

Essay No. 01

How I spent my summer vacation

A visit to a hill station is worth enjoying during the summer vacation. There is get over the plains. People like to go to hill stations to refresh themselves.

It was terribly hot in June. School work could not be done properly. Students were all looking forward to holidays. When our school broke up for summer vacation on the 3rd of June, we felt a great relief.

My father made a programme to go to Mussorie. I requested him to spend a few days at Haridwar also. He agreed to my request. On 12th June we left Jalandhar by the Dehradun Passenger. We reached Haridwar the next day in the morning. We stayed there in a rented out.

Haridwar is a beautiful town with lots of temples. It is situated on the bank of the holy Ganges. It is considered as a holy place of the Hindus and resents a god view. We stayed there for five days. We had jolly good time there.

We used to go to the Ganges for a bath in morning and in evening. The water was very cold but we enjoyed it a lot. There was a great rush of people at the ghat. In the evenings, the ghat resented a gala appearance. The whole place summed with life. Thousands of people could be seen coming and going.

After six days we went up to Mussorie. It is a beautiful hill station and has been rightly called the "Queen of Hills". We stayed there for about a week. The weather was very pleasant and the scenery simply charming. The atmosphere enjoyed long walks in the mornings and in the evenings. We also used to go to see pictures and for strolling. W went to see all famous places of Mussorie.

After a week, we came back to Ludhiana. We bought some gifts for our friends. The weather in the plains was still very hot.

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A Trip To The Hills

A trip to the hills is the best way to spend one's vacation when the plain burns with heat, we look to the hills. To go to a hill station is the best way to spend the summer vacation. We dream of the hills throughout the year. We have to save money and make other preparations for the hills.

Last year we decided to go to Kashmir. It is the best hill station in India. But it is very costly and very far off. Very few families can afford to go to hills in these hard days. Kashmir is a paradise on earth. It is a land of snow mountains, lovely lakes and sparkling rivers. The roads of Kashmir are full of beauty and charm.

From Delhi we took the night train for Jammu. The train reached Jammu early in the morning. From Jammu we took a bus for Srinagar, the capital of Kashmir. On the road the scenery was grand and glorious.

On the way it started raining cats and dogs. It rained so heavily that the roads were broken and our bus could go no further. So we halted at Ramban till roads were repaired. We had to stay there for a week. For three days the rain did not stop. It took another three days to repair the roads.

When we left Ramban, we crossed Banihal Pass which is the highest mountain on way to Kashmir. Here we were on the top of the world. We found snow on both sides of the road. Leaving Banihal in the evening, we reached Srinagar late- in the night. We spent the night in the Tourist Centre and hired house boat the next morning.

Living in a houseboat is a special experience. The boat stands in the Jhelum River or the Dal Lake. Our houseboat was in the Jhelum River near the bridge known as Amira Kadal. It is the most famous bazaar and bridge of Srinagar. There is a hotel in this houseboat known as Punjab and Kashmir Hotel. The houseboat is connected with the bank for light and water supply. Boats also come to sell their fruits, carpets and other goods.

After staying a week in the boat we went to Pahalgam. It is a hill station in Kashmir which has snowy mountains round and sparkling streams flowing through the town. Many people live in tents on the side of the Lidder stream. It looks like a tented town. We went climbing the mountains around the city of Pahalgam. Up the mountains we found a bridge of snow, with water flowing under it.

After a week we returned to Srinagar again. We had an excursion on the Dal Lake and went to Shalimar Garden, Nishat Garden, Chasma Shashi and other gardens. We also went to see the Wular lake. Then we went to Gulmarg and spent a week there.

Gulmarg is the best hill station and there is perpetual snow round it. It is famous for golf course and skating in winter. Many Europeans visit this place and stay here. Nights here are very cold and it rains here almost every day in summer. Weather is fine for a few hours during the day when people can go climbing the mountains and collect flowers.

We returned to Delhi after a month's stay in Kashmir. It was that best experience of my life. After spending a month in Kashmir one does not like to visit any other mountain. No other mountain has the charm of Kashmir. One remembers Kashmir forever and over.

Essay No. 03

How I Spent My Last Summer Vacation

Every student is always waiting for the summer vacation. This is the period when he gets relief from hard studies of the session and has some free time to enjoy himself as he likes.

Almost every year during my summer vacation, I go to one or the other hill station to spend a month or so there. It is because it is extremely hot in the plains and one wants an escape from it as early as possible.

However, during the last summer, I went to my aunt who lives in Delhi. I knew that Delhi is a very hot place and to go there was no better than staying at my own native place in Haryana. But my aunt had pressed me hard to visit and stay at her house for at least a fortnight. Her word was an order for me and I could not disobey her.

So, I went to Delhi to stay at my aunt's only half-heartedly. But, as I went to her house, soon all my fears of spending a hellish time in the scorching heat of Delhi were allayed and even nullified.

My aunt is a rich businesswoman entrepreneur of Delhi and so is my uncle. So, they lead a lucrative, luxurious life. Their house is all air-conditioned where I found no trace of the heat I had to endure, in my own native house. Then my aunt offered me choicest cold drinks and chilly fruit juices.

My aunt got a holiday from her work and took me in her air-conditioned car to various places worth seeing in Delhi such as the Red Fort, the India Gate, the Zoological Park, the Jantar Mantar, the Qutab Minar, etc. We visited only one or two places each day. One day, she took me to her office also which is fully air-conditioned. So, I felt no discomfort anywhere while staying with her. I decided to

spend my whole summer vacation in her house and this is how my period of summer vacation was speilt. Of course, I also completed my homework there and got lessons in music, dancing, painting and computer-operating, also there.