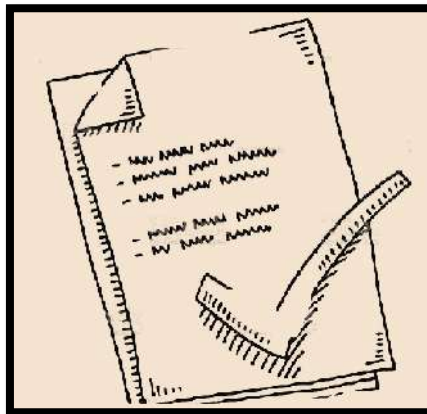


8. ARTICLE WRITING



<p>INTRODUCTION</p>	<p>Article writing is the process of creating a non-fiction text about topics that can vary from very serious to the ordinary</p>
<p>FORMAT OF AN ARTICLE</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="background-color: #ffff00; padding: 10px; margin: 5px;"> <p>Heading/Title: Eye-catching; illustrating the central theme</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #90ee90; padding: 10px; margin: 5px;"> <p>By Line: Writer's name (to be mentioned under the title towards the right)</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #90ee90; padding: 10px; margin: 5px;"> <p>Introduction: Establish the context. Draw the readers' attention using anecdotes, startling facts, statistics, rhetorical questions or quotations.</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #00bfff; padding: 10px; margin: 5px;"> <p>Body: 2-3 paragraphs detailing the various aspects of the topic i.e. merits, demerits, causes, consequences, effects, advantages, disadvantages.</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #808000; padding: 10px; margin: 5px; width: 60%;"> <p>Conclusion: A formal and logical end to the above written content; a summary of all that has been included in the article. One may conclude with a final opinion, recommendation or a comment expressing a hope, a warning, an appeal or a call for action.</p> </div> </div>

<p>POINTS REMEMBER</p>	<p>The topics should be unique and of relevance</p> <p>Know the target audience</p> <p>Identify the aim of writing the article- to advise, inform, entertain, compare, describe, etc</p> <p>Begin with a striking opening sentence which gets the readers interested in the topic.</p> <p>The title should be short and eye- catching.</p> <p>Be true to what you write, make assertions and go by them throughout the article.</p> <p>The writer must have enough to say; choose your ideas beforehand.</p> <p>Keep the article brief; unnecessary repetitions and irrelevant information makes it boring.</p> <p>Break the article into paragraphs; it acts as a breather.</p> <p>Pay attention to the choice of voice and tense.</p> <p>Conclude logically.</p>
<p>STEPS IN ARTICLE WRITING</p>	<pre> graph LR A[1. Identify the target audience] --> B[2. Identify the purpose of writing] B --> C[3. Collect and select information] C --> D[4. Organise the information sequentially and logically] D --> E[5. Write the article] </pre>



Question1

What can an article do?

Answer:

Unlike a report, an article can do much more than simply report an event or state facts.

- It can offer suggestions and advice.
- It can provide information on various topics/subjects.

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- It can bring about a comparison.
- It can describe a location, person, object, technology, etc.
- It can simply amuse and bring a smile on the readers face.
- It can enable readers to think, hence it can influence.
- It can offer opinions, arguments/counter arguments.

Question2

List the format of an article.

Answer:

An article is usually considered part of informal writings. There are no rules or techniques to abide by while writing articles, yet an organized structure is preferred. Hence, a basic outline of the format needs to be studied.

- **Heading/Title:** Eye- catching; illustrating the central theme.
- **By Line:** Writer's name (to be mentioned under the title towards the right).
- **Introduction:** Establish the context. Draw the readers' attention using anecdotes, startling facts, statistics, rhetorical questions or quotations.
- **Body: 2-3 paragraphs:** detailing the various aspects of the topic i.e. merits, demerits, causes, consequences, effects, advantages, disadvantages.
- **Conclusion:** A formal and logical end to the above written content; a summary of all that has been included in the article. One may conclude with a final opinion, recommendation or a comment expressing a hope, a warning, an appeal or a call for action.

Question3

You decide to write an article in the school magazine on how it is i save the planet, Earth. Write the article in about 180 words.

