

REPORT

What is a Report?

A report gives first-hand sequential information of an event, whether pre-planned or unexpected, by an individual.

Objectives

- ☐ To inform ☐ To describe ☐ To record ☐ To persuade

Types of Reports

Reports are of different kinds, cater to different sets of readers and have a special purpose. The language and style of a report also depends upon the audience it is aimed for. Reports are of many types:

- ☐ A report of an event/function etc. for the school magazine ☐ A newspaper report ☐ A survey report

1. A REPORT FOR A SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Format

- ☐ A specific title ☐ Introduction ☐ Main details ☐ Conclusion ☐ Name of the writer, class and section.

Contents

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Date, time and venue of the function/events | <input type="checkbox"/> Name of the Chief Guest |
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SAMPLE

ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

Daisydale School celebrated its 15th Annual Day with great gusto and enthusiasm on 20 February, 2010, in the school premises. The day marked the achievements and goals of our school, staff and students which has made the school, what it is today.

Mr. V. K. Bajaj, a renowned scientist of international repute, graced the occasion as the chief guest.

He laid the foundation stone of the new Science Block of the school and inaugurated the function amidst wide applause. Prizes were awarded to the meritorious students. This was followed by 'Saraswati Vandana' and the School Report which was presented by Asha Chauhan, the School Captain.

The hallmark of the function was a street play 'Aaj ki Aawaz' presented by XI Std students. This short play raised questions on the role of the educators from the young adult's perspective. To assist them in making choices, to empower and enable them to make their decisions and to attain them—this was the job of the educator. The students expressed their fears, anxieties, emotional pressures through song and dance. The play was given a standing ovation by the parents and teachers alike.

The Junior School put up a multi-coloured ballet. Tiny-tots dressed in Chinese, Spanish and African dresses won the hearts of the audience. Mr. Bajaj, in his speech, encouraged the young scientific minds to develop scientific temper and expressed concern at the declining interest in sciences as a career option. The function concluded with a vote of thanks extended by our worthy Principal, Mr. K. P. Mehta and singing of the national anthem by all.

Aastha Joshi

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2 . REPORT FOR A NEWSPAPER)

A report for a newspaper is more technical and precise than a report for a school magazine. It is formal and the style of writing a newspaper report is also different from a magazine report.

Format

- ☐ A meaningful title/a byline is needed ☐ A reporter's name/staff correspondent or News Agency
- ☐ Date of the origin of the report ☐ Name of the place in capital letters/bold letters

Content

- ☐ The first few lines of the report should pack lot of information and answer *what? when? why? who?* kind of questions.
- ☐ The report should look like the result of having talked to a cross section of people, e.g., police, hospital authorities, eyewitnesses etc.
- ☐ The first few lines should give the date of the happening or event.
- ☐ The next paragraphs should give the details of the deliberations, observations made, the facts that emerged and the role of the people involved.
- ☐ If the report is about a workshop or a seminar, then the number of participants and the objective of the workshop should be stated in the beginning.
- ☐ The final paragraph recounts the suggestions or recommendations made, that may be useful in solving the problem.
- ☐ The ending is not the end of the event, it is rather a looking forward, a beginning of problem-solving time.

