

CHAPTER

6

ARTICLES, DEBATE, SPEECH & REPORTS

Chapter Analysis

Question Type	Year					
	2016		2017		2018	
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Articles (10 marks)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Debates (10 marks)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Speeches (10 marks)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Reports (10 marks)	1	1	1	1	1	1

➤ Note: 1 question here indicates that 1 question in each set for that year has been asked.

Introduction

- Article** : An article is a written work, published in printed/electronic form for the purpose of propagating news, and analysis of results or academics. It is related to one topic, subject or theme.
While writing an article, students are advised to keep the following points in mind :
 - First of all, concentrate on the given topic and also read intensively the given verbal input. Some new ideas will strike you. Arrange all those ideas in the sequence in which you want them to appear in your piece.
 - Now start writing your composition. Develop your ideas one by one.
 - Your composition must be precise, to the point and lucid. Every sentence and idea should be linked to the previous one and lead to the next.
 - Your write up should be meaningful and compact. There should be no loose end. Don't exceed the word limit.
 - The first sentence should be striking. It should be the essence of the whole composition. Likewise, the last sentence should state your conclusion on the topic. It should leave a permanent impression on the mind of the reader.
 - Write your composition in simple words. There should be no grammatical, spelling or structural mistake. Rules of syntax and punctuation marks should not be violated.
 - Your paragraph should follow a clear-cut order and move steadily towards its desired goal. Arrange your ideas into a set pattern in order to give a concrete shape to your paragraph.
 - In a descriptive or argumentative piece of composition, the style is usually formal. Always write complete sentence, leaving nothing to the guess work. Your language should be graphic, words selective and your approach objective. It is therefore necessary to give emphasis to the main and central points of the topic. The beginning as well as the end should be striking and appealing.
 - Colloquialism and too formal expressions and slangs should not be used.

Format of an Article

Heading

–By ABC

..... *Introduction*

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..... *Content/Problem/Opinion*

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..... Solution/Conclusion

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2. **Speech** : Speech is a formal address delivered to an audience. Before writing a speech, following points should be kept in mind :

- (i) Give the title at the top.
- (ii) Begin with a "Good morning to all of you, today I am here to express my views on the topic _____."
- (iii) Define the topic, give its causes, effects, the present state and remedial measures.
- (iv) It should be a coherent piece clearly stating a particular point of view. Divide the speech into 3 to 4 paragraphs.
- (v) Conclude by giving suggestion for improvement.
- (vi) Always make a rough draft first.

3. **Debate** : A debate is a formal discussion or an argument on a subject on which people have different opinions. Purpose : To show skills and ability of presenting an argument.

Guidelines :

- (i) Begin with "Honourable judges and my dear friends, I stand before you to express my views for/against the motion"
- (ii) Total agreement or disagreement with the topic should be expressed forcefully and clearly.
- (iii) Use argumentative style and logical reasoning.
- (iv) Back up arguments with relevant information.
- (v) At the end write, thank you, at the extreme left end.
- (vi) Always make a rough draft, edit and time it yourself (20 minutes).
- (vii) Use powerful expressions like :
 - * I'd like to argue
 - * In my opinion
 - * May I ask ? etc.
 - * Refer to your opponent's view/views
- (viii) Stick to your view point either in favour or against

Format of Debate / Speech

Salutation : *Respected chairperson, honorable judges and all present.*

Introduction : *Views for/against the topic*

Body : *Views, facts, contradiction of opponent's arguments etc.*

Conclusion : *Clarification stand made.*

Some Useful Tips:

- A debate is also a speech, but with a different way of presenting the content.
 - All speeches are persuasive in style. The speakers intention is to convert the audience to his/her own way of thinking on the topic.
 - Remember that your points need to be forceful with examples and data as evidence. Points should not be repeated.
 - You can use any tense, but follow the same throughout.
 - You can write in 1st person and use expressions such as "In my opinion", "I believe" etc.
 - This is a personal form of writing and hence you should give personal opinions.
4. **Report** : A report is a systematic and well organized presentation of facts and findings of an event that has already taken place somewhere. It is written for a specific readership and intended to be kept as a record. A good report includes the following :

- The records of a sequence of events.
- Interpretation of the significance of these events or facts.
- Evaluation of the facts.
- Discussion of the outcomes of a decision or course of action.
- Conclusions.
- Recommendations.

A report must always be accurate, concise, clear, comprehensive, well-structured, true and interesting.

Format

1. Headline
2. Name of the report writer
3. Place and date of reporting
4. Opening paragraph
5. Account of the event in detail

Marking Scheme

For article, speech/debate

Format 2 mark

(Note : for debate - opening address and conclusion)

Content 8 marks

Marking Scheme

For report, writing

Format 1 mark

Headline and reporter’s name

Content 4 marks

Expression 5 marks

Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings [2½]

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style [2½]

Suggested value points :

A Report should answer the questions

- what
- where
- when
- how

Previous Year’s Questions

(10 marks each)

Debate

Q.1. You are Mukul / Mahima of Alps Public School. Your school has organized a debate on “Social Media and It’s Effects’ and you will be participating from your school. Prepare your views against or in favour of the motion. (150-200 words) 10 [SQP 2018-19]

Ans. DEBATE: SOCIAL MEDIA AND ITS EFFECTS

Suggested Value Points

FOR

- Connectivity
- Updated Information
- Helps in creating awareness
- Helps in bonding

AGAINST

- Social Nuisance
- Fake news & Information
- Wrong mob mentality
- Wastage of time

Detailed Answer:

Greetings to the respected jury.

I am Mahima of Alps Public School. I have chosen to share some views in favor of "Social media and its effects." Social media are referred to as the advanced online platforms which help people to come and connect together. Nowadays, it has become a great medium to share and start relationship between two and more individuals. Apart from this, the social media genre has availed people quick access to precise and fundamental data. As we have seen, the schools have their own websites on which they provide academic information about the school's regulations, rules, departments, environment and so on. The social media has also enabled people to share information not just with a group or a person but with general public as well. I have stated some points below that I have found reasonable about social media in today's world:

- 1. Social media helps students at large by providing them different learning platforms through which they can always search certain topics and get accurate information in just seconds. Moreover, we all are familiar with YouTube and we know, we can always watch informational videos on it that will help us to enhance our knowledge at larger scale.*
- 2. We can always make groups and integrate people, globally to share education-related information such as demographic details, school projects, environmental issues and much more. There are ample of groups on Facebook and Whatsapp on which we can get all the data we want and when we want.*
- 3. There are individuals, who are afraid to talk in public and social media helps them get the confidence by increasing their knowledge without asking for help from a physical body. Through social media, people can do research on anything they are inclined to.*
- 4. When you are far away from you family and relatives, yet want to interact with them, then social media plays a bigger role in that arena. You can always connect through one of the interacting apps and make high-quality videos or voice calls to your family and closed ones without putting in much effort or money.*
- 5. At last, when you require certain item but don't want to go out, social media helps you in carrying out the tasks that would have taken multiple hours in the first place.*

Q.2. "Everyone should become vegetarian." Write a debate in 150 - 200 words either for or against the motion.

[Comptt. Delhi/Outside Delhi 2018] 10

Ans. DEBATE: Everyone should become vegetarian

FOR

- Healthy diet
- Vegetarians live longer
- Environmental concern as meat industry affects the land and the atmosphere by polluting it
- Cheaper

AGAINST

- Vegetarian diets are devoid of the proteins and fats that animal meat contains
- Limited choice of food for vegetarians
- Problems while travelling abroad – vegetarian food not always available

(any other relevant points)

(minimum two content points)

Detailed Answer:

Everyone should become vegetarian.

Good evening jury. to quote George Bernard Shaw, "Animals are my friends and I don't eat my friends."

Vegetarianism used to be an unusual lifestyle choice. Today it is becoming more common and accepted by mainstream society. While there are many reasons for choosing a vegetarian diet, the most important are health reasons, environmental and economic reasons, and, above all, ethical reasons.

Health reasons alone are sufficient grounds for becoming a vegetarian. Research has shown that we do not require meat in our diets and that it is actually healthier to avoid meat. Meat is high in saturated fats which are known to cause clogged arteries. Cultures that consume less meat than North America have much lower cholesterol and lower rates of heart disease. For example, Japan used to have a lower incidence of heart disease, as well as cancer, before meat consumption increased. There is also reason to believe that humans have naturally evolved to be herbivores, rather than carnivores. Human teeth resemble the teeth of other herbivores, and human intestinal tracts are long, unlike the short intestines found in carnivores. What is natural is usually healthier, and people who become vegetarians frequently report a feeling of increased energy and well-being.

Q.3. "Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career." Write a debate either for or against the motion. (120–150 words) [Delhi/Outside Delhi 2018] 10

Ans. DEBATE: Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career

FOR

- Strengthens competencies and skills
- Helps in clearer understanding of the subject, in-depth knowledge
- Develops resourcefulness, decision making ability
- Ensures better job opportunities
- Ensures admission to higher centres of learning
- Prepares one for competitions

AGAINST

- Academic Excellence :
 - * may not be sufficient to ensure success
 - * life skills are more important than academics
 - * does not ensure all round personality / confidence / multitasking abilities / leadership qualities
- Non formal learning leads to broader spectrum of careers
- New age careers don't necessarily need academic excellence
- Skills and talents can give more options

(any other relevant points)

(minimum two content points)

Detailed Answer:

Good morning everyone present.

I feel immensely privileged to have got the opportunity to express my views on 'Academic excellence is the only requirement for successful career'.

I am going to speak against the motion.

I strongly believe success has little connection with one's academic excellence. I have known many greatly successful people who have achieved whopping success without doing much in academics. Personalities such as Steve Jobs, Bill Gates, Michael Dell, Henry Ford, etc. achieved great success in spite of not academically brilliant.

Similarly, Academic excellence cannot be the criterion to measure intelligence. Einstein was not a very bright student. Patrick Pringle, his biographer in his book, The Young Einstein writes about an incident in Einstein's early life when he was expelled from a school. Einstein proved the headmaster of the school wrong by becoming world's greatest scientist. So, this theory of academic excellence's correlation with career success is full of flaws.

Anyone can become successful without being brilliant academically.

Q. 4. "Private cars should be banned in the congested commercial areas of the cities." Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion. [Delhi Set I, 2017] 10

Ans. Respected judges and teachers,

Today, I stand before you to present my views for the motion on the topic 'Private cars should be banned in the congested commercial areas of the cities'.

There is no end to the number of vehicles being driven around the city each day. Traffic jams have become a rather common problem and have only increased in the last ten years. In my opinion, allowing private cars in congested commercial areas only adds to the problem. Long traffic jams do not only mean consumption of extra fuel but also more number of people suffering from respiratory diseases due to pollution. If people take public transport to work or hire a cab or car-pool and drive vehicles which runs on CNG, the problem of constantly rising pollution and heavy traffic jams can be reduced drastically.

The earth belongs to all of us and it is our duty to safeguard it and keep it clean for our future generations. Thus, the first step towards protecting our environment would be to stop abusing the available amount of petroleum and avoid creating pollution.

Thank you for listening to my view patiently.

Q. 5. "Our large population is not a cause of poverty but an asset, a resource. Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion. [Delhi Set II, 2017] 10

Ans. A very good morning to all jury members, friends and fellow opponents. Today, I am going to speak on the topic 'Our large population is not a cause of poverty, but an asset.'

India has the youngest population in the world with a mean age of 24 years and also is the largest producer of skilled man power in the world. As more and more children are going to school now and getting educated, India provides maximum engineers and technical people to the world. It is also one of the largest markets for automobiles, high value items, etc.

A larger population means more people can be put to good use and the skilled people can draw more projects from foreign companies who outsource their work. This means an increase in revenue.

I therefore agree with the view that our large population is our strength and can be a strong instrument in raising our economy.

Q. 6. "It is cruel to put stray dogs to sleep." Write a debate in 150-120 words either for or against the motion.

[Outside Delhi Set I, 2017] 10

Ans. Honourable Judges, Teachers and my dear friends,

I, Varshika Arora, am here today to speak on the topic, 'It is cruel to put stray dogs to sleep'. God is the only creator and only he has the power to destroy or inflict death. All creatures have been made by him and we are cohabiting the earth together as one huge ecosystem. Hence we do not have the right to take the lives of humans and animals, however harmful they are. In India one can find stray dogs in each and every nook and corner. They usually throng the streets and may or may not be dangerous to mankind. I agree that a few of them are likely to bite and hence they are labelled as unsafe. It would be advisable to trap them and take them to homes for stray dogs. The municipal corporation can send their officials to different areas of the city and take these dogs to animal shelters. This is a much better alternative than putting them to sleep.

Q. 7. "A career counsellor (not you, yourself) is the best person to guide you in the choice of a career." Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.

[Outside Delhi Set II, 2017] 10

Ans. Good morning judges, teachers and students. I take this opportunity to present my position in favour of the topic. In my view a career counsellor is the best person to guide you in the choice of a career.

Whether it is a choice between the streams in Class XI or choosing from the many diverse subjects in college, we all get a lot of advice from friends, family and well-wishers. But then too much advice means more confusion. A person who has a thorough knowledge of all available options and can guide us best through experience is the career counsellor. He or she is best equipped to give us advice and information about the best course of career to pursue according to our skills and aptitude. The world is developing at a very rapid rate and this is generating multiple choices of diverse courses and careers. This is also creating plenty of confusion. To solve the doubts one needs to approach a person who is familiar with all the changes and is up to date with the most modern developments. A career counselor not only provides multiple options to choose from, but also guides us according to our inclinations and capabilities. They also conduct self-assessment tests to understand the aptitude of the candidates. This goes a long way in guiding us to choose our dream career.

In my opinion, one should always rely on a career counselor to take the most important decision of their life.

Q. 8. "The policy of reservation of seats for admission to the professional courses is good for the deprived sections of society."

Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.

[Delhi Set I, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[POLICY OF RESERVATION IN PROFESSIONAL COURSES]

Note : Student's views to be expressed either for or against the topic.

For :

- Inequality in society
- Opportunities for the deprived
- Country can progress only if all sections of society contribute
- Must raise the weaker, marginalised communities

Against :

- Misuse of opportunities
- Progress should be only on merit
- Main reason for brain drain / injustice to the deserving
- Increase in inequality / resentment in society
- Disturbs communal harmony
- Standards can't be lowered especially for doctors / engineers (**Any other relevant point**)

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :

Respected Chairperson, honourable judges and all present,

I stand before you to express my views against the motion that the policy of reservation of seats for admission to the professional courses is good for the deprived sections of society. India is a country with dimensions and diversities. Accordingly, the Indian Constitution has adopted an egalitarian, secular and casteless society where injustice done to any class shall not be tolerated. But the report of the Mandal Commission reveals that millions of actual weaker sections of the society are still suffering from atrocities and caste-based inequalities. So, it is evident that some special privileges of reservation have proved to be a boon for some and bane for others. Even then the 'reserved' sections grumble that they have been made to suffer.

Here I want to ask whether reservation is fair to those of the general categories. In fact, it is a bane for those meritorious students. On the contrary, the so-called downtrodden or deprived sections enjoy the privilege. The non-deserving candidates are admitted into technical and professional colleges but

the deserving candidates are unable to get admission because they belong to the 'higher classes' of society. In my opinion, it would be more suitable to provide opportunities for all the needy or deserving candidates without any discrimination and without the reservation of seats based on caste, creed, clan or colour. In fact, this reservation system creates division and fragmentation among the castes. It is nothing but a consolidation of vote-banks by the politicians at the expense of deserving candidates. Hope that you have all been convinced by my arguments.

Thank you.

Q. 9. 'Rising prices can be controlled only by the government.' Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion. [Delhi Set II, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[RISING PRICES CAN BE CONTROLLED ONLY BY THE GOVERNMENT]

Note : Student's views to be expressed either for or against the topic.