Save the planet, Earth

This is a cause of complete concern across the globe today. The global accelerated the rise of temperature on earth which is said to have risen by 4 level is also rising. The glaciers are also melting away. There has been very le the recent years resulting in the scarcity of food around the world. The death starvation has increased immensely. We, the human beings are solely response calamity. We pollute our planet in many ways. Deforestation, industrial wastes, vehicular pollution and lack of greenery are the chief causes of imbalance ecosystem.

The urgent need of the hour is that each one of us takes step to save the planet in possible way. We should protect our forests, save fuel, plant trees, take pollutants, conserve water and change our life style.

Awareness programmers must be launched by the students and NGOs to aware of

environmental problems. The public should avoid the use of polythene as we must strive hard to save our beautiful planet for the future generations.

Question 4

Video games, Internet, Cell Phones and other high-tech gear are growing up in a digital world. But parents are concerned about the time their children spend with these and worry that it might be distorting academic and social development.

Using your own ideas and those taken from the unit “Science”, write a paragraph, describing both the benefits and harms of using these high-tech devices.

Answer:

The present day high-tech gear is just part of growing up in a digital world. One cannot deny that all these gadgets have become a part and parcel of our life. Besides we have become highly dependent on these devices. This is more so in children. Their lives are completely ruled by these devices.

These devices have many benefits. They have made our lives easier and more comfortable. They have made the world jump forward with a leap, and built up a glitter world. They have also opened innumerable avenues for the growth of knowledge given a definite form to the wild imagination of man. They have indeed covered every sphere of life. But on the other hand the excessive interest in child gadgets, has made parents concerned and worried. Children spend a great deal of time on these gadgets like video games, internet, cell phones etc. the parents feel the use of these gadgets will definitely be destructive for the children. This could hamper their academic and social development. If children are not checked, they would waste time on these gadgets.

They will recline into their own high-tech shell. Thereupon it will become very difficult for parents to bring them out of this world. If these high-tech devices are used they can fulfill the purpose for which they have been invented.

Question 5

You make the following notes after reading about the disappearance of bird habitats from city forests and parks. Write an article in 100-120 words stressing upon the need for bringing back the birds to the city. You are Sonu/Sonalika.

Overuse of pesticides in maintenance of city parks... cutting down of roadside trees.....putting up of communication towers on rooftops facing parks...leading to extinction of nesting grounds for birds.....preservation of bird life through man-made bird baths in home balconies,.. hand-rearing of orphaned fledglings nesting areas in alcoves and groves...need for clean and green environment.

Answer:

City Parks Oust Bird Population

By-

Sonu

While outwardly things appear idyllic, the lack of bird sound appears wanting. The park's attendants are concerned with its depleting bird population. The koyal, a regular summer visitor has dwindled in number and the sparrow, a common sight amidst the flower beds and pathways, has disappeared altogether. The authorities cited the overuse of insecticides behind this disappearance. Cutting down of roadside trees reduces nesting spots for the birds' Several fledgelings fall to the ground from the branches as this exercise is performed without regard to the nesting season. Communication towers on rooftops of adjacent homesteads have taken a toll of the sparrow population. Creating nesting places under eaves and placing water and grain containers in gardens or balconies will alter the status quo.

Question 6

Computers have become a rage with children. The image shows young children glued to their computers. Computers play a major role in today's age but one must understand its function as a major distraction. Write an article highlighting the role of computers and also pointing out the hazards their excessive use can cause. You are Nikhil/Neha.

Answer:

Computers: A Boon or a Bane?

by Nikhil

Computers have become an integral part of human lives. Almost every profession is benefitted from computers. Most of the tangible things that we see are either made or run by a computer. Children, too, have been reaping benefits from the constant use of computers. It helps them in their homework, projects, assignments, etc. as well as entertains them through movies.

Every coin has two sides. Excessive use of computers has its own set of disadvantages. Too much use of computers can cause deterioration of vision of the child. Spending more time on computers, in turn, harms the physical health, which might result in being overweight and problems of the spine. The major problem which is affecting children nowadays is their addiction to computers, the result of which is their distraction from studies.

