keeps reminding me of one of the most famous festivals in Kuwait: the **Hala February Festival**. Last year, I felt more than happy to attend its unforgettable festivities, enjoy its atmospheric settings and take part in its exciting activities.

On the first day of the festival, I wore my attractive traditional clothes and headed for the Gulf Street. What grabbed my attention was the breathtaking decorated trees all along the highways. The festival began with a huge street carnival. The attendants were as numerous as stars glittering above the cloudless night sky. Some of them were standing on the sidewalks holding and waving the Kuwaiti flags. Others were sitting around party bonfires and picnic tables on the beach telling jokes and chatting about their daily routines. Some others were marching on the Gulf Street as if they were soldiers who had just won a great victory over their enemy. The coloured and shining lights were as dazzling as lightning at a dark night. The fireworks display added a marvellous and an atmospheric setting to the scene. Some were shooting straight up before exploding, others were whirling in a spiral, some were shattering into thousands of sparks and others tumbling like a scarlet waterfall or floating in a glittering silver shower.

So exhilarated did I feel that I wholeheartedly plunged into the crowds to take part in some of the attractive activities. I started driving my car as slow as a tortoise holding the Kuwaiti flag and listening to some patriotic songs. Then, I attended an oriental musical concert which was held on the beach. After that, I entered a shopping center in Salmiya where some very friendly young men were receiving the guests with open arms. They were distributing some free raffle tickets as there was a draw on 2 cars, which created a lot of excitement among the attendants. I took part in a cultural competition about historical events in Kuwait and got some prizes. Finally, I participated in a marathon organized to promote a fundraising campaign.

After a pretty hectic night, I looked worn out. So, I decided to go back home. I really enjoyed the atmosphere of the festivities. I also enjoyed every single activity I took part in. I was lucky enough that night as I carried on the lively celebrations in my night dream.