

A village fair

6 Best Essays on "A Village Fair"

Essay No. 01

India is a land of villages though urbanization is taking place at a fast pace. Still, most of the people in India live in villages. They do not have many means of entertainment and shopping in the village and have to go to the nearby towns for this purpose. But fairs, which are held frequently in villages, provide them a welcome relief.

A fair is also held in my village every year on the day of Baisakhi. The Baisakhi always falls on the 13 days of April every year. It is on this day that the farmers start harvesting their wheat crops in northern India. Hence the day is celebrated with great joy with only little variations from village to village.

I went to see the Baisakhi fair held in my village last year. It covered quite a vast area outside the village. A very large number of people from nearby villages were making a beeline to the fair. There was a large number of stalls. At many stalls, sweets and men and women with their heads covered were sitting on benches and were eating colorful barfi, rasgullas and Gulab. Some of them were taking saltish dishes like samosas and pakoras.

Some stalls were selling colorful toys, balloons, and balls; there was a great rush at the stall selling ladies items like glass bangles, bracelets, necklaces, and several other items of artificial jewelry. Some religious-minded old ladies preferred to buy clay images of gods and goddesses.

In one corner a juggler was showing his tricks. And in another corner, a snake charmer was singing with his pipe in front of a Cobra who had its hood raised while a large crowd of people stood around.

However, one great attraction of the fair was the folk dance of Punjab, which was being performed most enthusiastically by young boys for the sheer joy of doing it. And similar was the case with giddha performed by young girls. The fair was like a paradise.

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Every year, in the first week of May, soon after Holi, a big fair is held near our village. It is held in memory of a Hindu saint, who had worked hard for the uplift of the nearby villages. His Samadhi is just outside our village at a distance of about half a mile.

The preparations for the fair began a week or two earlier, under the guidance of Village Panchayat members. The whole place was swept clean and shrubs and bushes were removed. A temporary bazaar was set up and stalls were allotted to traders who displayed their wares for sale. These wares included items of public interest. On the appointed day villagers from far and near, flocked to the place to see the fair called "Sadhu Mela".

There were much dancing and merry-making. Drums were beaten and rustic songs were sung. People passed singly or in groups through the bazaar and enjoyed themselves. There were huge crowds in front of the toy shops and the confectioner's shop. At some places, acrobats and rope dances were showing their feats. At another place merry go- rounds were crowded with boys and girls, men and women. The jugglers and snake charmers had also a busy time. The snake charmer played on his flute pipe which was giving a melodious tune. Before his flute was dancing serpents. They seemed to be completely hypnotized by the sweet sound of the flute.

Village games like Kabhadi, tug of war, wrestling were specially arranged. In wrestling, the renowned wrestlers from the adjoining villages came here to participate. It was each other. The winner was awarded a prize of one thousand rupees. The most interesting event of the fair was the oxen race through a flooded rice field. The winner was awarded a brass shield and cash prize of two thousand rupees. This year, it was won by our "Mahesh".

In the evening the fair broke up and people were seen hurrying back to their homes with arms full of toys and sweets. Many people who had come to buy or sell cattle were found joyful either with reins of good breed of cattle with them or the bags full of money. This fair which is held every year reminds people of the happy memories of the saint. It also brings the people of the far villages together to bring harmony and unity among the villagers.

Essay No. 03

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Fairs are commonly held in villages. These fairs are of various kinds. Some fairs concern some specific fields. Such fairs are animal fairs, Agricultural tool fairs, village industry fairs, vegetable fairs, bee-keeping or dairy product fairs, etc. Fairs

of specific kinds are not so common as general fairs. The largest number of people visit only the general fairs. So in common parlance when we talk of a village fair, it means a general fair.

Ours is a big village. It is surrounded by a number of small villages on all sides. It is situated at a long distance from any main city. So, the villagers of this area are very eager to buy common household and other products and to have some fun and amusement.

It is for this reason that a fair is held every month in our village on the last Sunday. It is held in the vast open ground outside our village. The people from the adjoining villages all converge on the fair in large numbers.

Last Sunday which fell on 31st March, I went to see the said village fair. I saw a large number of people including men, women, and children moving towards the venue of the fair. They were wearing gorgeous, gaudy clothes and were beaming with joy.

As I reached the open ground, I found the place humming with people. All over the ground stalls and kiosks had been set up. All kinds of things were being sold there. These included cosmetics, artificial jewelry, cassettes, utensils, mats, blankets, and even TV sets, bicycles sewing machines, agricultural implements, etc.

The greatest rush of children was at the toy shops. It was followed by sweets shops. Some people were watching the tricks of a juggler and some of a magician. In one corner a wrestling match was being held and in another lucky games were going on.

I took an ice cream and a cold drink and watched the tricks of the snake charmer and returned home in a happy mood.

Essay No. 04

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I decided to see the village fair with my parents. We reached the fair at 12 A.M. It was held two miles away from Delhi.

A number of people had come to see the fair. There are many shops at the fair. Some sold ice-creams and some sold fruits chat.

There was a rush of children in the shop of toys and dolls. Many children were enjoyed the elephant-ride. Bangle-sellers were having a brisk business.