SAMPLES			
<p align="center">(i)</p> <p>3-yrs RI for robbing bus co-passenger</p> <p>A city court sentenced an unemployed youth to three years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) on Friday for robbing a 30-year-old man after befriending him in a Blue Line bus two years ago.</p> <p>Additional Sessions Judge (SJ) Virender Kumar Goyal held Sunil Masih (25), guilty of robbing a wristwatch and other items from the complainant, Anshul Verma and also slapped a fine of Rs 10,000 on him. However, the trial of the other</p>	<p>accused who is a minor, is going on in the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB).</p> <p>As per the prosecution on August 4, 2005 Verma had boarded the bus route number 505 to his West Kidwai Nagar residence and the accused Masih and the 11-years old minor with their common intention also boarded the same bus.</p> <p>In the bus they offered Verma a packet of intoxicating biscuits and robbed him of two cheques worth Rs 3,000 and Rs 4,000, a wristwatch and his purse which had Rs 450. Verma had deposed and</p>	<p>identified the accused Masih as the man who had robbed his belongings. Later the police recovered all the articles from his possession.</p> <p>The prosecution produced fifteen witnesses to prove its case.</p> <p align="center">(ii)</p> <p>2. sewing machine thieves arrested</p> <p>With the arrest of two persons, police claimed to have busted a gang of sewing machine thieves in south district and have solved seven cases of theft. Thirty sewing machines worth Rs 8 lakh have also been recovered from their possession.</p> <p>The duo have been</p>	<p>identified as Abdul Hafiz (35) and Khalid (36). On May 2, the police intercepted a Scorpio car after a tip-off. The driver of the car took out a revolver and targeted the team that chased the Scorpio on motorcycle. He was apprehended near Zakir Nagar and was later identified as Abdul Hafiz.</p> <p>"The accused had disclosed that he was involved in number of robberies in different parts of Delhi and was working for Shaikat Pasha, a criminal of Muradabad in Uttar Pradesh and presently fighting Assembly election from</p>

<p>Amroha," said DCP (south) Anil Shukla.</p> <p>Hafiz further disclosed that for the theft of sewing machine, they used to first enter as a worker in Export Garments factories. The gang used to steal costly machines from the factory and further kept the stolen articles in rented godown of Batla House.</p> <p>"They also changed the make of the machines and used to sell them in open market for profit. On his instance, the police team arrested Khalid from Bada House on May 2," Shukla added.</p>	<p>(iii)</p> <p>Massive tornado flattens Kansas farming town</p> <p>Kansas City, Missouri:</p> <p>A tornado wiped out most of a small farming town in south-western Kansas, killing seven people and injuring at least 63, emergency officials said on Saturday. The funnel cloud hit Greensburg on Friday evening, smashing buildings, overturning vehicles and knocking out communication towers. Aerial television news footage showed ruins throughout the community</p>	<p>of about 1,800 people. Rescue workers were going door to door, helped by National Guard troops. Some residents said on television that emergency sirens had given them about 20 minutes of warning before the driving winds hit the town. "There is still a possibility that we do not have all the people accounted for," said a spokeswoman for the state emergency management agency.</p> <p>The tornado was "massive", measuring up to 1 mile wide, said Michael Lacy, a forecaster with the National Weather</p>	<p>Service in Dodge City, Kansas. Winds were as strong as 266 kmph, he said.</p>
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3. REPORT BASED ON A SURVEY

A Survey Report is based on a survey that has been conducted on a group of people and the findings are given as charts, diagrams etc. These categories are interpreted for deeper analysis. After interpretation, these facts and figures are converted into texts, that form the basis of a Survey Report.

(Sample 1)

Given below is a survey conducted by Salim Raza, to find out how teenagers spend their free time,

No.	Nature of Activity	Time spent
1.	Watching sports on TV	10%
2.	Watching movies, serials on TV	40%
3.	Playing outdoor games	5%
4.	Reading	25%
5.	Talking to friends on telephone	15%
6.	Hobbies	5%

Based on the findings of his survey, Salim writes a report on the topic “Teenagers and their pursuits” along with his ideas and conclusions.

Teenagers and Their Pursuits

The survey, which was conducted recently, presents a very sad state of affairs. Most of the children are spending the maximum time of their formative years glued to the ‘idiot box’, watching melodramatic movies or serials, which are by no means beneficial to them. Physical activities appear to take a backseat. Children spend 10% time watching sports on TV, outdoor games are on the decline, may be due to lack of playgrounds, that is why only 5% time is spent on creative pursuits. Even hobbies do not appear to be gaining much favour among the youth, due to the extreme pressure of studies. The only silver lining is the habit of reading books among the youth, which is popular, though on the decline. Unless the school libraries are well equipped with bestsellers like Harry Potter books etc. and there is positive motivation from the parents’ side, the day is not far off when even the habit of reading will become extinct. Talking to friends appears to be the only respite, the children spend 15% of their time for this, amidst the stress and strain of their studies.

