

# Candidate Style Answers

## **GCSE Gujarati**

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Unit: A814

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## Writing A814

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### 1a Question 4 Travel and the wider world

**Your school website aims to celebrate the different cultures represented in the school. You have been asked to write about ‘The most important day of the year’. (25)**

**Remember:**

- to give factual information **and** explain ideas and points of view (your own or those of others)
- to use a variety of vocabulary, different types of sentences and different verb tenses

You can use your own ideas **or** you could include these ideas:

- 1 who you are, where you live and which culture / country you represent;
- 2 details about the day you have chosen (when, where, who takes part);
- 3 describe what happened or will happen on this day;
- 4 reasons why this day is the most important day of the year;
- 5 whether or not you feel it is important for different cultures to celebrate their own special days.

Candidate style answer	Examiners commentary
<p>મારું નામ રિયાહ છે અને હું એક ગુજરાતી કુટુંબમાંથી આવું છું. હું માનું છું કે મારે માટે હિન્દુ પંચાગનો છેલ્લો દિવસ જે દિવાળી તરીકે મનાય છે તે બહુ જ મહત્વનો છે કારણ કે તે દિવસે મારું આખું કુટુંબ ભેગું થાય છે.</p> <p>હિન્દુ લોકોની માન્યતા છે કે હજારો વર્ષ પહેલાં આ દિવસે રામ વનવાસ પૂરો કરીને પાછા અયોધ્યા આવ્યા એટલે લોકોએ લાખો દિવા પ્રગટાવીને તેમનું સ્વાગત કર્યું હતું.</p> <p>મને લાગે છે કે મારા પરમાં તો બધીજ સંસકૃતિના લોકો દિવાળીમાં ફટાકડાનું પ્રદર્શન તથા રસ્તા પર મોટું સરઘસ જોઈને આ દિવસ ધામધૂમથી ઉજવે છે. મને સરઘસ બહુ ગમે પણ ફટાકડાથી જે પ્રદૂષણ થાય તે બિલકુલ પસંદ નથી કેમકે તેનાથી આપણી તંદુરસ્તીને તેમ જ પૃથ્વીને બૂરી અસર થાય છે.</p> <p>આ વર્ષે દિવાળી પર અમારું આખું કુટુંબ સાથે મંદિરે દર્શન કર્યા પછી બપોરે બે વાગ્યે આમારે ઘેર ભેગા થઈને સાથે જમીશું. ત્યાર બાદ મારો વિચાર છે કે અંતાક્ષરી રમીશું જેથી દરેક જણ ભાગ લઈને આનંદ માણશે.</p> <p>હું માનું છું કે દરેકે પોતાની સંસકૃતિની સમજ બાળકોને આપવા, મહત્વના દિવસો ઊજવવા જરૂરી છે.</p>	<p><b>High level answer</b></p> <p>The candidate has made a good start by giving her background and explaining which day is the most important day of the year. She provides factual information in complex sentences using clauses. She expresses her choice of festival as an opinion and justifies this choice by explaining that the whole family gets together.</p> <p>The candidate expresses the traditional belief of how the festival of Diwali started. In doing so, she takes the opportunity to use the past tense and maintains the use of complex language.</p> <p>The candidate now talks about the celebration in her own area, not only giving factual information about what happens but also expressing an opinion about the enthusiasm of the community and justifying it. She then expresses her own opinion on the activities and brings in the impact of the festival in terms of pollution, relating it to both the community and to the environment. The use of a variety of structures and vocabulary places her work in a high band.</p> <p>As she turns to her own personal celebration with her family, she takes the opportunity to use the future tense. Again she gives a detailed and developed response with opinions and justifications.</p> <p>She concludes her writing by giving her opinion as to why it is important for everyone to celebrate the important days in their culture.</p> <p>This is a very good response. She has provided a good range of factual information, explained her beliefs, expressed her own opinion and justified her point of view. She has used some of the prompts but has also used her own ideas.</p> <p>Throughout the writing, she uses a variety of structures, vocabulary and clauses and successfully uses more than one tense. The writing has exceeded the limit of 150 words but nevertheless it is of high quality and deserves to be placed in a high band for both Communication and Quality of Language.</p>

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<p>મારું નામ રોહન છે. હું પંદર વર્ષનો છું. હું વેમ્બલીમાં રહું છું. હું ગુજરાતી સંસ્કૃતિ વિષે વાત કરીશ.</p> <p>મારે માટે દિવાળીનો તહેવાર મહત્વનો છે. તે દિવસે રામ વનમાંથી પાછા આવ્યા હતા. શહેરના લોકોએ દીવા કર્યા હતા. મને તે દિવસ બહુ મજા પડે. એ તહેવાર હિંદુઓનો છે. આપણે મંદિરમાં અને ઘરમાં તે ઉજવીએ છીએ. ઘરના બધા સભ્યો તેમાં ભાગ લે છે.</p> <p>હું દિવાળીને દિવસે વહેલી ઊઠીશ. હું દસ વાગ્યે મારા માતાપિતા સાથે મંદિરે જાઉં. અમારું કુટુંબ દર દિવાળીએ જુદા જુદા ઘરે ભેગા થઈએ. આ વખતે બધા સગાંઓ અમારી ઘરે આવશે. બે વાગે બધાં અમારી ઘરે આવશે. પછી અમે બધાં સાથે સ્વાદિષ્ટ વાનગીઓ જમશું અને મજા કરીશું. છેલ્લે અમે અંતાક્ષરી રમીશું. મને તેમાં બહુ મજા પડે.</p> <p>આ દિવસ મહત્વનો છે કારણ કે હું મારા બધા ભાઈબહેનોને મળું. મને તે બહુ ગમે. આખું કુટુંબ ભેગું થાય અને ઓળખાણ વધે. અમે બધા ભેગા થઈએ અને મજા કરીએ.</p> <p>મને થાય છે કે બધાએ પોતાના ખાસ તહેવારો ઉજવવા જરૂરી છે. તેમાંથી બાળકોને પોતાની સંસ્કૃતિ વિષે ખબર પડે.</p>	<p><b>Medium level answer</b></p> <p>The candidate has used the prompts given and tackled the first prompt well by giving his name, age, where he lives and which culture he represents in simple sentences.</p> <p>Again the candidate sticks rigidly to the given prompts giving the details asked for. It is written very methodically and with correct language but the sentences are simple. He has given factual information in short simple sentences but has also expressed a simple opinion which helps to take the writing to the middle level for communication.</p> <p>The candidate describes what will happen on the day at length. He expresses some simple opinions but there is an element of repetition in the detail provided.</p> <p>He uses slightly longer sentences with some colloquial phrases and has used the future tense which helps move the writing to the middle level for Quality of Language.</p> <p>The fourth prompt triggers a justification as the candidate says why the day is important to him. However the straightforward nature of the point of view and the repetition prevents the writing moving to a higher band.</p> <p>The last point has been expressed well and he justifies why he feels that celebrating a special day is important. A more complex sentence is used and helps to place the Quality of Language at the middle level.</p> <p>The candidate manages to use short, factual sentences to respond to the task. He expresses straightforward opinions and sometimes provides justifications.</p> <p>There are some good words, and he does use a different time frame but he mostly uses very simple structures. The message is clear and coherent but there are some repetitions.</p> <p>This candidate falls into the middle of the range for both Communication and Quality of Language.</p>