

**DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE WRITING IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination 00699

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DCE-2 : FEATURE WRITING

Time : 3 hours

*Maximum Marks : 100
(Weightage 70%)*

Note : *This paper has two sections, A and B. Attempt any five questions in all, choosing at least two from each section. All questions carry equal marks.*

SECTION - A

1. What are the salient facts to be kept in mind when writing about women to project them in a proper perspective ? (450 words) 20
2. What are some of the desirable qualities in a book - reviewer ? (450 words) 20
3. Describe in detail the various types of travel writing ? (450 words) 20
4. Discuss with examples, the prerequisites for a good interview ?(450 words) 20

5. Write short notes on *any two* of the following
(*two hundred* words each) **2x10=20**
- (a) Interviewing urban women.
 - (b) The role of allied material in travel writing.
 - (c) Personality based interviews.

SECTION - B

6. "Write a short feature article on the statement. 20
Working women enjoy life more than
housewives" (450 words)
7. Write a travel article promoting a place that you 20
have visited recently. Keep in mind your target
reader (tourist or business or armchair traveller).
8. We interview famous people so that we can learn 20
about success from them and how they overcome
the odds in life. Frame *Ten* questions that you
would ask a famous personality who has really
inspired you - and provide the possible answers -
so that his / her success mantra becomes clear.
9. Write a book review of any book that you have 20
read lately, keep in mind all the guidelines that
you have learnt about objectivity, integrity and
familiarity with allied subjects. Remember to give
the title , author and price of the book.
10. Comment on the subject and style of the following 20
extract , in your capacity as a book reviewer.
(450 words)

TWO STATES by Chetan Bhagat

Three books and one movie strong , Chetan Bhagat has indeed become a name to reckon with. More than a youth icon , he's become a celebrity himself. Fact is , it actually took him three years to graduate to being a full - time writer. And with each book , he's improved a lot. A hell lot , I'd say.

'Two States 'catapults the 35 year old author to the top rung of all Indian authors in English. The storyline of the book is predictable from the feel - good titling itself. Two protagonists - **Krish Malhotra** (a punjabi) and **Ananya Swaminathan** (a tamilian) are classmates at IIM Ahmedabad. A rendezvous at the college canteen bonds them together, and in a matter of weeks (or rather , days) the duo are sleeping together in hostel rooms. Love blossoms, and by the time the duo pass out of college, they've decided to get married to each other. The hurdles seem insurmountable in the beginning - jarring differences between their parents, their cultures and the language barrier being the reasons. Krish gets himself posted in Citibank Chennai . where Ananya is working with HLL, and sets the ball rolling. Their carefully - crafted plans suffer occasional hindrances and at one point in time, the entire affair goes topsy turvy but things *magically* (I repeat, *magically*)

get sorted out with the typical , happily - ever - after - Bhagat - climax.

I was actually smiling for at least two of the three and a half - odd hours spent on Two States. Yes, the first thing that strikes you is the endearing quality of the prose. I'd clearly vote for ' Two States' as the most endearing work by this youth icon writer. Chetan has actually tried out an entirely different layout for the book , quite different from the usual crop. So , we have book that's written like the script for a drama or even a teleplay , for that matter. Yes, the chapters are divided into Acts ,I,II,III ,IV and V ! The language is simpler, the descriptions are more vivid and the plot is better - laid - out. Bhagat has carefully edited out the sex though ! Yet, the chemistry between the protogonists is much more evident. The pacing of the book is again perfect - not one boring moment in the book ! Once you start reading , you'd only put the book down when you're done with it.

Two States shares space with ' Five Pcnt Someone' in terms of awesomeness! I'm strongly recommending the book. It'd be a proud addition to your library , and for 95 rupees, it's very much affordable and worth every pie.