Salim Raza

(Sample 2)

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Heart attack deaths down by 50 % : Study

A heart attack is not quite the killer it once was. A worldwide study has found that deaths resulting from heart attacks have drastically reduced—by as much as 50%. The study published in the Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA) is based on observations of 45,000 patients who had suffered heart attacks or deadly blockages in 14 countries between 1999 and 2006. The reasons for the new, improved state of the human heart are not too hard to fathom. In fact, they can be found right here in Mumbai, even though India was not included in the study. Doctors insist that when



it comes to the heart, Mumbai is among the healthiest—it has high-tech hospitals, modern equipment and the latest medicines. Everything from blood thinners to specific clotbusters are freely available. And Sion Hospital has even acquired the latest cath lab.

EXERCISE

As a part of the social service group of your school, you visited the Blind School at Pratapganj. Write a short report based on your experience, for your school magazine. You can take help of the clues given below.

□ Date, time and mode of departure □ No. of students, teachers and time of arrival. The scene at the Blind School □ Interaction and variety programme presented for them □ Their reaction, problems and the bravery of the blind children in fighting the problems * Significance of this visit

Ans.

Visit to the Blind School, Pratapganj

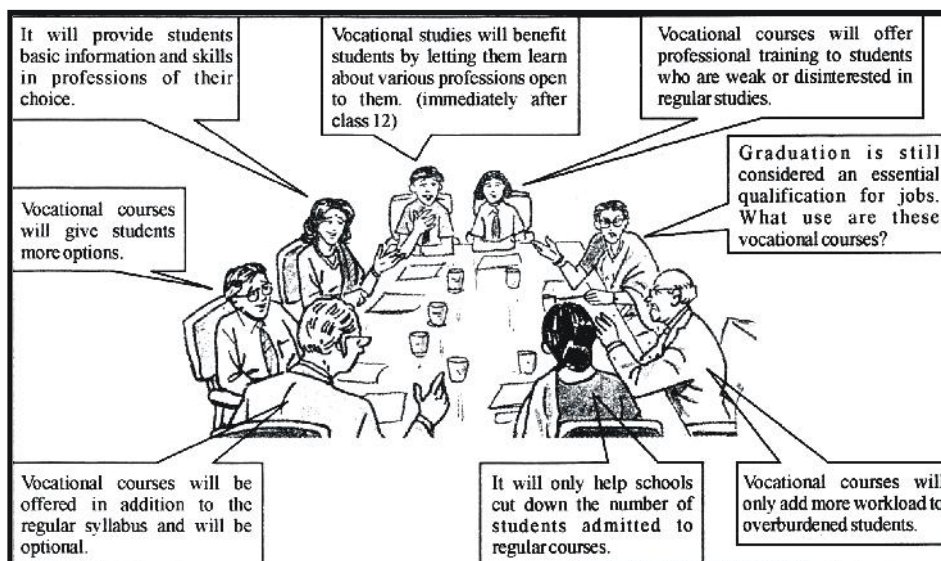
I cannot thank my school, my teacher enough for offering me such a unique experience.

I must admit, I was rather unhappy and doubtful about the benefits of visiting a Blind School. What kind of social service we could render to them?

The Blind School at Patparganj was an eyeopener. An immaculately clean surrounding, eager students (partially blind) who welcomed us heartily and showed us around. Classes were divided on basis of age and the extent of the handicap students, having lost one faculty, were extremely sharp in the use of their other senses. They could easily decipher sound, distance and could perform their own duties themselves. They worked wonders with their hands and made amazing baskets, drawings, models. Girls could dance to the music, sing beautifully. What amazed us the most was their cheerful happy attitude towards life. None of them looked depressed, tired or sad. It was a lesson .or us all — having been blessed with every faculty we still grumbled! we promised to do all we could for them n the form of books.