For In favour :

- Laws made by the government
- Government can control factors responsible for price hike
- Infrastructure, relaxation, subsidies - in government hands

Against :

- Natural causes like weather responsible
- Government not solely responsible
- Hoarding / black marketeering
- Gap in demand and supply (Any other relevant point)

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :

Rising Prices Can be Controlled only by the Government

Respected Chairperson, honourable judges and my dear friends.

I am standing here before you today, to express my views for the motion - 'Rising prices can be controlled only by the government'. I also agree with the point that the year that has gone by has burnt a big hole in the common man's pocket. The reason is the uncontrollable inflation. The prices of items of daily consumption such as milk, vegetables, pulses etc. have been sky-rocketing and it has become difficult for the common man to make both ends meet. Prices of food grain and pulses have also gone up and are expected to go even higher. Cooking gas has also become a luxury these days. Though the government has provided cheap grains to ration shops, they are hoarded by black-marketers and sometimes huge quantities of rations are just thrown away but they do not reach the common man. If necessary action is not taken soon it will become difficult for the common man to survive.

It is high time that the government took some action instead of just announcing the price hike. Black marketing and hoarding should be controlled. Goods that are exported should be checked. First, the needs of our own people should be looked into before exporting goods to other countries.

Thank you.

Q. 10. The policy of 'No detention till class VIII' is not in the interest of students.' Write a debate in 150-200 words either in favour of or against the motion. [Delhi Set III, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[THE POLICY OF NO DETENTION TILL CLASS VIII IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF STUDENTS]

Note : Student's views to be expressed either for or against the topic.

For :

- No motivation to excel
- Basics not clear
- Lack of hard work
- Everyone gets promoted
- Life is competitive so children should start young
- Best not rewarded

Against :

- Imparts basic literacy to enhance elementary education
- Encourages life skills and holistic development
- Reduces cut throat competition
- Reduces stress levels
- Time to explore personality traits of the child (Any other relevant point)

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :

Honourable Chairperson, Respected judges and my dear friends. Today, I am standing before you to express my arguments against the viewpoint that the policy of no detention till class VIII is not in the

interest of students. Perhaps the main culprits behind all this propaganda are the ones who want to cash in on this idea by making the students to go for more and more tuition classes. The fact is that education is not a thing that should be bound up in the trap of examination; where students are made to sit for exams all the time in order to get the tag of 'Pass' or 'Fail'. As one of my friends presented his point that such a policy of no detention is making students careless, I'd like to tell my dear friend that it is better to be careless rather than to adopt unfair means to pass the exams – as we read about such incidents in the news everyday. The tension of exams is making students mentally sick. I am afraid that the period/ time, that should be used in gaining pure knowledge without any pressure of detention may be lost in the tension about failing exams. There is also another advantage of this 'no detention policy' that more and more students without any such fear of failure will attend the school with full enthusiasm and will make themselves ready automatically for the period of maturity. There they will benefit from their feelings of confidence and eagerness to go ahead, without any tension of passing or failing that will lead them towards a healthy and bright future.

Thank you.

Q. 11. 'Brain drain is not a bane for a developing country like India'. Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion. [Outside Delhi Set I, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[BRAIN DRAIN IS NOT A BANE FOR A DEVELOPING COUNTRY LIKE INDIA]

Note : Student's views to be expressed either for or against the topic.

For :

- Brings prestige
- Opportunity for talented individuals
- Work force gets recognised abroad
- Forex remitted back helps family
- Increases tourist income in India
- Promotes globalisation
- Promotes competition
- Enhances socio – cultural – economic relationship

Against :

- Intelligent people drifting away
- Foreign countries benefitted
- Erosion of cultural values
- Loss of talent
- National loss because of expenses incurred on their education

(Any other relevant details)

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :

Good Morning everyone ! I am standing before you to speak against the motion , 'Brain Drain is not a bane for a developing country like India'

I feel that Brain Drain is a barrier to the country's development. Talented and skilled people migrate to other countries for better salary and better lifestyle which they are deprived of in India. I am not saying that it's the fault of those people who abandon India to shift somewhere else. They do this because they don't get satisfactory facilities in India. But what has made India so- the political system, the black money, corruption, the reasons can be many.

Well ! Who is going to take the responsibility for this ? Of course, we, the YOUNG INDIANS. We get an education in our country and then spend all that knowledge in some foreign country! Is it not a betrayal of our Motherland ?

Our country is the second largest producer of doctors, engineers and scientists. Having so much of potential, India is still under-developed! Isn't it the duty of every Indian to shoulder the responsibility of making it a developed country ?

The youth of India needs to bring about a change in the system. If the system is transparent, then India will develop. If India develops, then its People will get their requirements fulfilled. And if their requirements are fulfilled, then there will be no reason for Brain Drain.

Just think : If our home gets littered, are we going to leave it and settle in our neighbour's house? No, right? We will clean it up and continue living there. India is our home. If it's dirty, then every single Indian needs to clean it up, instead of moving out.

Thank you.

Q. 12. 'The Internet cannot replace a classroom teacher'. Write a debate in about 150-200 words either for or against the motion. [Outside Delhi Set I, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[THE INTERNET CANNOT REPLACE A CLASSROOM TEACHER]

Note : Student's views to be expressed either for or against the topic.

For :

- Teachers touch lives in immeasurable ways
- Teachers have positive impact
- Technology not a replacement
- Online information may not be authentic
- Cannot replace relationships between students and teachers
- Internet doesn't take into account learning differences of students of different needs
- Teachers give knowledge and wisdom - the internet only information

(Any four)

Against :

- The internet provides different viewpoints on one topic from all over the world
- Has more information
- Provides answers to all questions
- Can enhance classroom discussions
- Is unbiased when grading
- Students can learn at their own pace – even off campus
- Process of evaluation faster
- Technology needs no breaks
- Economical
- Helps students of remote and inaccessible areas

- Does not have to follow time schedules **(Any other relevant details)(Any four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]**

Detailed Answer :

Good Morning everyone ! I am Amrita and I am in favour of the motion. 'The Internet cannot replace a classroom teacher'.

How does one bridge the gap between the chalk and blackboard, and the computer and internet? While teachers, principals, counsellors and even parents admit that it would be a futile exercise to ignore technology in the classroom, there is a very real fear that it will be misused by easily distracted students who have got to understand the pitfalls of the internet.

According to a survey, instead of raising the standard of learning, computers were actually negating the healthy development of young students.

But with technology and social media, the educational landscape has changed dramatically over the last decade; and the classrooms are filled with students who were born with a smartphone in their hands. By the time they enter kindergarten, words like 'apps', 'mp3' etc., are part of their lexicon. But even the latest gadgets and the best internet websites, however, cannot replace a good teacher. Children today lead complicated lives ruled by technology. Instead of adding to the information overload, it is the teacher's job to simplify the lesson plan. Children today need to be in touch with the real world, and the school teacher is the person who can draw the lines and decide how much is too much.

It's all about moderation. If the educator fails to engage with his or her students, no amount of technology will help. The teacher's job then is to break down information into bite-sized pieces, and ensure that their children have understood the covered topic. This can even be achieved with the aid of a simple blackboard and chalk.

Thank you.

Q. 13. Although students have been using cell phones consistently in their daily lives for almost a decade, schools continue to resist allowing the devices into the classroom. Schools generally grapple with new technologies, but cell phones' reputation as a nuisance and a distraction has been hard to dislodge. Using information given below, prepare a speech in about 150-200 words in favour of or against the cell phone being allowed in schools. [CBSE SQP, 2015-16] 10

- Critics believe that allowing these devices will only encourage their non-educational use in school
- they will be a significant distraction for teachers and students
- a potential tool for cheating
- could foster cyberbullying
- But on the other hand BYOD-Bring Your Own Device is gaining momentum as a learning tool, not just a toy for entertainment
- can be cost effective for the schools instead of having to purchase technology for students.
- many educators believe that banning any type of technology can foster inequity
- Schools can develop rules for how students physically handle the device in the classroom.

Ans.

Cellphones in the Classroom

Good morning everyone,

Cellphones today have become such a necessity in everyone's lives that whether cellphones should be allowed at school has become a very hot topic of debate. Although there are quite a few advantages of bringing cellphones to school, the disadvantages of doing so surely outweigh them.

Allowing cellphones to school would be equivalent to giving an open invitation to distraction. This is because with so many activities in a single gadget, students are bound to be tempted to indulge in them, hence deviating them from the main objective of coming to school. Their concentration towards studies would deteriorate as they would be busy fiddling with their cellphones. They won't prefer studying seriously as they will be carefree because of their cellphones being a potential tool for cheating. Being innocent because of their mental age, they can easily become victims of faster cyberbullying.

Not only this, with a cellphone in everyone's hands, there would naturally be unhealthy competition to see who has got the latest model and the hottest brand. This would only increase the worries and expenditure of parents as every student would pester their parents to buy them new cellphones. Also it would make students, with the not so latest cellphones, be a victim of inferiority complex. Worse still, it may also create a barrier or 'cellphone-fuelled class difference' between students as cellphones models and brands are now considered a status symbol.

The aforementioned points establish the fact that the reasons for not allowing cellphones in schools are based on clear reservations and not on flimsy grounds, hence cellphones should not be allowed at schools.

Thank you

Q. 14. It is a toss-up between Class X boards & CCE. The board exams were once considered a rite to passage but with the introduction of the Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation, (CCE), students have greater choice. Write a speech in about 150-200 words in favour of or against the topic giving reasons for your stand.

[CBSE SQP, 2015-16] 10

Ans. Value Points :

- The CCE allows students to study select portions of the year's syllabus for the examination.
- Stress free and comprehensive
- encourages project work more than rote learning
- Board exams have a standardized system of evaluation
- Board exams cater to the competitive spirit in students
- Board exams provide an equal platform for students from all strata of schools. [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]

Detailed Answer :

CCE : Bane or Boon

Good morning all,

Frankly speaking, each one of us, at sometime or the other, feel very strongly, that board exams are a curse or rather some dangerous, ferocious animal. Truly the very spirit of examination aims at something noble, but unfortunately the implementation process is very unrealistic. The present examination system, as I said, is very unrealistic and moreover it focuses on the core subject of 'Writing based on Memory'. There isn't any scope for a child to enhance his/her creativity. There is always an obstruction for any out-of-the-box thinking. The child, along with his parents, suffers from acute tension, anxiety and fear during the period of exams, that lead to a very different mental status of the child and this is a symbol that the child is stressed out. Additionally, it is not possible, to judge a student's capacity in a 3 hour exam.

The CCE pattern which includes projects, tests and assignments done throughout the year can help in the learning and evaluation phases. CCE evaluation will help them reinforce their learning better. Board exams at such an early stage, i.e., class 10, may lead to undue stress on some students. Study pressure and the pressure for marks at such an early stage may dilute the very purpose of studying. Some students will end up studying just for the board exam, instead for the sake of deep and thoughtful learning. Some students may even resort to routine learning or rely on sample paper preparation instead of studying topics in a deep and comprehensive manner.

And that's why I feel CCE is like a breadth of fresh air in our lives which will help us assess ourselves in the correct manner. Moreover, such board exams provide an equal platform for students from all strata and schools.

Thank you

Q. 15. Are celebs responsible for the products they endorse ? Taking a cue from the headlines given below and using your own ideas, write a debate speech for or against the topic.

Amitabh Bachchan steps back from promoting Pepsi after a school girl questions the health impact of the drink.

Brief ban on Maggi noodles causes trouble for its celebrity Brand ambassadors.

M.S. Dhoni quits as Amrapali brand ambassador after Twitter furore.

[Outside Delhi Set III, 2015] 10

Ans. Value Points :

Debate :

- Topic introduction, addressing the audience, mention for /against the motion
- Use hints, addressing the issue, current situation, reasons in favour or against, possible suggestions
- Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spelling
- Coherence and relevance of ideas and style

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]

Detailed Answer :

Good morning everyone! I am Mansi and I am in favour of the motion 'Celebs should be held responsible for products they endorse'.

Just because your favorite star endorses a product doesn't mean you always need to buy it. This is a famous tactic used by the product manufacturers to lure the customers.

The main role played by a brand ambassador is to create awareness about the product among its potential customers. Many times people, mainly kids, buy a product because their favorite star has endorsed it. Therefore, it is also a responsibility of the ambassador to properly investigate about the product and then agree to endorse it. The consumer should not be given misleading information. Proper research should be done by the ambassador before endorsing a product.

Every brand ambassador signs a contract before endorsing a product. If a product fails to satisfy the consumers or falls into a controversy during the tenure of the contract, the brand ambassadors are equally responsible as the company. The manufacturers choose ambassadors based on their popularity among the people. The consumers buy a product because of the face value of the ambassador.

Hence, we can say that the ambassador has a moral responsibility towards his or her audience and should properly investigate about the background of the product before endorsing and not misuse their popularity.

Q. 16. Should schools promote coaching institutes ? Taking a cue from the points given below and using your own ideas, write a debate speech for or against the topic in about 150-200 words.

- **Despite CBSE's ban, coaching centers are running classes in schools.**
- **Teachers from coaching institutes teach subjects like Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics whereas English and Physical Education continue to be taught by the school faculty.**
- **Classes in separate sections from 8 am to 12 pm for the CBSE and competitive examinations.**

[Outside Delhi Set III, 2015] 10

Ans. Suggested Value Points:

FOR

- Teacher cannot pay equal attention to every student in class
- Some students need more time and efforts
- Additional marks in this competitive world.

AGAINST

- Are the teachers incompetent?
- Extra burden on students and parents
- Deprived of basic knowledge
- Financial loss to the middle class and poor class

Detailed Answer

Respected members of the jury, Principal, teachers and dear friends, a pleasant morning to you all. Today I, Sahil of XII C, have got the golden opportunity to express my views against the motion - Should Schools Promote Coaching Institutes.

Promotion of the coaching institutes by the schools has become a recent trend. Teachers from coaching institutes visit the schools to teach the so called difficult subjects like Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics whereas English and Physical Education continue to be taught by the school faculty. Where are the schools driving to? Is that a hint that the school faculty cannot teach the subject and so they hire the services of coaching centers or some commercial mind setup is working behind it? CBSE has banned any such practice in schools but some schools are still continuing with the practice. This is putting an extra burden on the students as well as parents. The students cannot focus on the routine timetable of school and concentrate only on the exam-oriented schedule. They don't study the regular course prescribed by the board hence they are deprived of the basic knowledge which a child should get at this stage. These integrated courses also cut a hole in the pocket of parents who have to bear the brunt of financial burden as these coaching classes charge a high fees. So it will be appreciable if the government looks into the matter and take strict action against the schools running such courses. The parents should also take a step forward and refuse to let their children join these courses. They must avoid falling into the trap of such courses.

Thank you.

Q. 17. Consumerism is increasing day-by-day. Luxuries of yesterday have become the necessities of today. The result is that the more we want, the more miserable we become. Write a debate in 150-200 words on 'The only way to minimize human suffering and pain is to control our needs.' You are Navtej/Navita.

[Outside Delhi Set III, 2015] 10

Ans. Suggested Value Points

FOR :

- Consumerism becomes excessive when it extends beyond what is needed
- Personal credit allows to make purchases beyond income level
- Advertisements reshape our desires around material possessions
- Crime rate increases
- Personal relationship gets affected
- Rat-race to earn more
- Forced to cope up with stress, other work related tensions
- Results in a desire for more
- Psychological health affected

AGAINST :

- Consumerism becoming hallmark of most world economies
- Person's standard of living is valued by his or her material possessions
- More industrial production
- Higher growth rate economy
- More goods and services available
- Comforts for a better living style
- Advantageous since goods manufactured have to be sold.

