

HOW 2 LIVE IN DHAKA

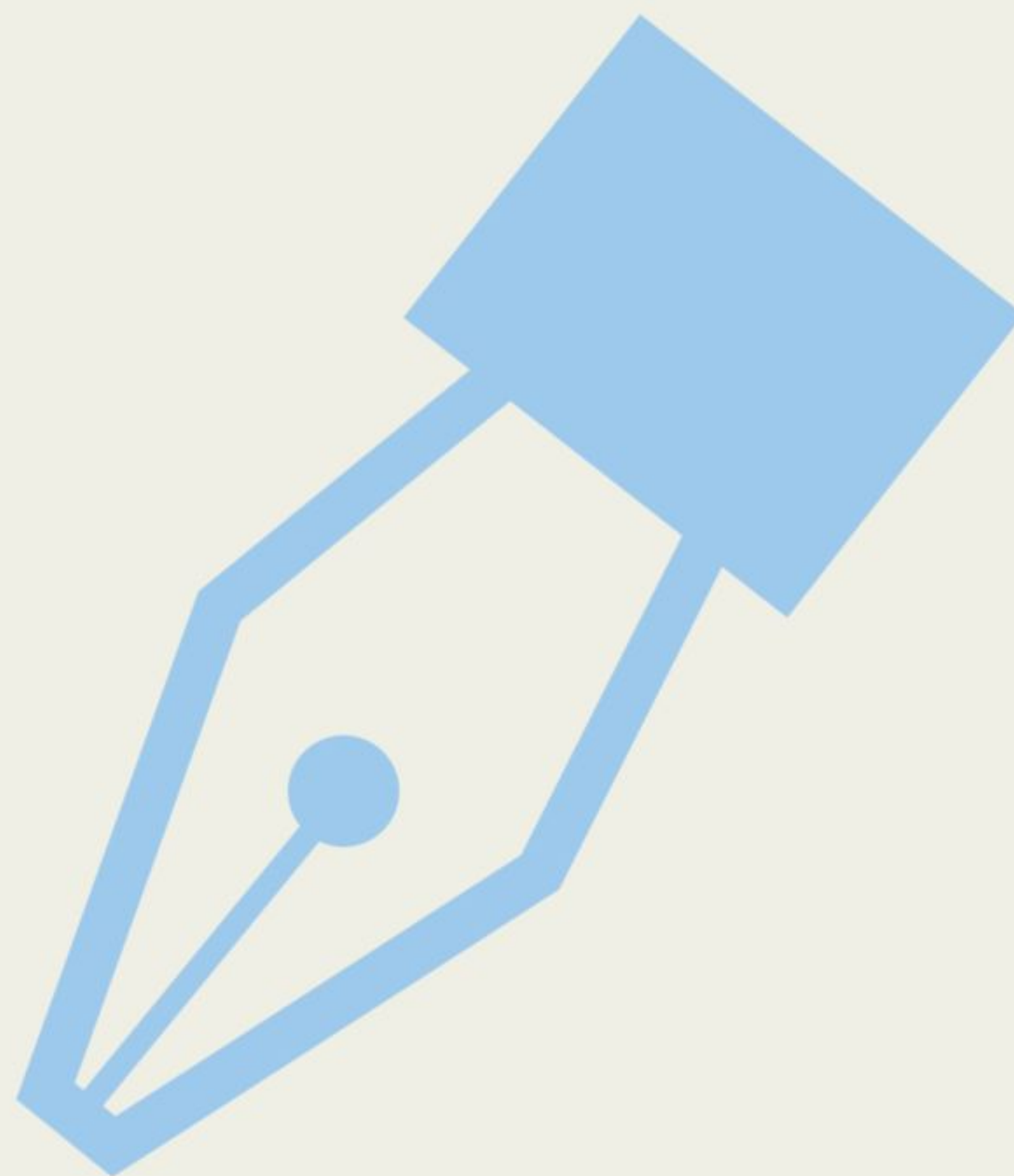


To me, hearing people around me going "How does one live in this city?" results in the same facial expression as "How are you?" An involuntary raising of eyebrows followed by a fake smile.

It's one of those questions worth two hours of deep contemplation. You can either choose to go monosyllable with the response or end up in a *gol tebil boithok* discussing about chikungunya and the weather hopping between Aquaman's rage and Superman's heat vision. It is a matter of wonder how the city can – at a single point of time – become Venice around Bashundhara and the Grand Canyon in Mirpur. But all in the name of development, right? Like days and nights, we go by.

– Kazi Akib Bin Asad, Sub-editor, SHOUT

WRITE RIGHT



ORGANISING YOUR THOUGHTS

When you begin writing an article or a story, it's important that you have a clear idea about the writing process from the start to the finish. A common problem that plagues newbie writers is that they end up writing too much and cross the word count several times over.

Likewise, having a vague idea might lead to a shorter write-up than expected with a lot of loopholes. The very first thing you should do is research. Ironically, the more you research, the shorter your article will be because you will understand the sub-

ject matter enough to fit it into your word count. If you're writing a 500-word article, which is the half-page write-up size of SHOUT, then no one will expect you to write everything about your topic. Just scratching the surface and providing a jump-off point is enough.

It's always a good idea to organise your piece with bullet points and dividing the word count between them. Another common mistake is to have lengthy introductions. Nobody likes those.

THIS WEEK'S HORRORSCOPE

ARIES

I knew you put my potatoes in your bag. Give them back.



TAURUS

Do the thoughts stop running in your head?



GEMINI

Can the thoughts be contained?



CANCER

You know my thoughts are very jumbled.



LEO

Let go of your train of thought.



VIRGO

Thoughtless people are the worst.



LIBRA

I need to process my thoughts in a constructive manner.



SCORPIO

Do not encourage bad thoughts.



SAGITTARIUS

Thoughtful gifts show the most affection.



CAPRICORN

I thought I saw something beneath the stairs.



AQUARIUS

I conjured some weird thoughts today.



PISCES

Take care of your thoughts this week.



MIXTAPE

SWEAT

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2

Work This Out



TAYLOR SWIFT

I Knew You Were Trouble



SURVIVOR

Eye of the Tiger



MEGADETH

Sweating Bullets



MICHAEL JACKSON

Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough



BECKY G

Break a Sweat