EXERCISE

At a recent parent-teacher meeting held in your school the topic under discussion was the introduction of Vocational Training Courses in classes X and XI. These were some of the opinions expressed by the teachers and parents. Also present there were three student representatives who expressed their views on the issue.



You were one of the student representatives. Write a report to be read out in the next meeting of the student's parliament, clearly mentioning the difference of opinions between the teachers and parents and the students and what the final resolution was.

A Report on 'Vocational Training Courses in Classes X and XI'

Manoj Verma XI D

The recent parent-teacher meeting held on Vocational Training Courses in Classes X and XI led to a forceful expression of opposite views. The Principal informed the parents that vocational courses will be offered in addition to the regular syllabus and will be optional. His announcement led to arguments by parents against the idea. One parent thought that it will help only the school authorities as they will cut down the number of students admitted to regular courses. Another parent argued it will only overburden the students by adding more courses to follow. He was supported by another parent forcefully. She declared that since graduation is the basic qualification needed for any job, vocational course will be of no use for students.

Teachers supported the Principal by declaring that students will have more options and will provide them basic information and skills in professions of their choice. The three student representatives asserted that vocational studies will be beneficial as they will learn about professions they have to choose after passing Class X11.

The final resolution passed at the end of the meeting was that the experiment can be tried and a final assessment made after the end of the academic year.

DIARY ENTRY

Diary writing is a personal kind of writing and a diary comes to perform the function of an alter-ego. Diary writing usually involves the regularised recording of personal feelings and reflections on a topic. It facilitates growth of self-awareness and self-reliance. Written in the solitude on blank pages, writers can reflect on their life experience, contemplate future directions and come to trust their own answers.

Diary writing involves more than just a straightforward recording of thoughts about a subject or a set of headings. It calls for active dialogue and feedback as the writer is reflecting on what is currently written as compared to what was written earlier. Since diary writing is very confidential, the writer is at liberty to condemn, curse or praise anyone, without any fear or apprehensions. Generally, diary is used to bounce off ideas, to unburden oneself. However, it can be regarded as a sign of personal growth.

Format

Since diary writing is very personal, it follows no set rules. However, the following points can be mentioned.

- ☐ Date/Time/Day
- ☐ A suitable heading
- ☐ Contents in an impersonal manner
- ☐ Words like, Dear Diary can be used. Some writers address the diary with a particular name
- ☐ Signature/Name

Contents

1. Diary should be written when some incident worth recording has taken place.
2. It should not record weather records, recipes or reminders etc.
3. It should be honest and truthful observation of people and oneself.
4. Create your own style and format.
5. Even if ideas look disjointed, it should not matter.
6. You should record or write something that really inspires you and which you would like to read later.

SAMPLE – 1

You are going to participate in an Extempore Competition. All night you sit up preparing various topics. You are shaken awake by a bad dream. Write about this experience in 150 words for the diary.

Ans. Sunday, 10 January

5 a.m.

Dear Diary,

Gosh! What a dream! I'm still sweating. What a strange grip dreams have on people like me. And who says they are far from reality? I hope nothing happens, the way everything happened in my dream.

I am on my way to school as usual. Surprisingly, the roads are absolutely deserted. No honking, no jostling, no traffic. I manage to reach the school and the Guard smiles at me mysteriously. I run to my classroom and I find that there are bags, but no children. When I peep out of the window, I see the Morning Assembly in progress. Surprisingly, I can't hear the prayer or the school band. I wonder why? After some time, I approach my House Teacher, Mrs Wasan. Thankfully, her face lights up the moment, she sees me. "Arun, I hope you are well-prepared!" I nod in the affirmative.