Thus, we all need to reflect on the other side of the coin. We must remember that excess of anything is bad and we must make the best use of the resources available to us.

Question 7

Due to growing materialism, there is a shift in the values of youngsters. They continue pestering their parents for items like mobile phone, digital camera, bike, etc. for personal use even though there is no genuine need for these gadgets. Taking help from the MCB unit 'Children', write an article in about 120 words expressing your views on the same. You are Sunil/Swati.

Answer:

The Deteriorating Values

by Swati

The growing materialism in society is leaving a profound impact on the younger generation. They are growing up in an environment which creates a desire to acquire all that is in their capacity. It has changed children's perspective towards life. For them, materialism is happiness. They pester their parents to fulfil their demands for gadgets, etc. even though there is no genuine need for the same. Children want these in order to impress their friends.

Materialism makes us greedy. We try to show off what we have and are embarrassed if we do not have something that others possess. The world has become a place for the competition where everyone aims to be ahead of other Youngsters need to understand that money does not bring happiness. It is more important to be content. We need to have values, friends, relations and, above at our family's love and support to lead a happy life.

Question 8

Children are the future of the nation. Schools and parents play an important role in moulding a child's personality. Write an article on the topic 'Role of School in a child's life' in 100-120 words.

Suggested Value Points:

- **Importance of school for a child**
- **The shaping of physical and mental health**
- **Development of the right attitude**
- **Character building**
- **Providing opportunities to develop talents in each child**

Answer:

Role of School in a Child's Life

By

Rajat

The role of a school in a child's development begins as early as pre-school and continues throughout his/her life. Some consider parents to be a child's first teachers while teachers are his/her second parents. A child spends as much time in school as he/she spends with his/her parents. A school provides a structured education to the child and promotes his/her mental and psychological growth. Apart from learning academics, a child also learns other important life skills such as teamwork, good manners, unity, sharing, and responsibility. The kind of

training that he/she receives at school forms and enhances his/her character that stays with him/her throughout his/her life. The school provides a child varied opportunities which enable him/her to discover his/her innate talents and develop them. All of these experiences help to develop a child's interests, build self-esteem and shape the course of his/her later academic and professional life.

1. Know the rules of attribution. You must identify yourself as a reporter before beginning any conversation with a source. If you don't, his or her comments will not be considered "on the record" -- and therefore they will not be useable in your article. A source cannot retroactively take his or her comments "off the record" -- so if a source says at the end of an interview, "but that was all off the record," that person is out of luck.

2. Ask open questions, be a good listener, and probe for anecdotes. Get a source talking by asking questions that begin with "how" or "why." Once a source starts talking, try to keep him or her going by asking follow-up questions like, "What do you mean by that?" or "Can you give me an example?"

3. Prepare for your interviews. Come to any interview armed with a basic list of questions you hope to ask. If the conversation goes well you can (and should) toss your questions and go with the flow, but if you have a terse source your questions should be a big help in keeping the conversation going. When interviewing leaders and experts, you should always have a basic understanding of the work they have done which has prompted you to look to those people as sources.

4. Interview with breadth and depth. Interview as wide a range of people as possible, and probe them for thoughtful answers. You don't need to use quotes from every person you interview -- but having a diverse collection of interviews in your notebook will give you the best possible selection of quotes. Plus, good interviews should help you expand your understanding of your topic.

5. Write for a national audience. Obviously, your story will be grounded by your familiarity with your own school. But you should seek a variety of perspectives and several expert opinions. Try to interview students from at least three different schools, and look for recent research studies that may help illuminate some of the points your article makes. Interview the authors of the studies if you can.

