**The Common Types of Expository Essays**

An expository essay can possibly take several forms, each of which serves a particular purpose, contains a certain type of details and follows a specific pattern of organization. Exposistion can be developed through showong causes and effects, comparison and contrast, exemplification, classification, and describing a process. The common point between all patterns of development is that the essay attemps to provide the reader with explanatory details about a particular topic to leave him adequately informed about.

The 3rd year written expression programme focuses on the following three sorts of expository essay

1. **The cause and effect essay :** Cause and effect essays are concerned with why things happen (causes) and what happens as a result (effects). Cause and effect is a common method of organizing and discussing ideas.
2. **The Comparison and Contrast Essay :** analyzes two subjects by either comparing them, contrasting them, or both. The purpose of writing a comparison or contrast essay is not to state the obvious but rather to illuminate subtle differences or unexpected similarities between two subjects.
3. **The Exemplification Essay :** discusses in detail a number of reliable examples to support the thesis statement. The examples adopted should clearly illustrate what is claimed as standpoint.