The Extempore Competition commences with the Activity Teacher's instructions. Three speakers speak before me, I'm fourth on the list. All the three are wildly cheered, though I can't recollect their topics or the content of their speeches. I reach the stage and pick up a chit to read my topic. I'm a bundle of nerves. To my surprise, I can't decipher anything, the words appear absolutely foreign to me. I ask the compere for help. I am able to understand that the topic revolved around something concerning the role of judiciary. I start speaking and there is absolute silence. I don't remember the contents of my speech, but I remember Prashant's face beaming at me, from the front row. I think I have managed to pull it off. Shruti and Sneha of my class are also smiling appreciatively, as I come down from the stage.

Now looking back in retrospect, I realise that I'm quite foggy on this subject. Imagine, I had not even prepared anything remotely connected with judiciary. It was a wake up call? Or were future events casting their shadows in advance? I can't say. Sometimes our secret fears also prove right.

Let us see.

Arun

EXERCISE

Yesterday was like no other day. The Investiture Ceremony was held in your school and you were declared the school captain. Write a diary entry reliving the experience and the realisation of your most heartfelt desire. (150 words)

☐ Date, place and venue of the ceremony ☐ Programme—items, various titles, posts etc. ☐ Teachers and students attending it ☐ Speeches of an earlier school captain, Principal ☐ Final announcement of your name. A wish fulfilment.

Ans. January 4, 2010

10 P.M.

Dear Diary,

What an incredible, eventful day today was! Imagine my greatest dream coming true. Today, before the whole school, in the Investiture Ceremony, I was declared the school captain! I was shaking with trepidation, my thoughts were in a jumble, I could hardly stand still when the Principal pinned the badge on my shirt. The cheering of the assembly, the broad smiles on my friends' faces were reminders that it was happening, it was true and not just a dream.

You can imagine the happiness of Mum and Dad. I have fulfilled their expectations, I have made not only mine but their dreams come true. I pray with all my heart that I do not believe the faith reposed in me and prove true to the task given to me. I have every intention of being a good captain. Pray for me!

Lalit

EXERCISE

Your best friend Suhas cheated you of your money. You always considered him to be a true friend, very dignified and honest. Express your conflicting emotions in a diary entry. (150 words)

☐ How Suhas cheated you? ☐ Your friend's betrayal too painful to tolerate ☐ Unable to reconcile to the loss of your friendship ☐ How would you behave with him in future?

Ans. Sunday, December 4

Dear Diary,

Today I understand the famous words of Mark Antony when he stood before the slain body of Julius Caesar. He referred to Brutus' attack on Caesar as "The unkindest cut of all". I feel the same. I cannot imagine Suhas, of all the people, cheating me, robbing me of my hard earned money. I trusted Suhas more than myself, trusted him and treated him like a brother — yet he has betrayed me. I gave him Rs 5000 as a loan, without any legal papers signed — such was my faith and trust in him. He denies outright that he ever took such a loan from me. He calls me a liar, and says — he says — I am no longer his friend!

How do I deal with such deceit? It has wounded me to the core of my heart. It is not the monetary loss which has cut me up, but the barefaced denial. What do I do? The friendship has ended, I will treat him like a rank stranger and just be polite. He has left me with no choice.

"O wind thou art not so unkind.

As a friend's in gratitude!" Shakespeare again.

Yours in deep sorrow

Anil

BOOK REVIEW / FILM REVIEW

Definition

A book review is a description, critical analysis and an evaluation on the quality, meaning and significance of the book. A film review is also on similar lines.

Focus

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Purpose of the book/movie | <input type="checkbox"/> Content |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Intended audience |

Please note that a critical book review is not a book report or a summary. It is kind of written reaction of what the author has tried to do, evaluate how well the author has succeeded in his objective.

Format/Procedure

There is no fixed format or procedure to write a book-review. Book reviews are very personal and reflect the opinion of the reader/viewer. However, the following hints can be used to write a book-review.