(Any other relevant details)
[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]

Detailed Answer :

Good morning everyone

Respected members of the jury, Principal, Teachers and my dear friends, a very pleasant morning to all. Today, I, Navita, is her to present my views on the topic "The only way to minimise human suffering and pain is to control our needs'.

It is true and all of us accept that the lives of our grandparents were much happier, peaceful and relaxed. Though we have more luxuries now, more gadgets, more technology yet human suffering and pain is only increasing.

Man has failed to understand that wants do not bring happiness, instead they bring dissatisfaction and greed. The more contented we are, the more happy we will be. The race for consumerism is increasing day-by-day. Now, consumerism has become excessive as it has extended beyond what is needed.

One of its reason may be that the facility of personal credit lure us to make purchases beyond our income level, and also, the advertisements, turn us to have more desire for material possessions. They make us to think that the luxuries of yesterday have become the necessities of today. Mobile phones, two wheelers, ipads, have become a normal part of a teenager's' life. When they can't afford this, they feel themselves discontented. Infact, in the rat race of earning/acquiring more to get these luxuries, not only personal relationship is getting affected but also the crime rate is increasing. Then either they resort to unlawful means of acquiring these things or fall prey to depression.

We need to understand that happiness is a state of mind. Things do not bring us happiness. It is the joy of getting a thing well done, helping others and just being grateful to what we have, makes us happy.

Thank you.

Q. 18. Migration from villages to cities has led to the spread of urban slums. People living in these slums lead a miserable life. Economic disparity leads to the problems of law and order. Write a debate in 150-200 words on 'Solution to the problem of misery in the urban slums lies in creating jobs in the villages'. You are Navtej/Navita.

[Outside Delhi Set III, 2015] 10

Ans. Suggested Value Points:

FOR

- Cannot afford high cost of living
- Development of infrastructure in villages
- Help to start cottage industries
- Ensure better health for villagers

AGAINST

- Equitable development of rural areas to minimise migration
- More than creating job opportunities, Govt. must improve the quality of slums
- Government to ensure compulsory service in villages by its employees

- Adoption of villages by corporates
 - Self-employment opportunities in villages
- (Any other relevant details) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]**

Detailed Answer :

Good morning everyone, I am Navtej and I am going to speak in favour of the topic 'Creating Jobs in villages will reduce slums in urban areas'. It is absolutely true. It is only for the sake of jobs that the people in villages leave their homes and come to the city. But when they come to city they are greatly disillusioned. Some of them do not get proper jobs while some do not get jobs at all. This gives rise to slums. This economic disparity increasing in the urban areas leads not only to the problem of law and order but also to many social evils.

The solution to this problem lies in creating jobs in the villages. If we give the villagers opportunities to work in villages and create jobs for them then, this migration to cities will stop. This will also lead to a balanced development of the country.

Thank you

Q. 19. Some people feel that electronic media (TV news) will bring about the end of print media (newspapers). What are your views on the issue ? Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against this view. [Outside Delhi Set I, 2015] 10

- use of visuals on TV
- authentic and fast
- not enough news for 24-hour telecast
- may fabricate news
- become repetitive and dull
- even scandals become news
- print media-time tested
- analysed, verified news
- editorial comments
- cater to all interests

Ans. Suggested Value Points:

FOR:

- Media plays major role in our lives
- Advent of electronic media facilitates easy understanding
- Use of visuals more attractive
- Easier to grab people's attention
- Helpful for illiterate people
- Reaches out to thousands and lakhs of people at the same time
- E-media is faster
- Environment friendly

AGAINST

- Newspaper is dependable
 - Authentic and genuine
 - Editorial comments helps
 - electronic media is not viable in places with frequent power cuts
 - Newspaper cheaper
- (Any other relevant details)[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]**

Detailed Answer

Good morning everyone,

I am Navtej and I am going to present my views in favour of the topic 'Electronic media will end print media'.

There are many ways to obtain news and information. But people tend to prefer the way which can get them the news faster and with more convenience. And that mode is electronic media.

News through TV, internet, etc. brings many advantages over newspapers. First of all, TV broadcasts spreads the news at once and can also amend some wrong information immediately. Some people are used to turning on the TV in the morning while they are having breakfast, so that they can get the latest news of the day. It saves their time of sitting and reading the newspaper and they can easily listen to the news while doing their errands.

Secondly, it is more convenient and easier even for illiterate people to understand. With subtitle, pictures and reporters, TV news can be understood in a few seconds. Especially, for people who cannot read or elder people whose eyes are not good It is the best tool to get new information. In addition, for many ordinary workers who are often rushing in the morning, as compared to newspaper, it takes less time to understand as compared to the newspaper.

Last but not the least, we can say e-media is faster than print media. It offers more options of various channels. Let's say if CNN doesn't provide you the news you are concerned about, then you can always change the channel. While using internet services you can turn to You Tube etc. But newspaper is published by one publication. The point of view and the news are somehow prejudiced and limited. So, in order to get a more comprehensive view, people try electronic media, having various varieties.

All the more, electronic media is environment friendly. Paper is saved in this mode.

Thank you

Q. 20. The government has banned the use of animals in the laboratories for the purpose of dissection. Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against this decision. [Outside Delhi Set I, 2015] 10

Ans. Suggested Value Points:

FOR:

- Dissection cruel and unpleasant.
- Teaches children to abuse animals.
- Unethical.
- Drugs that pass animal tests are not necessarily safe.
- Animals stock piled on top of one another, shipped in crowded containers with no temperature regulation, food or water.
- Negative impact on bio-diversity.
- Ecological imbalance.
- Animal dissection can be replaced using virtual labs and models.

AGAINST

- Will hamper anatomy lessons.
- Will produce generations of researchers without appropriate lab skills.
- Will not give students hands on experience.
- Necessary prelude to further research.
- Has scientific and educational purpose.
- Organs and other matter can be fully examined and described.

(Any other relevant details)
[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]

Detailed Answer :

Good morning everyone, I am Navtej and I am going to speak in favour of the motion 'Animal testing should be banned'.

In our laboratories, animals are dissected, despite the fact that their dissection is cruel and unpleasant. It is absolutely unethical. At the same time, it teaches children to abuse animals. On one hand, organisations like PETA are fighting for the protection from cruelty on these speechless beings, and on the other hand, they are being killed mercilessly in the name of experiments. It is not only cruel but also unwise to use them for this purpose.

Before reaching the laboratories, the animals are stockpiled on the top of one another. Then they are shipped in crowded containers without any regulation of temperature. No food or water is provided to them. Then they die in such condition due to starvation.

In such a situation, it is not difficult to imagine that these piled animals create negative impact on bio-diversity. They'll definitely spread diseases. Can you think the drugs that pass tests, alone, will be safe? Definitely not: Moreover, killing them disturbs ecological balance.

So it is wise to replace animal dissection by the use of virtual labs and models.

Thank you.

Q. 21. A number of your classmates (especially those from science and commerce streams) bunk their classes in order to attend coaching centres. Write a debate in 150-200 words on 'Tuition at coaching centres is not essential'.

[Delhi Set III, 2015] 10

Ans. Value Points :

- School teachers better equipped.
- Infrastructure much better at schools.
- Philanthropic approach.
- Coaching centres – money minting machines.
- No infrastructure.
- Competition oriented education.
- Schools should reorient their teaching process.

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]

Detailed Answer :

Good morning everyone,

Today, coaching classes have become ubiquitous in the lives of city students. It is impossible to imagine students' lives without them. But here the question that arises is-are they really essential or more

advantageous for us ? Today I am going to present my views in favour of the topic 'Tuition at Coaching Centres is not Essential'

No, I don't agree that we have to go to coaching centres to perform well in our exams. Infact going to coaching classes results in the wastage of a lot of time which we could have used for self-studying. I believe that our school teachers are far better equipped to handle our syllabus and our requirements related to that . This is for the simple reason that they do not work for any other motive than for our benefit.

Coaching centres, on the contrary, are only moneymaking machines that operate only for financial motives. I ask you how many of us can actually go to a teacher at the coaching center and sit with him to clear our doubts but we can always do this with our school teachers.

Our school teachers know our strengths and our weaknesses and work in accordance with that. In fact, the feedback that goes to parents from the school inspires or influences us to perform better. How many coaching centres are bothered to send our performance feedback to our parents. Performance , my friends , depends on our efforts not on coaching centres. It depends on how well we can understand the concepts, practice those concepts, know our strength and weakness and work on them and for all that I am sure schools are any day a better choice than coaching centres. They should reorient their teaching towards competition, i.e., they should also impart competition oriented education in addition to the routine syllabus.

Thank you.

Speech

- Q.1. As Mukul / Mahima of Alps Public School, write a speech to be delivered in school assembly highlighting the importance of cleanliness suggesting that the state of cleanliness reflects the character of its citizens. (150-200 words)** **[SQP 2018-19] 10**

Ans. SPEECH: IMPORTANCE OF CLEANLINESS

Suggested value points:

- Importance of Cleanliness – School, home & Surroundings
- Present status
- Prevents diseases
- Need to practice
- Reflects the character of the nation
- Benefits of Cleanliness
- Conclusion

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2018-19]

Detailed Answer :

Good morning to the Principal mam, sir, madam and my dear friends. I, Mukul, studying in class 12th standard, would like to speech on cleanliness.

I am very grateful to my class teacher that she has given me such a great opportunity to recite a speech on cleanliness at this event. My dear friends, we all are good people, no one is bad. Then why we are making our future bad and diseased by spreading dirty things and wastes everywhere. Our country is our home; we should not make it dirty. We get respect as an Indian in the abroad so our country is our identity on this planet. It is our responsibility to keep it clean and bright so that it can earn more respect worldwide.

We keep our homes clean then why not our schools, colleges, roads, offices, tourist places, stations, etc all through the country. We only remember that we have to clean a place where we live, means a home only. But why we do not remember that our country is our main home. Our home is our identity within the country however our country is our identity outside the country means in abroad. We are responsible citizens of it then we have to make it clean and no one else. In order to get respect from others, first we have to respect our property and keep it clean.

We keep our homes and religious places clean and do not wear shoes or slippers inside, so that they can be clean. But, on the other hand, we follow wrong practices and spit out on the roads, corners of office buildings, etc. We throw wastes on the roads or corners of the colony; what is this? I am asking what this is. I am not saying that I am only good or I never involved in such activities. I am just saying that how long we will be unconscious and involved in such type of unconscious activities. When the day will come, we will be much conscious every moment so that such bad activities cannot be happened. If we are not trying to keep our country clean then how we will protect tourists from other countries from making it dirty.

I think, none of the day is better than today. Today is the day when we should promise ourselves and our mother country that we will keep it clean forever and never make it dirty in future. Just think that, how

bright our homes and whole country look at Diwali, what will happen if it look daily. If the cleanliness only at Diwali can give us confidence, power and positive energy for the whole year, then again think that, can we not get power, confidence, positive energy, a healthy life, a healthy environment, and positive attitude of other countries worldwide forever?

Thank You.

- Q.2. The recent rise in incidents of violent behaviour of students is a matter of concern for all. The problem can be curbed if students learn how to manage anger. Write a speech on the topic in 150-200 words to be delivered in the school morning assembly.** [Comptt. Delhi/Outside Delhi 2018] 10

Ans. SPEECH – HOW TO MANAGE ANGER

Suggested Value Points:

– Rising cases of aggressive/violent behaviour of students

Causes

– Lack of anger management

Solutions

– Introspect

– Consider consequences

– Counting up to 10 and deep breathing

– Counselling by teachers

– Moral science and anger management discussed in schools

– Help each other – students to take initiative

– Any other relevant point

(any four points) [CBSE Marking Scheme 2018]

Detailed Answer :

A growing culture of youth violence is becoming a matter of danger to the generation and worries for parents and government. Nowadays, youth violence is at a stage where students even murder other students with knives or cutters. Reason for this is either jealousy or bad words speaker. Slowly-slowly, this youth violence is increasing and reaching above the water levels. In some cases, children even attack their teachers. Well, the question is why is this happening and from where the teenagers are learning this. And the answer is none other than influence of movies. Also, home life is a cause for this. Parents fight with each other at home and children what they see from parents.

Well violence of youngsters is unbelievable, they even fight on streets and roads. Sometimes police had been called but they don't have fear from police also and beat them too. In most cases, problem is that this behavior starts from home and continues till they grow. This increase in youth violence can be decrease only by parent's and teacher's guidance, government laws or rules, safe teen-agers programs, better counseling and inspirational movies.

Hence, we should focus on youth violence or it may lead these teen-agers to youth terrorism.

- Q.3. You are Ali/Alia, Head girl / Head boy of your school. You are deeply disturbed by the rising cases of aggressive behaviour of students in your school. You decide to speak during the morning assembly about it. Write a speech on 'Indiscipline in Schools'. (150–200 words)** [Delhi/Outside Delhi 2018] 10

Ans. Suggested Value Points

– Rising cases of aggressive behaviour of students

– Kinds of bullying / disobedience / fights / insults / truancy/ violence

– Damaging school property

– Emotional trauma for the victims

Causes

– Role of parents, peers and social media

– Lack of teaching/ inculcating moral values

– Not following role models

Solutions

– Counselling by teachers

– Family values

– Moral science and values discussed in schools

– Help each other – students to take initiative

– Reference to positive aspects of social life

– Any other relevant point

(any four points)

[CBSE Marking Scheme]

Detailed Answer :

Good Morning respected teachers and my dear friends!

Today I am going to talk about something that is very important in a student's life - discipline.

'Discipline is the key to success' - this saying stands true for all times and for all people of all age groups. But especially for students, it holds great value. In contemporary times there are so many temptations that can lure a student away from his basic objective in life.

All of us have witnessed the aggressive behaviour that the students portray towards others. Self-restraint is very important in life and all of us should work towards achieving it. We should respect our fellow students and not portray any kind of violence towards them. Self-restraint and discipline together can work wonders. They can help us achieve our goals in life. Aggressive behaviour has never helped anybody in life. Instead, it causes harm both to you and towards whom you portray your aggression. It robs you of your inner peace as you are constantly angry at someone or the other. Instead, if you tackle any situation peacefully, you can take better decision which you will not regret later. Hence, we can say that aggression leads us nowhere, only makes our problems worse.

- Q. 4. Your PGT English Ms. Geetha is a short story writer also. 'Sky is not Far' is a collection of her latest short stories. This book has won a national award. Write a speech in 150-200 words you will deliver in her honour in the morning assembly. [Delhi Set I, 2017] 10**

Ans. Honouring the Gem Amongst Us - Ms. Geetha

I feel honoured and privileged to have been given the opportunity to stand before you all and say a few words of appreciation for our very own and beloved Ms. Geetha, English teacher. What a person she is! She has not only inspired us to evolve as students and better humans but has also given us the courage to believe in our dreams and try to fulfil them.

Good morning one and all present here! I, Ragini Joshi, on behalf of the Bachelor's of English class am going to present a speech in honour of the author of a national winning book, 'Sky is Not Far'. The book is a collection of short stories penned by her. As the title suggests, the book is a set of stories which are not just tales but are an account of inspirational journeys, undertaken by common people for achieving not so common goals in life.

Ms. Geeta, through her stories, not just the ones she has written in her book, but also the ones that she has shared with us in class, has inspired each one of us and made us believe that the sky is the limit and is not so far. I am proud to say that I have been one of the students in her class, who has looked up to her and is a huge fan of her masterpieces.

Thank you ma'am for mentoring us and making us believe that though life may not be a bed of roses, there is nothing which is impossible to achieve.

Thank you.

- Q. 5. Sakshi Malik won a bronze medal in Rio Olympics. Every Indian felt proud of her. You, Head Girl of your school want to deliver a speech in order to express your feelings. Write the speech in 150-200 words. Apart from your own ideas use the following clues :**

Wrestling mostly a male sport—Sakshi born in conservative surroundings — most unfavourable gender ratio for females-parental encouragement-one can't forget the look of determination on her face in the last three minutes of the bout. [Delhi Set II, 2017] 10

Ans. Good Morning everyone.

Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends. This is me Priya Malik, here to deliver a speech on Sakshi Malik, the pride of India.

On the day of Raksha Bandhan, far away in Rio de Janeiro, a 23-year old wrestler from India, made the nation proud by winning a bronze medal. She was the first Indian wrestler to bag a medal in the Olympic Games.

Sakshi is the daughter of a bus conductor and comes from a small district in Haryana. Her biggest challenge was overcoming obstacles which included being a girl, to make it to the final rounds.

She started training at the age of 12. Her coach, Ishwar Dahiya, faced many problems during training the girl as the conservative Indian mentality considered wrestling to be a manly sport meant only for males.

Not only did Sakshi prove herself to be one of the best wrestlers in the world, she has also fought bureaucratic obstacles, lack of facilities and the mentality of the people of her country. She has taught the nation that women need support and not protection.

- Q. 6. Holi is a festival of colours. It expresses pure and simple joy. Sometimes we start throwing coloured water and that too on strangers. As the Head boy/girl of your school write a speech in 150-120 words that you will deliver in the morning assembly of your school, describing why Holi is played and how it should be played.**

[Outside Delhi Set I, 2017] 10

Ans.

Q7. (speech) Good morning respected principal, teachers and my dear friends. Today, I Brijankes Sethi, your head girl stand before you, in this assembly to talk about Holi.

Holi, as we all know, is just around the corner. Holi, the festival of colours, the festival of joy. This festival, though widely celebrated, is not one people know much about. We all know why Diwali is celebrated, but how many of us know ~~to~~ why ~~is~~ Holi is celebrated? Holi is celebrated to mark the death of a monstrous, Holika, who was the aunt of a ~~now~~ well-known prince. Holi is celebrated to mark her death, which came when she had to sit in the fire with her little nephew. This is the reason why people often have a bonfire on the eve of Holi. Holi is played to mark a new beginning a colourful one at that, by putting colour

and 'gulal' on our loved ones. It is celebrated in different ways in different states, but is a festival loved by all. These days, Holi has become somewhat dangerous. People are often seen throwing colour and water on people they don't know, which may sometimes go in their eyes. This can be very painful. One must play Holi in a safe manner and persuade others to do the same. One should be careful about who they are throwing colour on and whether it will harm them. It is a joyful festival, meant to be enjoyed, not spent feeling scared or hurt. One does not mean forgetting to exercise caution.

So, this Holi, enjoy yourself and have a great time. Play safe and stay safe. Thank you all for your patient listening.

Thankyou

[Topper's Answer, 2017]

Q. 7. After the rainy season is over, mosquitoes start breeding. They cause malaria, dengue, chikungunya etc. These diseases can sometimes prove to be fatal. As principal of your school you have decided to deliver a speech on protection from mosquitoes. Write that speech in 150-120 words. [Outside Delhi Set II, 2017] 10

Ans. Good afternoon everybody. I take this opportunity to express my views on protection from mosquitoes. Rain is fun and brings joy as it reduces the hot temperature. But it also brings mosquitoes that suck blood and cause diseases. These tiny creatures keep themselves hidden during the daytime and emerge as

armies at night. They breed in water that accumulates after the rains and within no time they multiply in numbers. They cause dreaded diseases like malaria, dengue and chickungunya. If left untreated, these diseases that are difficult to diagnose and can be fatal. Since vaccines are yet to be developed, we need to take care against these dreadful creatures. The best option is to wear covered clothing so that we are not susceptible to their bites. Next would be to avoid water from stagnating so that we can prevent them from breeding. So, proper hygiene needs to be maintained in and around the house. The final option is to use mosquito repellents and sprays but in moderation as these can be harmful to humans in the long run.

Q. 8. Write a speech in 150-200 words on 'Benefits of early rising' to be delivered by you in the morning assembly of your school. You are Karuna/Karan, Head Girl/Head Boy. [Delhi Set I, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[BENEFITS OF EARLY RISING]

- Energising - positive start
- Better time management / increases productivity
- Relieves stress and tension
- Best time to study / meditate / exercise

(Any other relevant details) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :

Benefits of rising early in the morning

Good Morning honourable Principal, respected teachers and my dear friends.

Today I, Karuna, Head Girl, stand before you to deliver a speech on the topic 'Benefits of Early Rising'. All of us are well aware of the benefits of rising early. Its great advantage is the head start that it gives us in doing our work for the day. The early riser can do a large amount of work before others get out of bed. In the early hours of the morning, the mind is fresh. As there are few sounds or other distractions, the work done at that time is generally well done. The early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air which supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early, he comes to know that he has plenty of time to do every work thoroughly and he need not hurry over any part of it. After completing his work on time, he can have a rest interval in afternoon. Also he can fall asleep several hours before midnight and after a night's sound sleep, he rises early next morning in good health and spirits for carrying out the labours of a new day.

Thank you.

Q. 9. Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic, 'Library plays an important role at school'. It is to be delivered in the morning assembly. You are Karuna/Karan, Head Girl/Head Boy. [Delhi Set II, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[LIBRARY PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE AT SCHOOL]

- Important for students as buying books expensive
- Source of reference
- A quiet place
- Digital libraries
- New trend

(Any other relevant details)[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :

Library Plays an Important Role at School

Good morning to one and all present in this morning assembly. Today, I, Karuna, Head Girl, have got a golden opportunity to share my views with you on the importance of libraries in schools. Today the internet has become a major source of information. We can get all the information we want-just by a click of a mouse. We can read, write and even play on the internet. But inspite of this information being easily available, the school libraries have retained their importance and that is because everyone does not have access to the internet. The average and economically poor students find the school library important and useful. They can sit and read there without paying a single rupee.

Definitely libraries cannot be replaced by computers. Books have their own importance. The beautiful illustrations make you fly on the wings of imagination. Libraries do not need electricity all the time. The books available there can be read easily during daylight, that also without any tension about electricity. So libraries have and will ever retain their importance.

Thank you

Q. 10. Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic, 'A student must know how to manage his time.' It is to be delivered in the morning assembly. You are Karan/Karuna, Head Boy/Head Girl of the school.

[Delhi Set III, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[A STUDENT MUST KNOW HOW TO MANAGE HIS TIME]

- Lot of pressure on students
- Organised work – adds to efficiency
- Time for self-study and recreation balanced
- Scope to enhance other skills / hobbies
- Enhances confidence
- Must learn to balance time
- To reduces stress

(Any other relevant details)[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :

A Student Must Know How to Manage his Time

Respected Principal, worthy teachers and my dear friends. Today I, Karuna, Head Girl have the privilege of expressing my views on the importance of a time management for students. A student should surely know how to manage his precious time because a student-life is the most important part of one's life. And here time lost means everything lost. He/She should not be taken in by others' views. Rather he or she should be his or her own manager. And a good manager is one who does the right thing at the right time at the right place. So all of these three issues should be kept in mind by a student if he or she wants to establish good grounds for his or her future.

The youth has to face neck- to-neck competition in all the fields, especially in the academic field. Instead of creating a mess to accomplish all his tasks, the student should manage all his choices that also without being frustrated. First of all, he should have a proper time- table for all his activities. To avoid unnecessary pressure of handling his studies as well as his other activities, eg. co-curricular activities, sports, etc., he should set his priorities for the period and act accordingly. The foremost thing is that he should not waste his time in any act of laziness, etc. by roaming around aimlessly.

Parents have to play an important role in this direction. They may accompany students in their schedule for a morning walk, yoga etc. By doing this, they will not only share their time and experience with them but also share the problems of their wards. This will, in turn, lead them towards a healthy and bright future.

Q. 11. Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic, 'Discipline shapes the future of a student'. It is to be delivered in the morning assembly. You are Karuna/Karan.

[Outside Delhi Set II, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[DISCIPLINE SHAPES THE FUTURE OF A STUDENT]

- Discipline, key to success
- Inculcates sense of duty and obedience
- Bedrock of character
- Essential in all walks of life
- Absence leads to chaos and confusion
- Should be inculcated early in life
- Promotes restraint
- Builds self-confidence
- Balances personality
- Inculcates good work ethics

(Any other relevant details) (Any four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

6. Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends.
I a very warm goodmorning to one and all present here.
Today I, Karuna of class XII -A stand before

you to talk about how "discipline shapes the future of a student".

You all may know the story of the ant and the grasshopper. It tells us how the ants being meticulous and disciplined finish their work in summer, summer and enjoy their fruits in winter. On the other hand, the grasshopper lacks orderliness, perseverance and suffers during the winter.

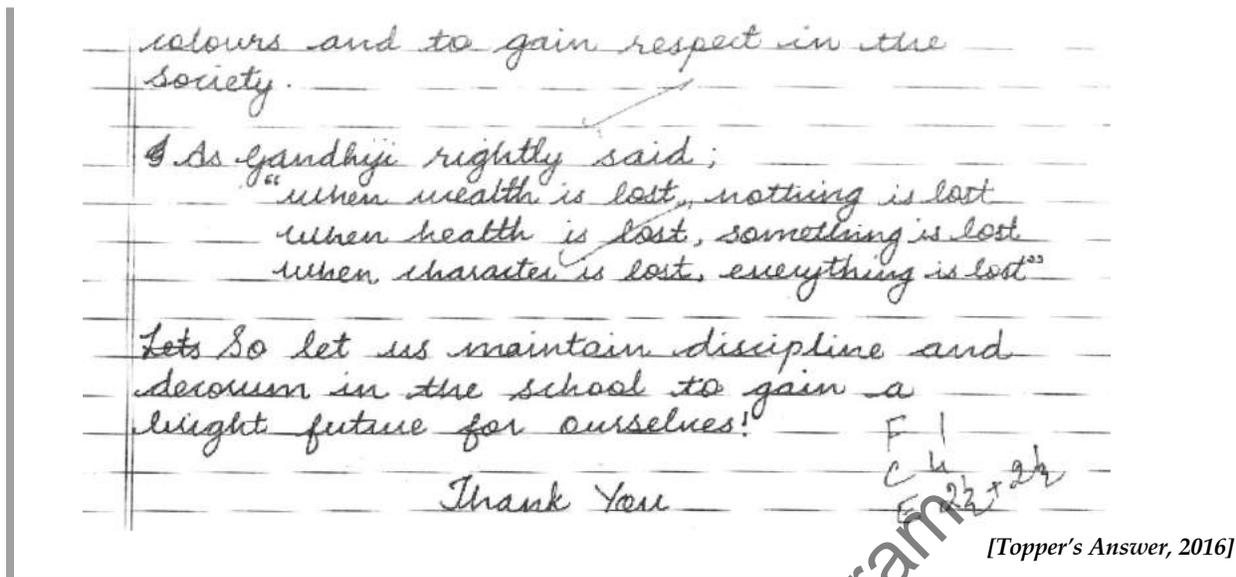
When we do any work with discipline we surely reap its fruits later.

Discipline is extremely vital in a student's life. While it builds their character, it also enables them to live a better organized & life. We are taught to be disciplined from a very young age. Keeping quiet in class, removing in a file, speaking politely, standing up when a teacher enters the class are some of the vital habits which we have developed over the years. A disciplined student often turns out to be an excellent and responsible citizen.

If a person,

If a person attempts to find a job, a main plus point becomes his/her manners and attitude. When you do your work in an orderly and organized manner, you tend to complete it faster. ✓

For us discipline includes punctuality in coming to school and submitting of our work, means wearing a proper uniform and our behaviour towards others. Discipline is very essential if you want to come out in flying.

**Detailed Answer :****Discipline Shapes the Future of a Student**

Good Morning respected teachers and my dear friends !

Today I am going to talk about something that is very important in a student's life - Discipline.

'Discipline is the key to success' - this saying stands true for all times and for all people of all age groups. But especially for students, it holds great value. In contemporary times, there are so many temptations that can lure a student away from a his basic objective in life.

At a student's level, where there is a cut-throat competition and time is extremely precious, self-discipline is something that students should aim to achieve. It is not a commodity that one can buy from the market. It is a rare quality which one has to inculcate, nurture and cherish from early childhood. Self-discipline, concentration, in turn, help a student scale newer heights of academic excellence. Success will be theirs, who value and practise self-discipline and abide by it at all times.

Temptations are always there. Only the forms of temptations change. But those of us who learn the subtle art of self-discipline and self constraint, cannot be prevented from attaining their goals in life. So, let all of us decide and aim to be a little more self-disciplined from now onwards.

Q. 12. Write a speech in about 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic, 'Water, a valuable asset, conservation at home and at school'. You are Karuna/Karan. [Outside Delhi Set III, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[WATER, A VALUABLE ASSET, CONSERVATION AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL]

- Fresh, clean water -limited resource / scarce resource
- People should strive to conserve water
- Saves money
- Can save water at home by making smart choices
- Save water from contamination
- Steps
- Use water judiciously
- Create awareness
- Follow water conservation / rainwater harvesting / recycling

(Any other relevant details)
(Any four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :**Water Conservation**

Good morning everyone, I am Karan and I am going to talk about the topic which concerns each one of us - 'Water a valuable asset, conservation at home and at school'.

Water covers two-thirds of our planet. Having said this, only about two-and-a-half percent of our water stock is fresh water, only one percent of which is available for use by humans. By 2050, we will need to provide with clean drinking water and food to more than nine billion people. But the alternatives for obtaining fresh water are limited.

Thus, it is extremely essential that we should not waste it at home or at school and use it judiciously. Here are some tips which will really help us to save water.

We should not waste water by draining it without purpose. All the taps should be closed properly in order to avoid unnecessary water drainage. Do not waste water by irrigating lawns unnecessarily. Lawns need water every 5 to 7 days in the summer whereas every 10 to 14 days in winter. All the dripping taps should be repaired soon by replacing washers as they may lead to a loss of around 2,700 gallons of water per year. Toilet tank leaks should be checked from time to time by using food coloring in the tank (if there is leakage it will appear within a few minutes). Never flush a toilet or use showers for a long time unnecessarily because there may be huge water loss. People should use only the required amount of water while bathing or washing clothes.

Do not waste water while washing hands and face, or brushing teeth in the basin, it is good to use mug water or keep the tap closed while rubbing hands with soap, cleaning teeth or while washing our faces.

If we are a little careful, we will be able to save this wonderful elixir of life. All it takes is will and attention. Thank you

- Q. 13. On the occasion of International Museum day, prepare a speech, in about 150-200 words, for the morning assembly, on the role of museums in preserving history and heritage. Also mention how students can benefit from visiting museums. You are Karuna/Karan. [Delhi Set I, 2015] 10**

Ans. Value Points :

Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings:

Coherence and relevance of ideas and style:

- Cultural institutions of a country
- Preserve and display artifacts and exhibits of rare value
- Invaluable source of information and knowledge
- Students develop pride in their cultural heritage
- Part of their informal education

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015] 10

Detailed Answer :

Good morning dear students and my fellow colleagues!

Museum is a place where objects of scientific, artistic or historic importance are collected and kept preserved and exhibited for the public. These objects also known as the 'artifacts' are the rare collection of pieces from the history and are for the benefit of future generation. Museums represent a nation's culture and heritage. Museums are a nation's treasure and have immense significance for any country.

Visiting a country's museum helps us in understanding the history, culture, the basic art form and tradition of that place. People who wish to gather knowledge about different cultures like to visit such places as it gives a vast mastery over the place's past and present. Museums gives a clear understanding of how a society has evolved and has come to its present form.

Even students who wish to get an in-depth knowledge on history can visit museums. This also help them in writing their research papers or even thesis. The vast information stored here can help any and everybody who wish to know about a particular topic.

There are various types of museums, one of them are, scientific museums. They help us know about various inventions, how they were invented, under what circumstances, the methods that were used before the invention, etc.

