

Mayār Saghīr (300 words)

- What is Ahmadiyyat?

Mayār Kabīr (700 – 1000 words)

- Obedience to Khilāfat and Nizām Jamā'at

Rules and Regulations

1. The research essay may be written in English or French.
2. All essays must be typed and submitted online to National Markaz by July 20th 2017 11:59 pm.
3. Tifl's full name, Mayar, age (in years & months), and Majlis name must be submitted with the essay.
4. Essay for Mayār Saghīr should consist of 300 words and that for Mayār Kabīr should be 700-1000 words (maximum) in length (Not including references).
5. The research essay must be written by the Tifl but parents or other elders are encouraged to proofread the essay to correct any mistakes and to suggest any improvements. All ideas must be properly cited. A list of all references from the Holy Qur'an, Hadīth, Jam 'at literature, relevant scientific or other reputable sources must be provided at the end.
6. Atfāl must develop a thesis for the topic and organize the essay into series of paragraphs.
7. Any grammar, spelling and punctuation errors will be penalized.
8. Prizes will be announced at the Annual National Ijtima' 2017.

For any question or concerns, please contact National Secretary Ta'lim for Majlis Atfālul Ahmadiyya Canada. Email: talim@atfal.ca

Essay Writing Marking Criteria

All essays must be typed and submitted online in MS Word format by July, 20th 2017 11:59 PM.

Criterion	Description	100 marks
Thesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop a very clear Thesis statement in the introduction	20 marks
Content, Writing Style and Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Use of relevant verses of the Holy Qur'an, Ahādith, Books of the PromisedMessiah (as), Books or Sermons of Khulafā', Newspapers, and other sources to support the key points of the essay.Clear communication & logical organizationSpelling, Grammar, paragraph structure, and flow in the essay	60 marks
Research, Originality & Quality of References	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Essay is original, uses paraphrasing appropriately, and its major portions are not simply "copy-pasted".All key points and ideas are cited correctly and a reference list is provided at the end of the essay.	20 marks

Organizing an Essay

Introduction

(1 paragraph)

- Introduce the reader to your topic
- Identify the topic
- Write the main argument (thesis) of your Essay

Body

(1-3 paragraphs)

- Topic Sentence 1
- Supporting Details
- Concluding Sentence 1

- Topic Sentence 2
- Supporting Details
- Concluding Sentence 2

- Topic Sentence 3
- Supporting Details
- Concluding Sentence 3

Conclusion

(1 paragraph)

- Restate your main argument (thesis)
- Summarize your arguments

Steps for Writing an Essay



Research

- Read through your resources
- Ask Parents & others for resources



Plan & Brainstorm

- Write notes as you read books, websites, or magazines.
- Note all page numbers & links



Create an Outline

- Create an outline of your essay
- List the key points for Introduction & main arguments



Write first Draft & Revise it

- Write a rough copy of your essay
- Revise it a few times
- Ask someone to proofread your essay and to suggest improvements



Final Revision

- Correct any spelling & grammatical errors
- Make changes based on comments from those who proof read your essay
- Type up the essay and check for any error