Hints for Writing a Book-Review / Film Review

- ☐ In the beginning a statement should be made regarding the essential information of the book/movie like — title, author, price, actors, director etc.
- ☐ The author's purpose for writing the book.
- ☐ Genre of the book/film.
- ☐ Style — formal, informal, original, forceful, clarity etc.
- ☐ Highlights/Some special features worth mentioning.
- ☐ Basic theme. It can also be related to other books/films of similar nature.
- ☐ Description — background, settings, word pictures of scenes or any other sensuous details.
- ☐ Possibilities suggested by the book/film whether it has solved the problems it raised or not?
- ☐ State your general conclusion. It can be final assessment, whether you would recommend this book/film to others or not.

Study the following

FILM REVIEWS

SAMPLE # 1

TOON SHADES OF POLITICS

Astro Boy

Voices : Freddie Highmore,

Nicolas Cage, Charlize

Theron, Samuel L. Jackson

Direction: David Bowers

FOR kids, this is a nice fantasy adventure. The hero is a little robot named Toby, whose scientist dad 'invents' him after the sad demise of his son. Toby the robot has all the traits of Toby the dead son, and also looks like him. And since he is a robot, he can fly too.

Now, here's what is not so kiddie about this kiddie flick. Toby in his avatar as the super-hero robot. Astro Boy is powered by Blue Energy, which is opposed to Red Energy that essentially stands for all that is bad and dangerous. Blue Energy, as discovered by the scientist dad, is safe. Red Energy on the other hand is destructive, so the political heads are gunning for it.



It doesn't take long for you to crack the political colour code of this film. And it does surprise you that Hollywood should still flog the dead Red horse — more so by way of a toon flick marketed for the little ones.

The allusion falls flat. If *Astro Boy* works, it's purely as an action animation fun flick for children.

The script is simple. Astro Boy and his scientist dad live in Metro City, which is like a satellite that orbits Earth. Humans in Metro City use robots for daily chores. And when a robot is too old to function anymore, they dump it on the planet far below, which is Earth. Pollution is rampant on Earth naturally, with all the junk piling up.

It's upto Astro Boy to fight the evil President of Metro City, and fly off to Earth to protect the planet with the help of some scavenger human kids whose leader Harnegg reminds you of Fagin in *Oliver Twist* and who builds robots out of scrap parts.

This isn't a pathbreaking toon film. Still, 94 minutes of loud explosion and glitzy FX will keep the little ones happy.

— Vinayak Chakravorty

BOOK REVIEWS

SAMPLE 1

"WINGS OF FIRE" — Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

"Wings of Fire" is an autobiography of former President of India and an eminent scientist Shri A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. **It is very important for every Indian and especially for youth to read this autobiography.** It is not because he is a former President and an eminent scientist, therefore every Indian should read it. However, **this autobiography really has good knowledge to share with us, a knowledge which is very difficult to get elsewhere.**

This autobiography is different in many ways as it tell us many lessons with true examples. This book tells us the story of a Muslim boy, who became the President of a Hindu dominated country by hard work and dedication. It gives us an inside look into the lives of Muslims in India and relationships between Hindu and Muslim communities in India. **It tells us how common Hindus and Muslims respect each other's religion.**

"Wings of Fire" is the story of a small boy achieving his dreams despite all the odds. This real story tell us the role of family, relatives and friends in helping a person in achieving his goals. This book tells us, how to live for our country. This book shows the determination of India and it's scientists in achieving excellence in space and missile technology.

This book provides an inside look into the success and failures of Indian space and missile technology programmes. **The book gives a good presentation about the role of other eminent scientists in shaping our country's future. This book is a must for every student because it has the power to motivate a person to excel in life.** "Wings of Fire" is a clear example of achieving one's goals, while fulfilling the commitment towards the country.

