

## **A Visit To A Book Fair**

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### Essay No. 01

Last year, a book fair was held at Ludhiana. It was organized in the playground of a local college. Different publishers had put up their stalls and displayed their books/publications in these stalls. A large number of publishers including some international publishers like Prentice Hall of India, Orient Longman, Macmillan, Oxford University Press, Pearson Limited, etc. were participating. Thousands of book-lovers and teachers and students from various institutions all over the state visited the book fair. Special concessions were given to teachers and libraries. Books on almost all subjects under the sun published by a variety of publishers could be seen under one canopy indifferent temporarily set-up shops. May attractive gifts were also being given with bulk purchases. I visited the fair for 3-4 hours every day and made purchases. I could get some rare books in the fair. The fair provided and excellent opportunity to one and all to buy the books of their choice at one goes. Such book fairs should be organized every year in all major cities of the country.

### Essay No. 02

#### **Visiting A Book Fair**

A Book Fair was being held in the Pragati Maidan. So, one morning our teacher said that we were going to visit there. We cheered loudly with enjoyment because there would be no lessons for the day.

We lined up outside the classroom. Then we marched in pairs to the school gate where our school bus was waiting, Pragati Maidan was just a few kilometers from our school.

At the Pragati Maidan we were told to behave ourselves. If we wanted to buy any book, we were to take it to our teacher. Then CD we viewed the vast number of books on display there.

It was impossible to look at all of them. So I spent my time browsing mainly among the books op wildlife and nature.

As much as the books were wonderful, the price was discouraging. I could not afford to buy any of them. I would have to ask my mother to buy one for me later on.

Time flew and two hours seemed like two minutes. Soon our teacher told us to assemble at the front door. There she helped those buying books pay at the counter at a special discount. Not many of us bought books as they were too expensive. I did not buy, too. After paying for the books we lined up and went back to school.

Essay No. 03

### **A Visit to A Book-Fair**

Last month I visited a book-fair. It was held at Pragati Maidan. It was arranged by the National Book Trust of India. I with my friends went to see the fair. There were several book-stalls managed by different publishing houses. It was a matter of delight to watch different stalls. There were local publishers, national publishers and international publishers. The people from different parts of the country had converged there. The stalls displayed children's books, subject-oriented books, language and literature books, books on science and technology, books on law, finance, management and medical science. The book fair attracted a large number of men, women and children. Every stall was impressive. What attracted us the most was the seating arrangement? I purchased a number of books for my general reading. After having gone around the stalls, we had a cup of coffee. As the clock struck seven, I walked back home. The visit to the fair was very fruitful and enjoyable. I am of the view that more and more book-fairs should be organised for the benefit of reading public.