Museums are the links between our history and our future and one must visit museums to learn from our past and to improve our future knowledge and needs.

- Q. 14. Mobile phones of today is no longer a mere means of communication. Music lovers are so glued to it that they don't pay attention even to the traffic while crossing the roads. This leads to accidents, sometimes even fatal ones.**

Write a speech in 150-200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly advising the students to be careful in the use of this otherwise very useful gadget. Imagine you are Principal of your school. [Delhi Set I, 2015] 10

Ans.

Usage of Mobile Phones Today

Good morning dear students and my fellow colleagues !

In today's modern life, cell phones are undoubtedly regarded as one of the most common means of communication that have created a great impact in the mankind's life firsthand. Young generation now-a-days is using cell phones like an indispensable commodity that goes along with them in any phase of life. So today , I am going to talk to you about the use of mobile phones.

Because of their advantages and convenience, mobile phones have become universally popular. With them, we can call anyone at any time, independent of a landline connection. Our cell phone keep us in constant touch by helping us to communicate with our families, our friends, and our businesses. We also use special apps for listening to music, playing games, surfing the net and text messaging. It's hard to picture life without mobile phones.

But there are also disadvantages caused by the excess use of mobile phones. Using mobile phones is harmful to the brain, especially for those who are under the age of sixteen. Excessive use of mobile phones has been accused of causing dizziness, and radiations emitted out of the phone, are dead harmful for the eardrum. And drivers distracted by talking on their cell phones, are more likely to get into crashes, and fall prey to fatal accidents.

Mobile phones solve problems and provide new channels of communication. We can access all the world's information no matter where we are, just by using a device small enough to fit in one hand. But be careful, mobile phones, if not used carefully, might also be harmful to you.

Thank You.

- Q. 15. Power shortage has become a norm even in the metropolitan cities. One way to face this situation is by preventing the wastage of power.**

Write a speech in 150-200 words on the importance of power in our daily life and how to save power at school and at home. Imagine that you are the Principal of your school. [Delhi Set I, 2015] 10

Ans.

Power Shortage

Dear Students and my fellow teachers !

From the time you wake up, to the time you go to sleep at night, electric energy affects your life. Electricity is important in everyone's life, whether you notice it or not. Unfortunately, power shortage has become a part of our lives but we ourselves are to be blamed for it.

Daily you may be wasting a lot of power, and that costs you money and it damages the environment. Power is consumed mostly by electrical devices for lighting, transportation and heating or cooling. Simple tips will help reduce your energy consumption across the board and make a real difference to your wallet and the planet. Heating and cooling systems can be real energy hogs. Most people think of lights when it comes to energy consumption in the home. In fact, water and space heating account for nearly 63 percent of typical home energy use, while lighting only accounts for 6 percent. Luckily, there are some quick ways to reduce your heating bill. Turn down the thermostat on the furnace and put on a sweater to keep yourself warm. Turn down the temperature on your water heater by a few degrees.

Appliances can't draw power if they are turned off. Better yet, unplug anything you don't need. Choose Star rated appliances when you can. Try turning everything off and listen to the blessed silence.

At school too, save power by turning off the lights and fans when you are going outdoors and plugging off all computers and devices when not in use. If we follow these simple tips, we shall not only reduce our electricity bills but will also save the environment.

Thank you.

- Q. 16. Recent rains and consequent water-logging have increased the risk of malaria and dengue. Write a speech in 150- 200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly advising the students on prevention of and protection against these ailments and the steps that the school has taken to prevent mosquito breeding in and around the school. Imagine you are Principal of the school.** [Delhi Set III, 2015] 10

Ans.

Water Logging and its Consequences

Good morning to all !

We all are well aware what havoc have the recent rains and waterlogging been causing in the city. There is an increased risk of malaria and dengue and we all have to take measures to keep ourselves safe.

Make sure that there is no stagnant water in and around your house. Clean all pots, coolers or any other areas where there is any stagnant water. Besides, prefer full sleeve shirts and trousers over a half sleeve one or shorts. It is essential to keep your bodies properly covered especially during the evenings. It is advisable to get a pesticide spray or fogging done in and around your house.

In school also we have taken all the precautions. We have got the water coolers cleaned and are spraying safe quantities of pesticide every alternate day to keep the mosquitoes away. Besides, the washrooms and other cleaning areas have also been cleaned. We have already sent an application to the municipality to clean the drains around the school so that there is no waterlogging on this road.

I am sure that by taking preventive measures, we'll be able to fight this problem and live a cleaner and safer life.

Thank you.

Q. 17. You have always been proud of being a citizen of the country which shows love and care for elders. However, now this value is found to be disappearing. Write a speech in 150-200 words on 'Difficulties faced by senior citizens.'
[Comptt. Outside Delhi Set II, 2015] 10

Ans. Good morning everyone. Today, I am standing before you to throw light on the topic 'Difficulties faced by senior citizens'.

In India, around 2/3rd of the population is below or close to 30, so does talking about old age problems sound awkward ?

Consider this, out of every 10 elderly couples in India, more than 6 are forced by their children to leave their homes. With no place to go and all hopes lost, the elderly have to resort to old age homes, which do not guarantee first class treatment.

Every other day, we see news of parents being beaten up by their children, parents and in-laws being forced to do the house hold chores, being made to live in small dungeon like rooms and their property being forcefully taken over by over ambitious children.

After a certain age, health problems begin to crop up leading to less control over one's body, in worst cases these people do not recognise their own family because of Alzheimer's. This problem is common in old age. This is when children begin to see their parents as burden. It is these parents who at times wander out of their homes or are thrown out. Some dump their old parents or grandparents in old-age homes and don't even go to visit them anymore.

Forget the rights that the elderly enjoy in India. Just forget about what action they can take. Think on moral grounds. Why do we tend to forget that the reason that we are in this world is because of our parents, the reason we studied is because of our parents, the reason we survived all the diseases is because of our mother's care. The hands that made us walk are those of our parents'.

Is the youth too insensitive to the elders ? Is passing comments at an old man walking slowly on the road and disturbing the flow of the traffic are our ethics ? Come on young people, stand up against such injustice. DO NOT TREAT YOUR PARENTS LIKE BURDEN, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY NEED YOU.

Thank you.

Q. 18. Outside the gate of your school, there are a few food carts. They don't observe strict hygienic standards. You have observed that so many of your students go to them immediately after the school is over. This can create health problems. As Principal, write a speech in 150-200 words on 'Healthy Food' to be delivered in the morning assembly.
[Comptt., Delhi Set I, 2015] 10

Ans. Healthy Food

Good morning dear students.

Today I am going to talk about one of the most important aspects of our life - Health. No matter how well we do in life, how much we work hard or how much we earn, if we lose our health we lose everything.

Healthy eating is not only important for your diet, it's also important as a part of your personal well-being. Eating healthy can improve your physical fitness, allow you to feel better about yourself and do wonders for your health. Healthy eating doesn't mean you have to follow a strict diet, or give up foods you love. You just need to balance the amount of types of foods you eat to obtain all the necessary nutrients.

Apart from this you must avoid unhealthy unhygienic food. Food which is sold on streets might be stale or it might contain bacteria. So ensure that whenever you are buying food from any vendor, it should be covered and fresh. Unhygienic food can lead to many health disorders and will ultimately cause a decline in your health.

So to stay fit and healthy, eat fresh homemade food and try to avoid eating outside too often.

Thank You.

Q. 19. Today's children are not yet aware of many opportunities awaiting them after they complete their school education. As an academic counsellor, give a talk to the students of St. Antony's School on the need for career guidance and how knowledge of the available careers can benefit the youth. Write the speech in 150-200 words.
[Comptt., Delhi Set I, 2015] 10

Ans. Career After School

Good morning dear students,

Every student faces the question of 'what next' after class 10th and 12th, he needs to decide a stream and then, what to do for their graduation course!

A helpless 16-year-old is faced with the choice of three streams - Humanities, Science and Commerce and the only career guidance he has is the opinion of his parents and his teachers. It is also based on his marks and the comments of his friends and neighbors.

But is that sufficient for a child to base the foundation of his entire career ?

It is at this point that a career counselling for school-students can help the child sail through these turbulent times. Career counselling involves scientifically developed aptitude tests and personality tests. The counsellor gives the best suited career-advice to the student, based on his report of his aptitude and personality tests.

Career counselling sessions helps the students to know the pros and cons of the different streams and the career path it offers, thus the students can make an informed choice and get a career assessment that helps them to avoid the risk of change in career path later in life.

Choosing a career that matches one's aptitude and personality itself translates into professional success and popularity. The main aim of career counselling is to help students choose a field that is in tune with their skills and their job expectations. Thus, with the help of career counselling, most candidates end up choosing the right career and perform their level best which ultimately helps them to succeed.

Thank you

- Q. 20. The Prime Minister's campaign, 'Swachh Bharat' has become popular throughout India. Inspired by this, you, the principal of a reputed school decide to address the students on 'The value of cleanliness'. Write your speech in 150-200 words.** [Comptt., Outside Delhi Set I, 2015] 10

Ans. The Value of Cleanliness

Good morning dear students and my fellow teachers,

Today I am going to talk about a very important issue- Cleanliness.

Cleanliness means keeping one's body mind, dress and surroundings clean. Cleanliness is one's precious possession.

Cleanliness of body is necessary for physical health. Dirt is the mother of diseases. A person who never washes himself, who wears dirty clothes and keeps his house and surroundings dirty, will soon suffer lose of health.

Disease germs breed and grow and multiply in dirty surroundings. People who are not clean are sure to get dangerous and sometimes even fatal diseases. Contagious diseases are caused due to the dirty surroundings of the people. As regular washing of hands and face, frequent bathing and wearing of clean clothes are the conditions of good health, in the same way clean environment is the prior condition of a healthy society.

Cleanliness is also necessary for self-respect and for getting respect from others. A man who doesn't wash and who wears dirty clothes, cannot feel proud of himself. Other people also do not respect him. A person who is not clean and neat cannot mix with a decent society. It is an insult of the respectable person to remain friendly with a man who is never clean.

Cleanliness of mind is also important. As we keep our body clean, we must also keep our mind and heart clean. Dirt is the symbol of moral evil and cleanliness is the symbol of moral purity. A man may be clean physically, but if his mind is full of evil desires and dirty thoughts, he is a dirty man. So, one must be of clean mind and body. A neat and clean man can be a friend of all people. Cleanliness is next to godliness.

Thank you

- Q. 21. You have been asked to participate in a debate competition on the topic. "Community service once a week should be introduced in all schools and should be graded". Write the speech in about 200 words either for or against the motion.** [CBSE SQP, 2014-15] 10

Ans. Community Service

Honourable Judges, respected principal, teachers and my dear friends,

A very good morning to all. Today's topic 'Community service once a week should be introduced in all schools and should be graded' makes me laugh because how can you expect a young student moving about and offering his/her service to the community around the school and that too forcibly, i.e., just to get grades and what about the people to whom the service is being rendered ? Will they take it positively, will it not become their habit to depend upon the students for a particular thing to be done ?

This act should be done voluntarily and with the true feelings from the core of the heart. It should not be a time-pass for the students and moreover it will not be possible for the teachers to keep a watch on these activities of all the students.

Social and community services are done from the true feelings of the heart. You cannot force it upon anybody. Hope you all are convinced by my arguments.
Thank you.

Q. 22. You are Suraj/Sandhya of Gargi Senior Secondary School, Delhi. Games and Sports should be made compulsory in schools. Write a speech for morning assembly on the Importance of Games and Sports in Personality Development in about 150-200 words. [CBSE SQP, 2014-15] 10

Ans. Importance of Sports in the Overall Development of a Student

Good Morning Principal, teachers and my dear friends, today I, Suraj, have got a golden opportunity to express my views on how games and sports are important for personality development and hence they should be made compulsory in schools.

Sports and games keep one healthy and it is rightly said that a healthy mind resides in healthy body. Sports actually help in the development of personality and teach or inculcate the traits that are really essential in society.

Sports and games teach us the values of team spirit and help to maintain cordial relations among different people. They also teach patience and discipline and help in keeping one's body agile and active.

Not only this, sports and game can also be taken up as a career, if pursued properly and with a focussed mind. Therefore, in my opinion, sports and games should be made compulsory in every school.

Thank you.

Q. 23. You are Sampreet, an educationist. You have noticed that the youth of today are often unable to cope with stress and become frustrated and bitter. Write a speech in 150-200 words to be delivered at a college function on 'Youth, their problems and solutions'. [Delhi Set II, 2014] 10

Ans. Youth : Their Problems and Solutions

Good morning to one and all present here. Today I, Sampreet, have got an opportunity to share my views with you all on the problems faced by the youth today. I would try to suggest some solutions also for the same.

The foremost problem faced by the youth today is neck to neck competition in all fields of life, especially the academic field. Heavy emphasis is laid on academic performance, without taking into consideration the interest of the child. There is a great disparity in the outlook and views of the parents and youth, resulting in a generation gap. This creates a lot of stress in the minds of the young generation.

Apart from this, the youth today has to deal with the peer pressure as well. They have to compete with one another for entrance exams in various colleges. All this leaves a bad impact on their mind and they become bitter and frustrated and find solace in doing activities which are not acceptable eg. violence etc. They become temperamental and moody.

All this can be prevented if we all join hands to encourage them in a positive way. They should be made aware of the importance of outdoor games, exercises, morning walk, yoga, etc. to combat stress. Parents should show more tolerance and spend more time with them, sharing and solving their problems. Unnecessary pressure should not be put on them and we should lead them towards a healthy and bright future.

Thank you.

Q. 24. After Independence, India has seen a steep upward trend in the graph of corruption. The public has often become disgusted and disappointed. As Venkat, a well-known journalist, write a speech in 150-200 words on "Corruption, its causes and solutions." [Delhi Set II, 2014] 10

Ans. Corruption: Its Causes and Solutions

Good morning to one and all present in this assembly. Today, I, Venkat would like to draw your attention towards the steep upward trend in the graph of corruption.

Everyone knows that the corruption is the mother of all evils. The root cause of corruption is poverty which is prevalent in our social system. The system has taken such a shape that the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. In order to live up to 'social standards' a person has to face many difficulties in making both ends meet and that is where corruption starts. There is no department where bribing is not a daily affair. But in my opinion, a war must be waged against this evil. It must be eradicated to live a healthy and peaceful life. Therefore, it is imperative for each one of us to contribute our bit to this war.

The removal of corruption from all fields of life is a must for the growth and development of our country. No shortcuts should be taken by us to get our work done in an easy manner. Only then we are going to have a corruption-free nation. Let us be the first ones to say no to bribe.

Thank you.

Q. 25. Media has a strong hold on society. Write a speech in 125-150 words on how media influences public opinion to be delivered in the school assembly. [Delhi Set I, 2014] 10

Ans.

The Influence of Media

Respected Principal Ma'am, worthy teachers and my dear friends. Today I am privileged to express my views on the influence of Media on public.

Media, generally speaking, is the mirror of the society and has become a necessary means of providing strength to our society. It helps us to know what is happening all around the world hence, it can be called the pillar of our democratic country. These days life seems to be incomplete without the print media in the form of newspapers, magazine, etc., and surely without the electronic media in the form of the television, internet, telephone, etc.

Media play an important role in developing countries, such as India, to realize the dream of development. Awareness regarding immunization programmes, healthy living, balanced diet and many other social messages are spread by media, even to the remote parts of our country. In the field of politics also, its role can't be under estimated. People get information about both sides of the coin and form an opinion. Thus, we can say that media has a strong hold on society and influences public opinion.

Thank you.

Q. 26. Rising incomes of the families are leading to obesity among their children. Poring over books for hours coupled with the lure of TV and the Internet has led to a sedentary life-style. Addiction to junk food is another cause of obesity. Write a speech in 150-200 words on obesity, its causes and how to prevent it. [Comptt. Outside Delhi Set I, 2013] 10

Ans.