From : 'Thoughts of Common Man.com'

5. Write a film review of 'Three Idiots'.

Ans. Self-attempt

7. Write a film review of any one of these movies

☐ Finding Nemo

☐ Titanic

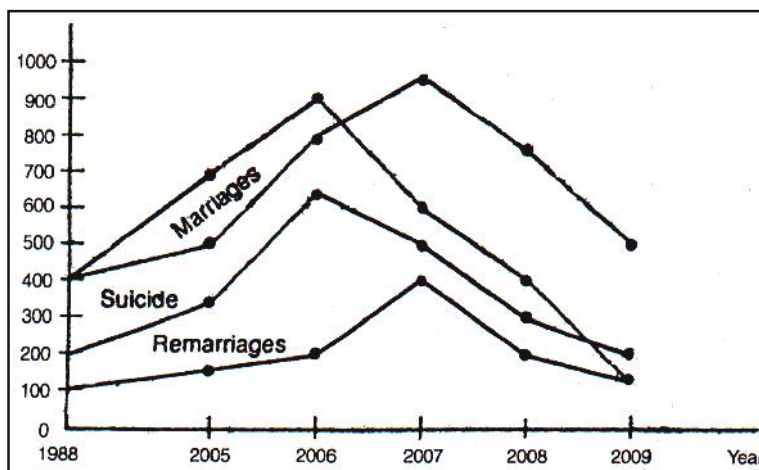
☐ Spiderman

☐ Happy feet

Ans. Titanic was the biggest blockbuster a decade ago. Directed by the same director, James Cameron of 'Avatar' fame, it was a breathtaking movie, perfectly mixing modern technology with an imaginary love story and a real human disaster. The characters, (beautifully acted by the main actors) were convincing, the story absorbing. There was real drama in the scenes, when the invincible ship sank, the human greed, selfishness, and also nobility, heroism and sacrifice by ordinary people made it a gripping, unforgettable movie. The music was spellbinding. A really marvellous experience.

DATA INTERPRETATION

1. Given below is the data about the deaths caused by dowry demands in Rohtak during last five years. Using this information, write a short paragraph in about 80 words.



Ans. ANTI-DOWRY

Dowry System is a slur on the fair name of our society. Many a young bride has to sacrifice her life at the altar of Dowry, the 'goddess' of Evil. Maximum marriages were solemnised in the year 2007 during the 6 years from 2004 to 2009, in our city. The maximum number of brides who were burnt for bringing insufficient dowry was 850 in 2006. Since then, this figure fell steadily and it was 150 in the year 2009. Those who were led to commit suicide because of dowry were 600 in 2006. This figure, too steadily fell to 200 by the year 2009. This decline in the number of deaths due to dowry was, perhaps, due to stringent measures taken by the government as well as women's organisations. This is a healthy sign.

SAMPLE

1. Priyanka conducted a survey to find out how teenagers spend their free time. Based on the findings given below, write a short composition titled 'Teenagers and their pursuits' along with your ideas and conclusion in 80 words.

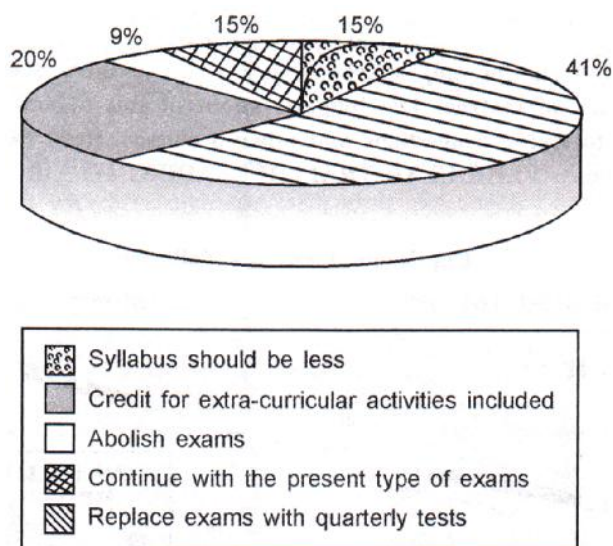
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Ans.

Teenagers and Their Pursuits

The survey, which was conducted recently presents a gloomy picture, since teenagers (40%) are spending their maximum time glued to the 'idiot box' watching serials, which are harmful. Sports appears to have taken a backseat since only 10% are watching sports and only 5% are playing outdoors maybe due to lack of playgrounds. Hardly any spare time is kept for creative pursuits and hobbies. The craze is to talk to friends on mobile or telephone. The silver lining is that at least 25% teenagers are reading books, newspapers and are utilising their time meaningfully.