6. Keep an open mind. Don't assume that you understand all the nuances of your topic. Expect that your understanding will evolve as you report. If it doesn't, you may not have reported thoroughly or aggressively enough. Once you're ready to write:

- 7. Decide on an approach.** Outlining your story is the best way to start. This means reviewing your notes, marking the most interesting or articulate quotes, making a list of important points, and creating a structure into which you can fit your information. Spend extra time at the beginning of your story. Readers will decide whether to proceed based on the capacity of your lead to grab their interest.
- 8. Focus on what's most compelling.** Before you start writing, think through all the information you have and all the points you plan to make. What's surprising? What's important? What's useful?
- 9. Show, don't tell.** It is tempting to describe a room as messy or a person as nice. But carefully-observed details and well-chosen verbs make a much stronger impression than adjectives.
- 10. Put your story in context.** You must help answer a reader's biggest question about any story: Why should I care?
- 11. Don't overuse direct quotes.** Sometimes you can best capture a mood with your own prose. Think of direct quotes as icing on a cake -- they enhance, but they shouldn't form the substance of your story. The quotes you do use must be attributed, always. The reader should not have to guess who is talking.
- 12. Fill holes.** Are there questions raised by your story that you have not answered? Ask a friend, teacher, editor or fellow reporter to read through your story and tell you what else he or she would want to know.
- 13. Triple-check for accuracy.** Spell names right. Get grade levels and titles right. Get facts right. If you are unsure of something and cannot verify it, leave it out. Before you turn in your story, ask yourself these questions: Have I attributed or documented all my facts? Are the quotes in my story presented fairly and in context? Am I prepared to publicly defend my facts if they are questioned?
- 14. Proofread.** Do not turn in a story with spelling or grammatical mistakes. If you're not sure of grammar, consult a copy of Strunk and White's *The Elements of Style*, or read it online.

Question 9

How do you write an article?

Answer:

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STEP 1: SELECT YOUR TOPIC. Choose a topic that interests you enough to focus on it for at least a week or two. ...

STEP 2: ADDRESS YOUR AUDIENCE'S NEEDS. Now, come back to your piece. ...

STEP 3: RESEARCH. ...

STEP 4: TIGHTEN YOUR DRAFT. ...

STEP 5: MAKE IT SPECIFIC. ...

STEP 6: READ, REVISE, REPEAT.

Question10

What are the features of article writing?

Answer:

What follows is a proven process for researching, writing, and submitting professional feature articles the meet editors' needs and enhances your reputation as a writer.

- Choose a topic. Start with an idea. ...
- Research. ...
- Draft a query letter. ...
- Do more research. ...
- “Feed the computer” ...
- Write. ...
- Revise and edit.

Question11

What makes an article an article?

Answer:

Article (publishing) An article is a written work published in a print or electronic medium. It may be for the purpose of propagating news, research results, academic analysis, or debate.

Question12

What is a personality feature article?

Answer:

A personality feature story is a journalistic article focusing on a single aspect of a person's life. Whether the focus is a career, personal struggle or interesting hobby, the author vividly renders the person's story using descriptions and quotes.

Question13

What is a feature story example?

Answer:

A feature story is not about the news. A feature story is a human interest story.

These stories are all about the details, and they allow a writer to get creative. Such stories should have a powerful hook and compelling details to keep the reader's interest, and they should end with powerful conclusions.

Question 14

How do you write a good feature article?

Answer:

1. **Know the rules of attribution.** You must identify yourself as a reporter before beginning any conversation with a source. If you don't, his or her comments will not be considered "on the record" -- and therefore they will not be useable in your article. A source cannot retroactively take his or her comments "off the record" -- so if a source says at the end of an interview, "but that was all off the record," that person is out of luck.

- It can enable readers to think hence it can influence.
- It can offer opinions, arguments/counter argument.

Question 15

How do you use article in a sentence?

Answer:

Generally, the articles a, and, they are used with nouns.

1. When to use the. Use the before singular and plural nouns when the noun is specific. ...
2. When to use A/An. When we are referring to any member of a group we use a/an ...
3. When NOT to use articles. A and they are not used with...
4. Plural Nouns. ...
5. Uncountable Nouns. ...
6. Real Nouns.