Obesity : Its causes and how to prevent it.

A very good morning to all present here.

Obesity has become a major problem all over the world. This is a difficult problem with many serious effects on the individual and country.

Obesity can be divided into three main causes-diet, lifestyle and education. One of the chief causes is diet. Youngsters and students eat more and more carbohydrates present in high-fat burgers and pizza in fast-food restaurants. Lifestyle is the second main cause of obesity. As a result of a change in lifestyles people are occupied in sedentary jobs, and do not exercise regularly. However, one of the main causes is lack of education and awareness. Moreover parents do not teach good eating habits to children, and many people lack knowledge about good nutrition or a balanced diet.

Obesity affects the individual and the country. The biggest effect is on the individual. First of all, being overweight has health risks. Obesity can lead to heart disease, diabetes and other conditions. The quality of life suffers, as it is difficult to enjoy exercise or move. Another result is a lack of self-esteem. This can lead to depression, eating disorders and crash diets. Unhealthy citizens are also less productive and their children learn poor eating habits.

Obesity or even being overweight has serious effects on the individual and the society. Both need to examine the causes of this problem and find solutions. Society is made up of individuals and as individuals it is upon us to make a beginning. Let's make that beginning today.

Q. 27. You are Maya/Mohan, School Pupil Leader of Shyamala Memorial Hall, Trivandrum. Write a speech in 150-200 words that you would deliver in the school assembly during the Vigilance Week on "How to eradicate corruption from both private and public life?" [Compt. Outside Delhi Set I, 2013] 10

Ans.

Enough of Corruption

Good Morning Respected principal, teachers and my dear friends. Today, I, Maya, the School Public Leader is standing before you to suggest ways to eradicate corruption. We all are aware of the fact that corruption is deeply rooted in public and private life.

Every now and then, we come across one or the other scam at the higher level involving ministers and other high officials. Despite getting so much money and many privileges, these people are always busy minting money.

People have to get their work done by paying money as bribe, be it getting their wards admitted to school, seeking job or getting some work done in any government office, people are of the mindset that to get the work done, one has to pay bribe.

We have to stop taking shortcuts to get our work done whether it is by not using underhand means or by not bribing. We should wait for the work to be done in the right manner or fight for our justified cause. These ideals have to be a part of our everyday life and not just to be mentioned in papers or for celebrating, 'A Vigilance Week'. Only then we can stop corruption and root it out completely.

Thank you.

Q. 28. You are Keshav/Karuna, a national freedom fighter. You are the Chief Guest for the Independence Day celebration at Shyamala Memorial Hall, Trivandrum. Write a speech in 150-200 words that you would deliver on "How to Honour our Freedom Fighters", recalling your participation in the freedom struggle, how you cherish freedom and how every citizen should preserve it. [Comptt. Delhi Set II, 2013] 10

Ans. Honouring Freedom Fighters

It is a great honour to be invited here as the Chief Guest for the Independence Day Celebrations at Shyamala Memorial Hall, Trivandrum. The programs presented here today enlivened the memories of the freedom struggle days.

We people fought for the freedom of the country without any selfish motive or desire. I think that it is the duty of every citizen to preserve the freedom of the country. Another very important thing is that the people who selflessly fought for the freedom of the country should be given proper care and support so, that they can lead the last few years of their lives with dignity and grace. Each one of us is responsible and indebted to those people for our freedom today.

Today we are free to express our thoughts, free to settle anywhere in the country irrespective of the religion we follow and the language we speak. We citizens of independent India, have the right to vote and elect our representative who collectively with other elected members form the government and work for the country and people. We have the right to education, equality and freedom to follow any culture and religion. But almost all of us never realise the value of this. The greatest tribute to all the freedom fighters will be if we can value these things and safeguard them with honesty and integrity.

Jai Hind !

Q. 29. You are Rakhi/Rajiv, Sports Teacher of Shyamala Memorial hall, Trivandrum. After watching the recent sports events in which quite a few players sustained injuries, you decide to address your school students on the importance of maintaining physical fitness along with a sound mind. Write the speech in 150-200 words. [Comptt. Delhi Set I, 2013] 10

Ans. Physical fitness—The Key to a Healthy Life

By—Rakhi

Good morning respected Principal, Teachers and my dear students. Recently, I was watching the telecast of the National Games on television where a lot of players sustained injuries and that was primarily because they did not maintain good physical fitness. This made me realize that it is very important for everyone to be in a good health to face any kind of stress and competition-be it the sports field or out of it.

Physical fitness is essential to prevent and reduce risks of many diseases and improve physical and mental health. It can even help you live longer. Research from the American Journal of Preventative Medicine indicates that regular exercise can add up to five years to your life.

Physical activity also keeps you in shape so you can enjoy leisure activities and safely perform work and home chores. It offers great mental and social benefits as well. A number of studies have found that exercises rule out depression. Exercise may block negative thoughts or distract people from daily worries. Exercising with others provides an opportunity for increased social contact. Increased fitness may lift your mood and improve sleep patterns. Exercise may also change levels of chemicals in our brain, such as serotonin, endorphins and stress hormones.

Thus, physical exercise not only keeps us physically fit but also helps us to live a happy wholesome life.

Thanks you.

Articles

Q.1. By 2050, India will be amongst the countries which will face acute water shortage. You are highly alarmed and terrified of the future world without water. So, write an article on "Save water- are we doing enough?" for the local daily in 150-200 words. [SQP 2018-19] 10

Ans. SAVE WATER – ARE WE DOING ENOUGH?

Suggested value points:

Introduction mention briefly the status of the issue

Topic analysis

- Discuss why saving water is important
- Describe how this deficit will affect people and humankind

Conclusion

- Suggest what can be done to save water for the future

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2018-19]

Detailed Answer :**Save Water**

Water is life! If there were no water, there would be no life! Do you know all life forms of all species of flora and fauna are able to live because of water? Water is the major component of building blocks of life, food, metabolism, and functioning of every living being and organism. Living this wonderful life is impossible without water!

Water is the force behind all the industry, agriculture, manufacturing and trade and commerce. All forms of energy generation is done using water. Be it hydroelectrically projects, or thermal power plant, or nuclear power plant, water is the key ingredient in all of them. There would be no power without water! The gist of all the points mentioned above is WATER IS INDISPENSABLE for life. No water, no life!

Are We Doing Enough To Save It?

The harsh reality is we are doing nothing to save it. Our natural water bodies such as rivers, lakes, oceans, etc. have been turned into huge sewage channels and drains. The underground water has been terribly contaminated. It appears soon there won't be left any good water in this world.

It is our responsibility to conserve this life nectar. It is possible only through by changing our outlook towards this wonderful natural resource. We must ensure there is no pollution of water bodies by dumping any waste such as, sewage, effluents, and other toxic substances. The people and the government must ensure installation of effluents and smoke treatment plants at industrial, garbage, and sewage units. All people should make efforts to conserve water.

Q.2. 'Grow more trees to reduce pollution.' Write an article in 150 – 200 words on the topic given above for your school magazine. [Comptt. Delhi/ Outside Delhi 2018] 10

Ans. Heading: GROW MORE TREES TO REDUCE POLLUTION

Suggested value points:

- Trees conserve energy
- Absorb carbon dioxide / affect air quality
- Provide shade
- Prevent soil erosion
- Muffle the city noises
- Cool the streets and the surroundings
- Slow the water evaporation / increase atmospheric moisture
- Any other relevant point

(any 4 points)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2018]

Detailed Answer :**Grow More Trees**

Trees are our friends. They breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. Trees purify the air and make the environment clean and pure.

People always go for picnics to places where there are many trees, so they can enjoy the shade. Especially in summers, it is so very refreshing to sit in in the shade of trees and enjoy the cool breeze.

Trees are useful to us in other ways too. They give us timber which we use to make our furniture and as firewood. We use timber to build our houses too and we use wood pulp to make paper.

Trees provide us with useful medicines. We get gum from trees and also fruits and vegetables. We get flowers from trees as well as spices.

We should grow trees and plants around our houses and in parks and gardens and also in the open spaces in cities and towns.

School children should be encouraged to plant trees. They can do it either in the school premises or around their houses. The government encourages social forestry. Subsidies are given to those who plant trees.

The festival of "Van Mahotsav" is held every year to encourage people to plant more trees. Trees check environmental pollution. Many social workers have tried and are trying to awaken the conscience of people to the need for more trees.

Do not cut down trees. Rather, plant more and more trees. If each one planted one tree, there would be so many trees today, sufficient enough for us to breathe normally.

- Q.3. Recent floods in many metropolitan cities of the country during the monsoon season laid bare the hollowness of the claims of the civic authorities of their preparedness. The poor had to bear the brunt of the problem while no one was ever held accountable. Write an article in 150–200 words on the common man’s woes during the monsoons and the need for accountability of the officials concerned. You are Sumit/Smita Verma.**

[Delhi/ Outside Delhi 2018] 10

Ans. Heading: Common Man’s Woes during Monsoons

(Any other relevant title)

Problem:

- Lack of preparedness
- Problems faced by the poor
- Spread diseases/ breeding of mosquitoes
- Water logging
- Accidents/open manholes
- Disruption in transport and connectivity
- Food supply affected
- Power breakdown
- Need for accountability

(any 4 points)

Detailed Answer :

Article

The Common Man’s Woes During Monsoons

—by Smita

Monsoons play an important role in our lives and they play a very crucial role in the life of farmers. Without monsoons, the crops will not get sufficient water and hence, the agricultural sector will be badly hit. But for the common man, monsoon can become a serious menace at times. Especially since the recent floods in many metropolitan cities have revealed the lack of effort on the part of the authorities to solve the problem. The drains overflowed and laid bare the claims of the civic societies about their preparedness. They claimed to have cleaned the drains way before the monsoons had hit but the truth is that they failed miserably. The poor and the common man have to face the consequences of their irresponsibility. At times, car’s engine stops working due to flooding of water on the roads. The civic societies responsible for monsoon preparation should be held responsible and punished for not carrying out their duties. Also, the government should take an initiative to vigil these societies, so that from the next season onwards, the problems are resolved and the common man gets some relief.

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2018]

- Q.4. Our performance in Rio Olympics has told us that we do not pay enough attention to athletics and outdoor games. It is time we revised our attitude, sports should be an important part of school’s daily routine. Write an article in 150-200 words in “Importance of Outdoor Games”. You are Sreeja/Thomas. [Delhi Set I, 2017] 10**

Ans.

Importance of Outdoor Games

By Sreeja

Games like cricket, hockey, tennis, football and badminton are outdoor games that are played in the open. They are games that involve physical activity and also imbibe a spirit of healthy competition among the players.

The proverb says, “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy” and outdoor games ensure all-round development of children in body, mind and spirit.

In this age when children are suffering from obesity, outdoor activities form an important part of the curriculum. These games have a long-term benefit on health. They help kids stay fit and healthy while giving the country a few champions as well. Even children can reveal hidden talents which can be taken up as an alternative career.

The outdoor games help to develop a healthy spirit of competition and boost the level of competition and self-esteem. The children learn to interact with the team and also develop strategies to win.

In this era of technology, when children remain glued to screens, it is important for them to leave the TVs, laptops and mobile phones and go out and play. In fact playing outdoors should be a part of the daily routine.

- Q. 5. Every teenager has a dream to achieve something in life. What they are going to become tomorrow depends on what our youth dream today. Write an article in 150-120 words on “What I want to be in life”. You are Simranjit/ Smita. [Outside Delhi Set I, 2017] 10**

Ans.

(Article)

LIFE AND MY AMBITIONS

Everyone in life has a dream, a goal, an ambition. Everyone hopes to succeed and accomplish their goal. What one actually achieves, depends largely on their dream as a teenager.

I too, have a dream. Being in one's teenage years is an experience like no other. It is full of excitement, and most importantly, possibilities. A large range of possibilities can often confuse us but once we set out to achieve something, it often becomes a life goal. Travelling is a stimulus for my senses. The beauty, the culture and the excitement of a new place are feelings that cannot be put in words. The feeling of uncovering something new and connecting with new places, is what drives me. What I wish to achieve in life, is a question whose answer is still a little unclear to me, but that does not scare me. As a teenager and an individual who is about to enter the real world, I have a sense of purpose — to achieve something worthwhile, to accomplish my dream of travelling. My youth dream is to travel the world and understand various cultures. My start towards this dream may be a bit rocky, but I do know that life will be my guide and help me reach my goal. Life will make me who I want to be — a developed individual with a sense of fulfilment of one's dreams.

My ambitions and what I want to be is clear — a fulfilled individual with a job I love, the way ahead still a little foggy. That, though, does not deter me from achieving my dream. Neither should the unclear way, deter you.

By
Smita Saha

Q. 6. To have a fair complexion is an obsession in our society. Demand for fair brides in matrimonial columns and sale of fairness creams are evidence enough. Write an article in 150-200 words giving your views on 'Beautiful mind, better than a fair complexion.' You are Natwar/Nimmi. Use the following clues :

- The West, people like to be tanned
- Fair complexion, only skin deep
- Beautiful mind
- Attitude to life
- Behaviour in society etc.

[Outside Delhi Set III, 2017] 10

Ans. Beautiful mind, better than a fairer complexion
 –By Nimmi

The mind and heart does not take its complexion from the skin. There is nothing like the perfect colour. We are the ones who have brought the notion into people's minds that having a fairer skin is what everyone needs. Is it the looks that should matter or should it be the heart too?

In India, there is a craze for fair people. Everyone wants to have a fair and clear skin. There are products used by people to make their skin fairer. These products are sold in tons on a daily basis. For once we should notice that we indirectly give profits to the company manufacturing such harmful and fake products which lighten our complexion.

In the West, the people are crazy about getting tanned skin in summers and they pay to get all this. Then from where do Indians feel the urge to do all this. The dark skin has its own beauty and suits us Indians. We are all supposed to be different. We are made that way.

What matters is if we are beautiful from the inside. A person might be fair and beautiful from outside but is he/she so nice from inside? We need to focus on being good human beings, only that will take us somewhere in life. Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder, it is created by the observers the way they see us. And people generally first see our attitude.

Looks are something which will stay only for a short time but character and inner beauty is something that will be with us till our death beds. So, that is something we should work on and not on our looks. Our behaviour in society is what matters and not whether we dress well for an event and then create a scene. People judge us by our actions and not by what we are from outside.

Always remember that mirrors lie, they do not show what you are from inside. So, it is high time we stop the discrimination of people based on their skin tone.

Q. 7. India is a land of diversity. One way in which it makes us feel proud of it is the number of festivals we enjoy. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Festivals of India'. You are Karuna/Karan. [Delhi Set I, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[FESTIVALS OF INDIA]

- Bring happiness and joy
- Important part of our lives
- Bring family and friends together
- Unite the country
- Promote brotherhood

(Any other relevant details)

NOTE : If the student gives an account of festivals, it should be accepted.