2. A survey was conducted by students of Golden Era Public School regarding the importance of Examinations, from classes VIII-XI Std. Based on the information given below, write a short composition of 80 words, titled-Examinations- —with a Difference'.

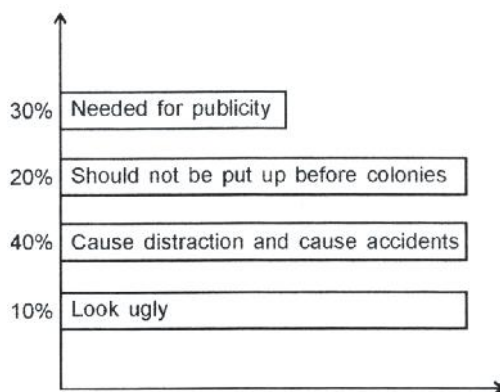


Ans.

Examinations — With a Difference

Examinations have always meant stress and strain for students as well as their parents. A large majority of students (41% according to a survey) believe that exams should be replaced by quarterly tests. Twenty percent believe a child's result should not be based on annual exams only but also on extra curricular activities included in the school curriculum. Only 15% believe in the benefits of present day exam system. Some have no faith in them and want them to be abolished forthwith. They only form nine percent of the survey. Some think (15%) that reducing the syllabus would help. There is no consensus but some change is definitely required.

3. Ankit finds that wherever he goes, there are advertisements pasted on hoardings. He conducts a survey and comes up with the findings given below. Write a short composition of 80 words on the topic Hoardings A Boon or a Bane?



Ans. Hoardings : A Boon or a Bane?

Wherever you turn you find a hoarding staring you in the face. It could be for a soap, for a cane, for a bank loan, or for a flat in an upmarket place. We all agree that there is a need for publicity, for making the public aware of a new product. Without publicity, the consumer will not know about a new product.

But do we need huge hoardings? Do we need them at road crossings — huge cut-outs of new heroes and heroines in provocative poses? Are we not aware of their influence in causing distractions or road accidents? They look ugly. Big hoardings force us to buy things we do not need, desire things we cannot afford and feel depressed as a consequence. So they should only be put up with discretion and restraint.

STORY WRITING

SAMPLE

1. Rishi is one of the most diligent and enthusiastic students of his class. He is not financially well off but he spares no effort in putting in the best and braving all odds, write an inspiring story in 150 words.

Ans



The Dynamic Rishi

Rishi was never ordinary, except his circumstances. A student of class VII, he was always above his peers, be it neatness, punctuality or discipline. Son of a small-time 'Chaiwalla', he never had any time to waste. After school, he also had to help his father at their small tea-shop at Najafgarh. He would always carry his books and when there was a dearth of customers, he would quickly sit under the nearby streetlight and complete his homework. His friends would tease him, "You are a real Rishi at heart" and he would promptly add, "Yes, I have no choice!"

His teachers were very fond of him, specially his Maths teacher, Mr. Ahuja. The moment the teacher would write the question on the blackboard, Rishi would be the first one to raise his hand. The only subject that put in a spoke in his wheel was English. He envied everyone who could speak English with proper accent and diction. Rishi never dared to speak English in the class, lest others make fun of him. His dreams were translated into reality when he got the chance to work part-time in the household of a retired college professor of English, Mr. Vasan. Mr. and Mrs. Vasan, an elderly childless couple, not only attended to Rishi's drawbacks but also gave excellent career guidance. With the grace of God and his hard-work, Rishi cleared the IIM with flying colours.

Today, Rishi is a dashing management executive in a reputed MNC. He is an asset to the company and an inspiration for others. His day starts early morning, when he bustles towards his office with great zest and enthusiasm. When asked by his friends regarding the complexes of his schooldays, Rishi brushes them aside with his typical smile, "Oh! they were minor irritants."