Question 16

You are Namita/Naman. Write an article on the topic 'India - A Tourist's Paradise' in 100-120 words. You may use ideas from the unit 'Travel and Tourism' in M.C.B. and the clues give below:

Suggested Value Points :

- A vast country
- Diversity of culture
- Variety of races
- Climate – hills, rivers, plains, deserts
- Places of pilgrimage

- Huge coastline, friendly beaches
- Modern cities

Answer:**India-A Tourist's Paradise****by Namita**

India is a vast country with diverse cultures and races. It is a land with ancient cultural heritage and rich history. India is the only country which has all types of seasons. It has beauty in all its places whether they are hills, deserts, plains or rivers. All these and the modern cities like Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore as well as the places of pilgrimage make it one of the most sought-after tourist destinations in the world.

India is blessed with places that have natural beauty like Kashmir, Goa, Puri, Kerala Ooty, etc. All such beautiful places are often visited by people who try to combine spirituality with pleasure. India has a variety of beautiful locations to visit which make it a tourist's paradise.

Question 17

You are Nidhi, a member of "Environment Club" of your school. Write an article on "Need of Afforestation" in the present-day world.

Suggested Value Points:

- Modern-age development
- Mother Earth for Granted
- Reckless cutting of trees for industries and human settlement
- Trees are helpful in reducing global warming
- Items of use
- Plant more trees
- Campaigns
- **Awareness**

Answer:**Need for Afforestation****By Nidhi**

This is the modern age where we have left everything behind in the mad race of development. It has made us take Mother Earth for granted. As a result, man has started cutting trees recklessly to cater to his present requirements. Trees not only provide us with fresh oxygen but also reduce pollution by absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. They are also helpful in reducing global warming. It is a matter of great concern that human beings have become so unconcerned towards nature that they are cutting trees in large numbers for settlements,

paper, etc. If the present trend of cutting trees is not checked then we will have to face dire consequences. It is, thus, the need of the hour to plant more and more trees. The government should start a large-scale campaign to make people aware of the importance of trees. It is only achievable if we take up the slogan of 'Each One Plant One' more seriously and put our thoughts into action.

PAST EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

MAY - 2018

Question1

Write an article of about 250 words on the topic "Global warming".

Answer:

"Global warming"

Global warming or climate change has become a worldwide concern. It is gradually developing into an unprecedented environmental crisis evident in melting glaciers. Changing weather patterns, rising sea levels, floods. Cyclones and droughts. Global warming implies an increase in the average temperature of the earth due to entrapment of greenhouse gases in the earth's atmosphere.

There is a crying need to raise awareness about global warming if we have to save the world from disaster.

Recent years have been unusually warm, causing worldwide concern.

But the fact is that the increase in carbon dioxide actually began in 1800, due to the deforestation of a large chunk of North-eastern American, besides forested parts of the world. The thing became worse with emissions in the wake of the industrial revolution, leading to increase in carbon dioxide level by 1900.

As per Kyoto Protocol, developed countries are required to cut back their emission. There is a need to reduce coal-fired electricity, increase energy efficiency through wind and solar power. and also high efficiency natural gas generation.

MAY - 2019

Write an article of about 250 words on the topic "The Fearless Indian Army".

The Fearless Indian Army

The Indian armed forces, as we know it today came into existence after the end of British colonialism in India and has inherited most of its infrastructure from British Indian army. The responsibility of national defence is discharged through the ministry of defence.

Indian armed forces comprise of three divisions namely: Indian Army, Indian Navy, and the Indian Airforce. The primary responsibility of Indian armed forces is defending the nation from external aggression and internal threats and maintaining peace and security within its borders. Indian army has also conducted humanitarian rescue operations during natural calamities and other disturbances. Through these actions, Indian army has always upheld its motto of "Sewa Paramo Dharma" which means "Service is our duty".

Indian army has been in four wars with Pakistan and one with China so far. Apart from these, it has also served in various UN peace keeping operations. Throughout history, Indian army has upheld the pride of the country. Our soldiers have always persevered in harsh climates of the war zones and have remained disciplined to fulfil their duties without passing any loose political remark.

In the current times, new conflicts have appeared on the India- Pakistan border which have created uneasiness in the country. Though there have been many manifestations across various institutions of politics, news and other media, one thing that has appeared as common throughout is the support, love and respect it receives from its citizens

NOV - 2019

Question1

Write an article of about 250 words on the topic, "The importance of water conservation".