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :

Festivals of India

By- Karuna

India is a land of diversity. Indians are diverse in their physical appearances, dresses, languages, and creed. Even then, it is really fascinating to witness how the Bengalis, the Marathas, the Gujaratis, the Tamils, the Andhras, the Oriyas, the Assamese, the Punjabis and the Kashmiris - have all retained their peculiar characteristics throughout the ages. The dwellers of any part of India still have more or less the same virtues. There is something living and dynamic about this heritage which manifests itself in the way of festivals. These festivals know no distinction either of age, community, faith or even nationality. Whether it is Holi or Diwali, Sankranti or Pongal, Id or Gurupurv, people of all ages and areas enjoy them alike. The rich and poor all celebrate these festivals in their own way but the fact, that is to be noted is that these festivals cause everyone to be overwhelmed with joy. People forget all differences of caste, creed and faith and become one in their joy while celebrating these festivals. These festivals really unify

the palaces and huts, the bare-bodied beggars and the crowned kings. They not only eat up our routine boredom, and tedium but also in return give us a freshness, chewing up all our worries, pumping in zeal and enthusiasm. Eradicating the differences of religions and regions, rich and poor, these festivals bring joy and spiritual serenity for all Indians in particular and the world in general

- Q. 8. Rising pollution, fast competitive lifestyle, lack of nutritious food, have caused health woes for a large section of our population. Providing health care used to be a charitable and ethical activity. Today it has become commercialized, a money spinning business. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'How to provide proper health care to common man'. You are Karan/ Karuna. [Delhi Set I, 2016] 10**

Ans. Value Points :

[HOW TO PROVIDE PROPER HEALTH CARE TO THE COMMON MAN]

Problem :

- Health sector commercialised causes
- Money spinning business
- Large population
- Government hospitals not enough / over crowded

Solutions :

- Stricter laws for private hospitals
- Stringent implementation of rules
- More government hospitals
- Creating awareness of healthy lifestyles, nutritious food etc. in rural areas
- Providing healthcare in schools **(Any other relevant details) (Any four points) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]**

Detailed Answer :

How to Provide Proper Health Care to Common Man

By Karuna

Now-a-days, rising pollution, a fast and competitive lifestyle, lack of nutritious food, have caused health woes for a large section of our population. Providing health-care used to be a charitable and ethical activity. Our country is well-known in the world for selfless service and pure love. Sarojini Naidu, Mother Teresa served the sick people without any aspirations. They considered it to be their sacred duty. But today, such a feeling can be seen missing to a large extent, though not absolutely. On one hand, the techniques in the medical field have resulted in miraculous results; on the other hand its backside shows us a horrible scene. Today perhaps, ethics have been lost. The health care industry has become more or less commercialised—an absolute money-spinning business. Most of the hospitals have contracts with the pathologies. Irrespective of the problems, patients are asked to go through many costly tests. After all, the doctors have to earn commission and generally there are no government dispensaries. In their absence, patients, especially from rural areas are put to many hardships. They are left to the mercy of some quacks or private practitioners who charge exorbitant fees. To provide proper health-care to the common man, more and more public health centers should be established where sufficient medical staff as well as helping staff should be appointed. Though the government is spending much money to improve this field yet certain greedy persons and groups try their best to make such policies fail. The authorities concerned along with some voluntary ones should come forward so that this industry can once again emerge as a life-giving charitable service, and not as a money-spinning business.

- Q. 9. India is an emerging economy. We are rich in natural resources. Yet a significant proportion of our people are living below poverty line. One cause of this poverty is our rising population.**

Write an article in 150-200 words on 'How to keep a check on population.' You are Karuna/Karan.

[Delhi Set III, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[HOW TO KEEP A CHECK ON POPULATION]

Problem :

- population explosion leading to
 - > unemployment
 - > poverty
- government hospitals not enough / over crowded

Solutions :

- literacy for all
- job opportunities
- women empowerment
- government policies
- creating awareness about disadvantages

(Any other relevant details)(Any four points)
[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :**How to Keep a Check on Population**

By- Karan

India is an emerging economy. We are rich in natural resources. Yet a significant proportion of our people is living below the poverty line. One cause of this poverty is our rising population. The problem of population explosion is a serious one as fifty thousand children are being born every day, dangerously increasing the already existing Indian population and thereby posing a serious threat to the very existence of Indians.

The population explosion entails undesirable repercussions, begetting one problem after another. Millions of infants are bare-headed, bare-footed and have no clothes to put on. Such progeny has no future and it also creates hurdles and bottlenecks towards the progress and development of the country. In order to curb population explosion, the Indian Government started the 'Family Planning' programme that seems to be the only effective measure to check this problem, a number of subsidiary devices were also popularized, such as contraceptives and tubectomy for women and vasectomy for men. The Government offered lucrative incentives to endear devices like 'loop', 'condom', 'oral pill' and such other contraceptives that were made available to the public free of cost. Family planning officers visited the far off villages to help the villagers with useful counselling, advice and concerned assistance. The minimum matrimonial age was raised to twenty- one years for boys and eighteen for girls.

Truly speaking, mere law will not suffice to achieve the goals of the family planning programme. A diagonal change in the attitude of people is needed, that over-population is not a divine blessing but rather a demonic curse, and that poverty cannot be eradicated from India without lowering the population growth rate and enlightening people. If that is not done in time, then the day is not far when starvation and anarchy will reign and India will be in the doldrums.

Q. 10. Women feel unsafe on the road, at their place of work and even at home. There is an urgent need to change the male mindset in its attitude towards women.

Write an article in 150-200 words on 'How to make women feel safe.' You are Karan/Karuna.

[Delhi Set III, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[HOW TO MAKE WOMEN FEEL SAFE] / any other suitable heading

Problem :

- Women unsafe
- Domestic violence / rape / eve teasing / lack of safety in public places

Solution :

- Inculcate respect for women
- Implementation of stringent laws
- Policing should be vigilant and effective
- Empower women

(Any other relevant details) (Any four points) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :**How to Make Women Feel Safe**

By- Karuna

It makes every-one shocked and sad that even after sixty- six years of independence, there is not much improvement in the condition of a woman in India. India is a country where the 'woman is worshipped' but perhaps only in books. If we see the real picture, women are unsafe not only on roads or at the place of their work but also at home. Superficially, it is said that the condition of today's woman has changed like anything but the reality states something different. Perhaps, a part of the society is unable to digest their upliftment.

Today, on one side, boys and girls are given equal education, equal opportunities in jobs, equal place at sports but on another side, this act of getting ahead costs them heavily e.g. If a well-educated girl gets married to a boy of the same standard, her parents have to give a heavy amount of dowry; if they don't do so, the girl may not get due respect. The cases of burning the bride for dowry demands are not uncommon. At workplace, she has to face harassment from the male co-workers.

In order to make her feel safe, she herself has to become bold. She should stand up herself against such practices instead of being ashamed. Dowry system must be checked seriously. The educated boys should boycott such acts and stand up against their parents. And the most important thing is that there is an urgent need to change the male mindset in its attitude towards women. They shouldn't consider them playthings. It should be kept in mind that if a woman appears frail at one moment, then she can, at another moment, come out as 'Goddess Kali' who killed demons mercilessly. Learning self-defense and the safety programmes, organized by some social service groups and government will help them a lot towards feeling safe.

- Q. 11. Education has always been a noble profession. Our ancestors received their learning at gurukuls and ashrams. Even in the near past, pathshalas (schools) were associated with places of worship. Today, education is fast becoming commercialized. Parents have to shell out a lot of money on coaching classes, tuition fees etc. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'The State of Education, Today'. You are Karan/Karuna.**

[Outside Delhi Set I, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[THE STATE OF EDUCATION TODAY]

- Produces large number of unemployed graduates
- Lacks basic communication and problem solving skills
- Education becoming commercialised
- Flourishing coaching centres and tutorials
- Rote-learning curbs creativity and originality
- Marks-oriented
- Real purpose lost
- Students victims of unrealistic, pointless, mindless rat race
- Need to redefine the purpose of education
- Inadequate number of schools
- Inadequate infrastructure
- Poor student-teacher ratio

(Any other relevant point) (Any four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :

The State of Education Today

By- Karan

Education is no more a noble cause but it has become a business or we can say that it has become commercialized now. Now-a-days you can see educational institutions in every nook and corner of any urban city. All these changes are a result of the privatization of education. With the advent of a large no. of Pvt. Institutes in the mid-90s, the agenda of education was hijacked and educational institutes have now become a source of generating profit. Now, you can find hundreds of engineering and MBA institutes in each and every city. These institutes are making good money through capitation fees and are also charging very high fees.

After spending lakhs of rupees on education, it's a major shock for today's youth, if they don't find a suitable job. There is family pressure because for family also it's a business i.e. parents want to recover whatever they have spent on the child's education. In short, education is now a business for everyone i.e. for the parents, students and institutes.

In order to change the situation, the role of the state in higher education needs to be redefined. There is a need for careful planning, enhanced financing and evolving a policy framework to make higher education accessible, equitable and qualitative, not just a money-making project.

- Q. 12. According to 2011 census, literacy rate of hundred percent or around has been achieved by only a couple of states in India. Illiteracy is found mostly among the old and the deprived sections of society. What can the youth do to spread literacy in society ? Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Role of students in eradicating illiteracy'. You are Karuna/Karan.**

[Outside Delhi Set I, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[ROLE OF STUDENTS IN ERADICATING ILLITERACY]

- Devote time to teach illiterates during vacation
- Adopt the motto, 'each one, teach one'
- Seek help from educational institutes, National Literacy Mission, NGOs and social groups
- Participate in twinning programmes - interaction between government and public schools
- Create awareness through school programmes, media, theatre

(Any other relevant point) (Any four)
[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :

Role of Students in Eradicating Illiteracy

By- Karan

Illiteracy is one of the biggest problems that the country is facing today.

Students can play a very important role in removing illiteracy as they have plenty of time. During their summer vacation, they can devote a couple of hours to teach the illiterate adults and children in the localities or villages near their residence. They can instruct illiterate people about living skills, proper hygiene, child care and nutrition. They can also remove many of the social evils from the minds of illiterate people like blind faith in superstitions, religious bigotry, communalism and narrow -mindedness.

Students can stage street plays that reveal the hollowness of the various beliefs of the illiterate people. They can be taught about the importance of being educated. They can be told if they are literate they can access various schemes of the government for their upliftment and growth. Best of all ,through literacy, illiterate people can fight against being cheated by unscrupulous and crafty people.

The students being the future of the country , must take the initiative and spread the awareness in the society. They are young, energetic and full of new ideas. If they decide to fight this problem , we are sure that we will be able to root this problem out very soon.

- Q. 13. Increase in the number of private vehicles has caused problems like rising air pollution, traffic jams, lack of parking space, road rage, etc. The solution lies in the use of public transport. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'The Importance of Public Transport'. You are Karan/Karuna. [Outside Delhi Set II, 2016] 10**

Ans. Value Points :

[THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT] (Any other suitable heading)

- Eases congestion, reduces emissions
- Saves money and energy
- Reduces global warming
- Saves fuel

(Any other relevant point) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

Detailed Answer :

The Importance of Public Transport

By- Karan

Public transportation is a crucial part of the solution to the nation's economic, energy, and environmental challenges - helping to bring about a better quality of life. In increasing numbers, people are using public transportation and local communities are expanding public transit services. Every segment of the society - individuals, families, communities, and businesses - benefits from public transportation.

It has several advantages over private transport. It is beneficial for our health. Individuals who use public transportation get over three times the amount of physical activity per day than those who don't, by walking to stops and final destinations. Besides, it keeps the air clean and reduces pollution. It is safer and at the same time much cheaper as well.

It also reduces stress. Public transportation improves access to education and employment, which in turn leads to better long-term economic opportunities. In fact, 12 percent of transit riders are traveling to schools and almost 60 percent are going to work. It also provides access to social and recreational activities, allowing individuals to participate in event which they otherwise couldn't have joined. Furthermore, public transport benefits community cohesion by promoting positive interactions between neighbours.

The benefits of public transportation are enormous, ranging from public health to household finances.

Q. 14. In certain states of India, there is a great imbalance in the male female ratio. This is the result of special treatment given to boys in the family. Why is it so ? How can we change this mindset ? Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Gender discrimination in society'. You are Karuna/Karan. [Outside Delhi Set II, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN SOCIETY] (Any other suitable heading)

Causes :

- Patriarchal set up
- Low level of literacy
- Poverty
- Social customs, beliefs and practices (dowry etc.)

Solutions :

- Quotas for women in parliament and political parties, etc.
- Create awareness through media
- Enact and enforce laws protecting women
- Sharing domestic responsibilities

(Any other relevant points)[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016] 10

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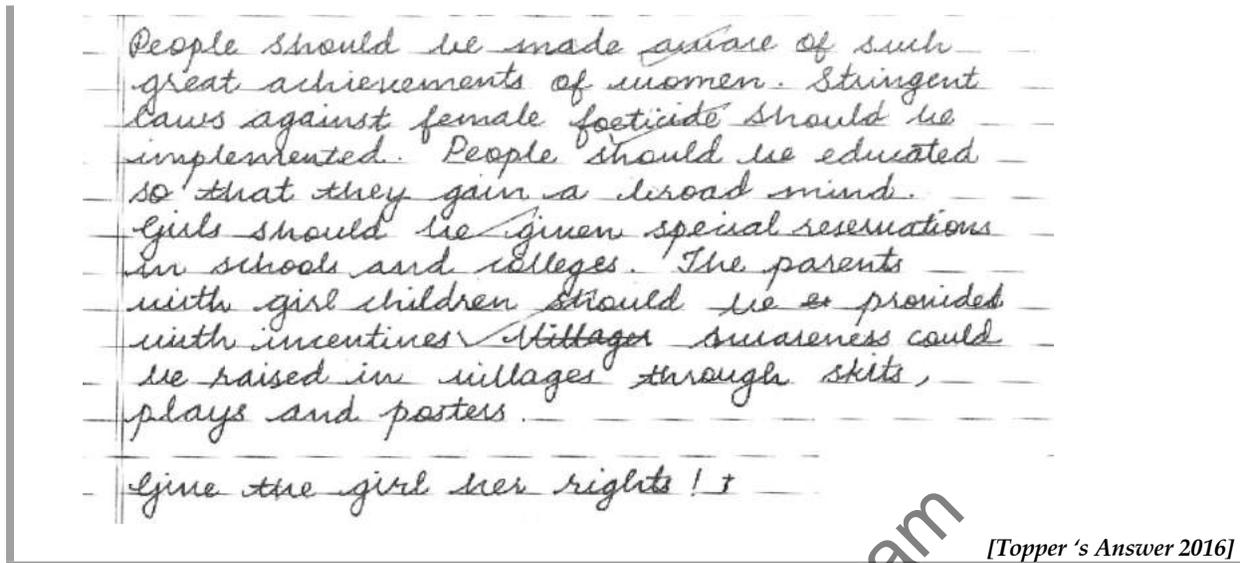
Gender discrimination in society
by Karuna

The recent census shows the alarming male : female ratio. This recent survey

brings to light the increasing number of female foeticides. Though sex determination of baby is banned in India, such a alarming condition is prevalent in India.

In this male dominated country, people tend to give special treatment to boys in the family. Though such situations are reduced in modern cities, villages face gender discrimination. Dowry system is still prevalent in many parts of the country. Women are oppressed and their needs are suppressed.

This problem can only be solved by changing people's mindset. Girls are equal in any respect to boys. Achievements by women is innumerable. Be it Kalpana Chawla, Sania Mirza or Razia Begum, women have proved their worth throughout ages.



Detailed Answer :

Gender Discrimination in Society

By - Karan

In India, discriminatory attitudes towards male and female have existed for generations and have affected the lives of both the genders. Although the constitution of India has granted men and women equal rights, gender disparity still remains. Gender discrimination violates human rights.

The cultural construct of Indian society which reinforces gender bias against men and women, with varying degrees and variable contexts against the opposite sex, has led to the continuation of India's strong preference for male children. Practices like female infanticide and sex-selective abortion are adopted which strongly reflects the low status of Indian women.

A decline in the child sex ratio (0-6 years) was observed with India's 2011 census reporting that it stands at 914 females against 1,000 males, dropping from 927 in 2001 - the lowest since India's independence.

We need to sensitize everyone to this important issue related to gender inequality. Educators should foster in student equality, promote and strengthen the constitutional culture and stability. To promote equality, it will be necessary to provide for equal opportunity to all not only in terms of access to education, but also in terms of the conditions for success. Everyone has to be reminded of the inherent equality of all through education.