A magician was showing his magic. It attracted a large crowd. My father bought some toys for us and my mother bought some bangles. We enjoyed the fair very much.

Essay No. 05

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India is a land of fairs and festivals. They provide us a lot of fun and amusement. The urban people have many sources of attraction and recreation. They can visit the dazzling bazaars, big restaurants and cinema halls. The weekly bazaars provide them the facilities of marketing. The poor villagers lack all such facilities. The bazaars are far off from the villages. The villagers' life is very hard and lacks all charm. They have no means of recreation. Their secluded life is cut off from the urban modernization.

Many fairs are held every year in the villages. These fairs generally, take place on the occasion of some festival. The Holi fair, the Rakhi-Bandhan fair, the Basant fair, and the Baisakhi fairs are the chief and common ones. The Baba Haridas Mela is the most prominent one in our area. It is held at village Jharauda Kalan, twice a year.

This year, I had a chance to see the fair. It was held in the interior of the village. There is a big open space all around Baba's Samadhi. Thousands of people visited the fair from far and near with their near and dear ones. I saw a great hustle and bustle there. The people had parked their bullock carts, scooters, motorcycles, trucks, tempos, and trollies in the exterior of the village. Most of the people had stayed there during the previous night. It was the 6th lunar day of the bright fortnight of the 'Chaitra' month. Many temporary shops had been set up there. The fair was in full swing since early morning. All the people took a bath in the 'Mallah' (tank). Some ladies got their children's hair trimmed and floated them in the holy water of the Mallah. After the dip, the people bowed their heads before the samadhi and lit the lamps there. Everyone offered and distributed prasad there. The people took different vows and prayed for the fulfillment of their desires.

I saw a huge crowd heading towards the shops. Everyone was in fine clothes and in a cheerful mood. The sweet shops attracted the largest crowd. The people were buying packets of sweets. Some customers were trying to cheat the shopkeepers. They were caught and insulted. The young children were busy buying toys, toffees, and balloons. The rope dancers, jugglers, and magicians attracted a huge crowd. The people stood to spell bound and enjoyed their feats. The policemen, scouts, and volunteers were controlling the crowd and directing the people. The pick-pockets were busy in their own affairs. A pick-pocket snatched a woman's

necklace and ran away. He was caught red-handed. He was severely beaten and was handed over to the police. Everyone got alert. Young boys and girls and the newly wedded couples were enjoying a joy ride in the merry-go-round and whirling in the air. The snake charmers were blowing their pipes and were showing the snakes of different colors and sizes to the spectators. There were many water huts in the fair. The bangles and toilet-articles sellers were attracting the maximum number of women. The ladies were buying face

The village fairs prove very useful for the rural folk. They amuse, relax and refresh them. They remove their boredom and make them fit for further work. We can meet our friends and relatives there and know about them.

Essay No. 06

A Visit to a Village Fair

Teej is a popular festival. It falls during the monsoon months every year. It is a day of joy and merriment for everyone, especially the girls and newlywed ladies. People in the northern parts of the country like Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh look forward to this festival

In our town, a fair is held every year on this day. It is held by the holy shrine outside the town. Almost everyone goes to visit the fair.

Last year, my Aunt took us to visit the fair. We all went on foot. On the way, we met many people who were also going to the fair. They were dressed in their best clothes. Women wore beautiful saris and ghagra-cholis. They were carrying a prayer, plate with them. Some of the people were returning from the fair. They were carrying toys and balloons in their hands. Children were running ahead of them. They looked happy and gay.

We reached the fair in about thirty minutes. First of all, we went and offered prayers at the shrine. There were many devotees at the shrine. We then went down to the fairground. There were hustle and bustle everywhere. The fair was in full swing. There were many stalls. They were tastefully decorated. The shop-keepers were very busy. There was a big crowd in front of the halwai shop, Puries and Jelebies were in great demand. At a nearby stall, people were enjoying cold drinks and ice-creams. There were many girls in front of the chat shop. Toy shops were doing a roaring business. Terracotta, wooden and plastic toys were on display. There was a balloon seller standing in front of the shop. Children bought toys and colorful balloons from them. Women and girls were busy buying bangles at the bangle shop. There was merriment all around.

There were many other things to amuse the visitors. Large swings had been installed at the large banyan tree in the middle of the fairground. Many women and children were enjoying the swings by pushing themselves higher and higher. A juggler was showing his tricks in one corner of the fairground. There was a big crowd around him. In the other corner, a snake charmer was making a cobra dance to his tunes. Fortune tellers and palmists were attracting a large crowd. Children were enjoying rides on merry-go-rounds and the giant wheel. We also took our turns in going up and down in the giant wheel

In another part of the fairground, there was a large stage. Various cultural programs were going on there. Farmers were singing rural folk songs. Many women presented the folk dance. The sounds of drums made the people in the audience dance and sing. All these things were worth seeing.

The policemen were actively involved in maintaining law and order. They controlled the traffic. They kept a strict watch on the pick-pockets.

We had great fun at the fair. We returned home in the evening very tired