Answer:

The importance of water conservation:

Water is the precious gift of God on the earth. Life exists on the earth cause of the availability of water. Itself being tasteless, order less and colorless, it adds taste, color and nice smell in the life. It takes nothing from But gives life to us. It had no shape but takes the shape of container we Tel. We find it everywhere in rivers, seas, tanks, well, ponds, etc but we lack clean drinking water. Three-fourth part of the earth is full of water however we need to conserve water as there is very less percentage of clean water.

Without water life is not possible on the earth. All the living beings like human, animals, plants, etc need water to grow, develop and live. Water is the only source of all lives here. We need water in all the walks of life from morning till night like drinking, cooking, bathing, etc. We should understand the importance of water in our life and stop misusing it with the proper management of usage of water. We should also protect clean water from being dirty due to the soil or water pollution. We should not waste it into toilet and store rain water for this purpose.

NOV - 2020 (CYCLE 1)

Question1

Write an article of about 250 words on the topic, “The Pros and cons of online Education in India”.

Answer:

The Pros and cons of online education in India

- By XYZ

Pros and Cons of Online Classes – The widespread outbreak of coronavirus has led to moving towards online classes by schools, colleges, coaching’s, etc. Although online classes were already in place in many places, COVID-19 has paved a new way of teaching all over the country through online classes. Almost all schools, colleges, universities, etc. have now started online classes for the students so as to continue the studies in this time of pandemic. These online classes are being helpful for the teachers and students in completing the syllabus of the class which has not been possible in any other way. At present, both teachers and students have adopted this new model of education and are trying to get used to it with each passing day. But along with various advantages of online classes, there are some disadvantages too. Students are facing some difficulties in online classes like difficulty in clearing doubts properly, network issues and many more. Along with this, many still believe that online classes can never be an alternative to brick and mortar classes. Here, we have listed some of

the pros and cons of online classes. Read the full article to know about all the pros and cons of online classes.

Pros of Online Classes

Following are the pros of online classes-

Study Anywhere – Online classes are available to a student sitting anywhere in the world provided he/she has a proper internet connection. So, if students are not in the city of their school or college then also they can avail the online classes easily. All they need to have is a working internet connection.

Elimination of travel time and Cost –

Online classes have eliminated the time and cost required to reach the school or college. In this way students are saving a lot of their precious time which they can utilize in any other productive work. Also, the cost incurred in daily travel to school and back to home has been totally eliminated with online classes.

Prevention of loss of studies – In this time of pandemic, online classes have come up as a boon for students. This is because if schools and colleges did not use online classes for studies, students would have wasted a lot of time in the session and it would have been really difficult to cover the entire course later. Through online classes, the session is going on at a similar pace as it would have been in offline classes.

Individualized study – Online classes provide an individualized study environment to a student where he/she can study alone. Many times, students become shy in asking queries in front of the entire class but in online classes no one is around, so students can easily ask questions.

Moreover, this individualized study also prevents students from any kind of disturbance.

Monitoring by Parents – With the help of online classes, parents are also able to check and know what their children are studying, how teachers are teaching in the class. Also, they can also motivate their children to take up doubts. Basically, online classes also involve parents in the studies of students which was not the same in case of offline classes.

Introduction to new technologies – Online classes have introduced students to new technologies. They now know how to use a particular software through which the school is teaching or have knowledge about various other platforms which are being used for online classes. So, these classes are also making the students technologically advanced.

Cons of Online Classes

As online classes have emerged as the only solution for education during lockdown, there are many cons related to it. However these can be minimized with a little care.

Network Issues - One of the biggest problems of online classes is network issues. It has been seen students struggle a lot to connect to the session due to internet issues. Many times, teachers are not audible, not visible and much more. In such

cases of network disruption, all the students start to talk at the same time which again creates another mess. So, network issues must be resolved for proper conduction of online classes.

Lacks One to One teaching - Online classes lack one to one teaching means these lack proper communication between students and teachers. Although students have the option to ask their queries in the online classes also but students find it difficult to get their doubts solved in a proper way. So many students are asking or putting their queries in the chat section that some are missed.

Continuous Use of Mobile/Laptop - One major concern of online classes is that students have to be on electronic devices like mobile phones, laptops or tablets continuously for 5-6 hours. This is not beneficial for students and will also cause health issues like eye strain to the students.

Requires Self-Discipline - In online classes, teachers are not able to monitor the students in the same way as offline classes, so these require a student to be self-disciplined. If a student is not disciplined, he/she may not pay attention to what the teacher is teaching in the class.

Proper utilization of online classes can lead to a new model of education involving online classes along with offline classes. But, proper care should be taken to minimize the cons of online classes.

JAN - 2021 (CYCLE 2)

Question1

Write an article of about 250 words on the topic “The Pleasures of reading”.

Answer:

Reading may be compulsion for a school going child, pastime for a retired person but a pleasure for many. You can discover simile on the face of novel- reader a gleam in the eyes of the reader of a poem and furrow of seriousness on the forehead of a person reading a newspaper report. Reading disturbs mind and heart. Waves of thinking and emotion are generated by reading. So the pleasure is immediate and it continuous to linger in the mind

Reading lifts us up from the harsh realities of life into the world of imagination. The magic touch of fancy transmutes grief into joy, failure into success pain into pleasure and fear into hope. Even an unhappy man sheds his unhappiness and realities no longer press hard.

Reading gives intellectual satisfaction. A detective novel satisfies the sense of curiosity, serious literature encourages intellectual activity light literature amuses us and poetry stirs our imaginations. One can relive the past and create the future by reading. By reading books we enrich our experience and sharpen our judgments Experience, in its turn, make us wiser and self-confident.

JULY - 2021

Question 1

Write an article of about 250 words on the topic 'Covid' certificate must for attending Parliamentary session.

Answer:

COVID – negative certificate must for Parliamentary session

All members of Parliament will need to have a COVID – 19 negative certificate to enter the premises in the monsoon session. A set of detailed guidelines has been issued by both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha secretariat with the recommendations of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Health Ministry.

This test needs to be done 72 hours before the session commences. Those MPs who have been unable to undertake the test will need to do so on the day they arrive at the Parliament's reception. And they can enter only if their rapid antigen test comes out of negative. Even when staff or family members test positive, the guidelines say that the MP will need to self-quarantine for 14 days.

These guidelines have been issued after consultations held between the two presiding officers, Rajya Sabha chairman Venkaiah Naidu and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. They individually also met senior officials from the Home Ministry, the Ministry and the ICMR.

The members will have to always wear a mask, even while participating in a debate. MPs would be encouraged to avoid going out of the Parliament during the course of a day's proceedings unless necessary to avoid contracting infection externally.

No hard copies:

Hard copies of Parliament papers such as list of business, copies of bills, ordinances and other documents also have been discontinued. The copies of these documents will be sent electronically. MPs have been requested to avoid calling any visitor to the Parliament unless absolutely necessary. In pre-pandemic times, the MPs used to arrange huge groups from their constituency to visit and school children also were routinely brought for a tour of the Parliament.

The Parliament canteen would offer only packed meals, tea, and coffee during the course of the session. This, too, would be given in disposable containers.

JUNE – 2022

Question 1

Corruption has become the order of the day. It has entered all walks of life. Write an article for your school magazine in 250 words on ‘The Role of Youth in combating corruption.’

Answer:

Role of Youth in Combating Corruption

By Amit

Corruption has become the order of the day. It has spread its tentacles in all walks of life. It seems that corruption has spared no one; everyone is in the grip of corruption. It is ruining power, society and the country as well. There is an urgent need to check this rampant corruption otherwise we will land ourselves nowhere.

Youth can play an important role in combating the corruption. They can arrange awareness campaigns about corruption and make an anti-corruption youth brigade, to keep a vigil over the offices.

Youth can make people understand that they should not resort to corrupt practices to get their work done. Youngsters must discourage people not to offer or receive bribes. If no one gives any money, work will be done automatically.

The youth must make the general public aware of various anti-corruption laws and right to information, so that they come handy at the most opportune time. Children are the future of the country. A lot depends on their strong shoulders.