Discrimination may be latent or potent, open or subtle. It is infact a mindset, that operates within a given situation. All efforts should be directed towards influencing this mind set with the awareness of the principles of equality and justice.

Q. 15. For admission to colleges, there is a lot of competition today. For one available seat, there are hundreds of candidates. Such a situation leads to stress on the minds of students in the schools. However, the practice of Yoga can help them to feel calm and stress free. Write an article in about 150-200 words on the topic, 'Importance of Yoga to Students'. You are Karan/Karuna. [Outside Delhi Set III, 2016] 10

Ans. Value Points :

[IMPORTANCE OF YOGA TO STUDENTS]

- Improves concentration
- Reduces stress
- Reduces behavioural problems
- Keeps mind healthy
- Decreases physical ailments
- Improves interpersonal relationships
- Reduces depression
- Calms mind

(Any other relevant point)(Any four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016] 10

Detailed Answer :**Importance of Yoga to Students***By- Karan*

The ancient practice of yoga offers a multitude of benefits to modern-day students at almost every grade level. Yoga's combination of breath and movement can help alleviate social and academic stress, clear the mind and soothe cramped bodies, which are jammed behind desks and hunched over computers.

One of yoga's primary benefits for adults is the alleviation of stress. Students may be young, but they aren't immune to stress. Family pressure, financial fears, academic performance standards and peer groups can all take a toll on a student's psyche and success in school. A study performed by Harvard Medical School researchers found that high-school students who participated in yoga instead of traditional physical education offerings for a semester, exhibited improvements in mood, anxiety, perceived stress and resilience.

Yoga offers time for the body and mind to relax from the rigors of learning. This may help students to be better at applying themselves when studying or learning in a classroom. Medical students who practiced yoga for just one month reported better sleep and improved concentration.

- Q. 16. While watching T.V, what we generally dislike most are commercial breaks, yet, a number of advertisements do add to our information. Write an article in about 150-120 words on 'Advertisement as a Source of Information'. You are Karuna/Karan. [Outside Delhi Set III, 2016] 10**

Ans. Value Points :

[ADVERTISEMENT AS A SOURCE OF INFORMATION]

- Way of communication between companies /NGOs / Government and customers
- Provides information of
 - Price
 - Products
 - Social welfare schemes

(Any other relevant points)[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]**Detailed Answer :****Advertisement as a Source of Information***By- Karuna*

Advertisements have invaded every aspect of our day-to-day dealings, our conversations, our thoughts and to a certain extent they control our behaviour as customers and consumers of goods and services. Advertisements stare and scream at us from every street corner, every newspaper, every magazine, every hoarding, every stall or shop or showroom to the walls of every public building, vehicle, radio and television. They don't even spare our computer screens. The world has suddenly become advertisement conscious so much, that at night, the city lights up with thousands of neon glow signs proclaiming, capturing and demanding our attention.

It seems that the corporate world was not enough for them and that advertisements have crept even into the smaller and insignificant things of our life. For everything from education to career-building, buying soap or a mobile, one has to rely upon advertisements. It seems nothing can be achieved without advertisements. An effective advertisement can increase the sale of even a third-rate and useless commodity. It also makes the viewers aware of the products available and widens their choices .

Though not free from demerits, we cannot imagine today's world without advertisements. They are a wonderful source of information and play a huge role in the choices that we make for significant and insignificant things.

- Q. 17. In the year to come (if you have not already done this year), you are going to celebrate your 18th birthday. Write an article in 150-200 words on the joys and responsibilities of being eighteen. You are Navtej/Navita. [Delhi Set I, 2015] 10**

Ans.**Joys and Responsibilities of being Eighteen***By- Navita*

I have always been confident in who I am, but now that I am going to turn eighteen in a few days I have started ask the question, "Am I an adult or am I still a kid?" I am really not sure, and feel that this question is a necessary one to answer in order to truly know myself.

I shall legally be an adult as per the government norms but to be a successful adult means that a person is emotionally and mentally aware of himself, can be self-reliant, engages in healthy relationships and

takes responsibility for the choices he makes. What does it legally mean to be an adult? An adult to the government is an eighteen-year-old person, who can vote, write a will, get medical treatment on his own and can drive.

When a person turns eighteen, there are also the downsides of being an independent adult. A legal adult can be tried in an adult court and may be sent to jail, parents can't support their children in such cases.

But turning 18 does not scare me. With the values that my country and my parents have given me, I am sure I will grow up into a responsible adult and a good citizen.

Q. 18. Write an article in 150-200 words on how we can make India a safe and enjoyable place for women. They should be able to go wherever they like to without any fear of being stared at, molested or discriminated against. You are Navtej/Navita. [Delhi Set I, 2015] 10

Ans. Making India a Safe Place for Women

–By Navtej

Being in the 21st century, with technology and the world so advanced, we still talk about this subject, "Are women safe, in especially India?" With surveys and understandings of what is happening around us, it is time that the country joins hands together to realise that - 'Women are NOT SAFE by any means in India'. Women have been advancing, progressing and have proved that they can beat men in any sector still they are not safe in their own country, state, town, workplace etc.

The coming generations could definitely make a remarkable difference. The basic understanding that men and women are equal has to start at the school level. Education is a must for all. The government has to come up with strategies where every child gets an education. Respecting the opposite sex has to be taught at the school level and parents and teachers have to join hands in this subject. With proper understanding, exploitation could be reduced to great extent. Women are not objects, but they are also equally powerful, emotional and are great companions for men and the vice-versa. Men should be made to understand. Once this understanding gets through, the scenario will start changing.

Next is the judicial system that has to change, serious consideration and changes in laws for these kinds of brutalism and exploitation have to be brought about.

Changes do not take place quickly or easily. But if each one of us join hands in every possible way 'then we can start making little changes within the family from today. And these changes would gradually get implemented and there would be a better society that respects and understands women, at least for our next generation and generations to come. Women could walk around freely, without the fear of being attacked at any-time, anywhere.

Q. 19. Morning assembly in the school gives a cool and calm start to the otherwise hectic schedule of the day. It can be a means of passing important information to the students. What are your views on this significant event of the day ? Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Importance of Morning Assembly'. You are Navtej/Navita. [Outside Delhi Set II, 2015] 10

Ans. Suggested value points :

(IMPORTANCE OF MORNING ASSEMBLY / any other suitable heading)

- Strengthens work of school
- Develops feeling of affiliation and unity among students
- Inculcates discipline
- Develops a sense of identity with the culture of the school
- Enables students to share experiences, stories, anecdotes, etc.
- Provides training in good social behaviour desired in public life
- Motivates by positive reinforcement
- Celebrates national festivals
- Moral development, national integration, secularism
- Prize winners appreciated
- Any other relevant points

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]

Detailed Answer :**Importance of Morning Assembly***By - Navtej*

It is a common practice to begin the day's work in school with a morning assembly, wherein the entire body of school population assembles for common prayer or talks from teacher.

Besides prayers of devotion to God, the morning assembly includes patriotic songs, flag-songs and songs in praise of our country and nation. This imparts a calm, peaceful tone to the otherwise hectic schedule of the day and the students begin the day on a happy spiritual note. It can be a means of passing important information to the students.

The important objective of the collective gathering of the entire body of pupils is to make announcements regarding the daily work or the school routine. Announcements regarding tournaments, functions, elections, extension lectures, and changes in the time table, holidays, changes in the hour of activities etc. can conveniently be made at this time. It develops a feeling of affiliation and unity among students. The pupils get an opportunity to feel that the school is an organized group and they develop a sort of community spirit that would not be possible if the classes remained isolated from each other and did not meet collectively.

The school assembly provides an opportunity to the principal and teacher to interact with students on various topics of general interest, health and hygiene, reading habits, rules of the road, etc. It not only inculcates discipline among students but also develops a sense of identity with the culture of school as well as that of society. There they are provided training in good social behaviour desired in public life.

A high quality school assembly is one of the most important aspects of a school's curriculum where national festivals are celebrated; moral development, national integration, secularism is provided; prize winners are appreciated. So, its potential to nurture a positive school environment and values in students should not be underestimated.

- Q. 20. Midday meal scheme in the school introduced by the government serves several purposes. Millions of children from the deprived sections of society get nutritious food leading to good health, are attracted to the schools, kept from going astray and thereby develop into good citizens. The scheme may have some drawbacks too. Write an article in 150-200 words on all aspects of the scheme. You are Navtej/Navita.**

[Outside Delhi Set II, 2015] 10

Suggested value points :

(MIDDAY MEAL SCHEME/ any other suitable heading)

- Children from deprived sections are beneficiaries
- Nutritious food distributed
- Good health fostered
- Attraction towards attendance at school
- Kept from going astray
- Develop into good citizens

Drawbacks

- Contaminated food
- Lack of monitoring and hygiene
- Corruption at all levels
- Manner of distributing not dignified
- In most places teachers manage kitchens
- No infrastructure in schools
- Payment low / delayed
- Children treated as burden
- Can improve if parents are involved

(Any other relevant point) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]

Detailed Answer :**Midday Meals Scheme : an Overview.***By-Navtej*

In India, 140 million children are receiving free lunch at school every day. Based on the concept that “the right to life is the right to food,” this program has been lauded as a major benchmark in national interest in food security and education.

For impoverished students who do not have enough food at home, this program can save them from undernourishment or malnourishment. The meals are healthy, portions are large and the food is given in conjunction with supplemental vitamins and de-worming tablets.

Beyond the immediate impact on hunger and nutrition, ‘the Midday Meal Scheme’ has provided a strong incentive for parents to send their children to school. They are kept away from going astray. By going to school, they’ll develop into good citizens.

But the scheme suffers from structural problems, the biggest being the lack of a proper monitoring mechanism and hygiene. Children are getting low quality and insufficient food and sometimes contaminated food; corruption is involved in the delivery system. Fake enrolments are being done to embezzle money. Moreover, manner of distributing food is not dignified. In most of the places, teachers manage kitchens instead of teaching. No separate infrastructure is provided.

But overall, the Midday Meal Scheme has more advantages than disadvantages. A hot and nutritious meal every day, besides encouraging attendance and improving nutritional levels also helps to arrest dropout rates, situation can improve more with the cooperation of parents.

Q. 21. Ragging has raised its ugly head again. A recent incident at a prestigious school has shown that this evil has not yet come to an end. Write an article in 150-200 words on ‘Ragging an Evil’. You are Navtej/Navita.

[Outside Delhi Set I, 2015] 10

Ans. Suggested value points :

(RAGGING, AN EVIL / any other suitable heading)

- Practice from the British era
- Original aim, respect for hierarchy
- Enforcing traditions, discipline
- Perfect - a teacher substitute
- Misuse of authority
- Psychological trauma for freshers
- Risks life / leads to fatalities
- Stringent laws and punishments
- Action against students indulging in ragging
- Sensitisation on the issue
- More activities involving seniors and juniors

(Any other relevant point)[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]

Detailed Answer :

Ragging- An Evil*By- Navtej*

The word “Ragging” conjures up visions of horror in the hearts of many prospective boarders of college/ school/hostel. In fact, it is a source of psychological trauma for freshers. So many tales of torture and humiliation have become associated with the practice of “ragging” that it is virtually impossible to look at this practice from any angle other than that of disapproval.

Ragging means perpetrating insult, humiliation and torture upon the freshers by the seniors. Ragging has not always been the nightmare as it has now become. Ragging originated in the west as a sort of introduction between juniors and seniors. The fresh entrants to colleges/hostel were initiated into the manners and way of life of the hostel by their seniors. Its original aim was to show respect for hierarchy. Traditions and discipline were reinforced upon juniors by seniors. They worked as a perfect substitute for teachers. But now seniors misuse their authority in the name of ragging.

But now the practice has taken an evil turn. It risks life and sometimes leads to fatalities. Of late, ragging has degenerated into simple torture of the innocent at the hands of sadistic elements among the senior boarders.

Ragging, an amusing practice in the olden days has degenerated into an unmitigated evil. It can no longer be put back on rails. Attempts of many educationists to temper ragging with affectionate banter and repartee have not met with any notable success. It has become a synonym for torture. It must be ended. Ragging should be banned in campuses. Stringent laws and punishment should be enforced upon the guilty. Strict action should be taken against them. There should be more sensitisation on the issue. In the name of exchanging introduction, more activities should be done involving seniors and juniors.

Q. 22. India is a tourist's dream destination. Give your views on the tourism potential of India in an article in 150-200 words. You are Navtej/Navita. [Outside Delhi Set I, 2015] 10

Ans. Suggested value points :

(TOURISM POTENTIAL IN INDIA / any other suitable heading)

- Place of worship - religious tourism
- Foreigners - places of historical interest
- The rich - hill stations during summers
- The sun-kissed beaches in winters
- Leisure tourism
- Medical tourism - world class hospitals

(Any other relevant points) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]

Detailed Answer :

India - A Tourist's Paradise

By-Navtej

India is the land of beautiful monuments, beaches, temples and mosques, of ash smeared sadhus and above all it is the land of wonderful Taj. It is the land of the Himalayas which have enveloped all the beauty within themselves, giving rise to the mighty rivers like Indus, Ganga and Yamuna and their tributaries.

It is a land whose fame and exotic riches tempted travellers from around the world, which drew Alexander the Great to its plains besides the great Mughals. It is a land of romance, mysticism and wisdom.

The tourism potential of India is vast and it attracts a large number of international tourists from deserts of Rajasthan to hill, resorts, from beaches of Goa to the beautiful rocky terrain of Laddakh. India offers huge opportunity to all tourists. Taj Mahal has become synonymous with India.

Now one can easily guess why Max Mueller has said these lines about India-

"If we were to look over the whole world to find out the country most richly endowed with all the wealth, power and beauty that nature can bestow in some parts on earth, I should point to India."

Such is our India. It is undoubtedly a paradise for the tourists.

Q. 23. When children watch TV the adults generally scold them without realising that some programmes on TV can be educative too. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'TV as a Tool of Instruction'. You are Navtej/Navita. [Delhi Set II, 2015] 10

Ans.

TV as a Tool of Instruction

By-Navtej

Television has become an important part of our daily life. It is not only a source of entertainment and advertisement but also an impressive teaching aid for education.

Its educational importance cannot be underestimated. The demonstration of real things is sure to have a lasting impression on the minds of the students, rather than merely telling them or teaching them about those things. The celebration of Independence Day and Republic Day are telecast, which contains much educational value. The students get grand opportunity to watch various programmes related with the importance of these historical days.

They also get the opportunity to listen to the speeches of our Prime Minister and President. The actual scene along with the particular gesture of our leaders will be remembered more vividly by the students. There are various types of quiz programmes, shown on the TV which provide extra knowledge to the students. The students' general awareness increases. Not only this, they also learn the art of speaking by watching these valuable programmes.

Thus, television is the most wonderful invention of mankind. It is a blessing in disguise. One can hear as well as watch the live programmes, taking place at far off places. It has made education easy and efficient.

- Q. 24. Emotionally as well as intellectually, a woman is as good as a man if not better. Yet we don't allow her the same status as a man enjoys in society. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Status of Women in Society'. You are Navtej/Navita. [Delhi Set II, 2015] 10**

Ans.

Status of Women in Society

By- Navtej

There are two main pillars of human life—man and woman. Both share equal responsibility in the making of society and hence both supplement each other. But from the very beginning, there has been a big question mark on the status of women in our society. All talk of their role and responsibility, but none care for their position. They have been exploited and ill-treated right from the beginning of creation.

No doubt in the days of the epic age, women enjoyed great respect among people. Even in the great traditional books their position remained respectable. In Manusmriti, it has been said, "God resides where women are respected." Even in modern age, Napoleon Bonaparte told, "The hands that rock the cradle rule the world."

But the reality is somewhat different. Women have been put behind walls for ages. Sati Pratha is the bitter truth which shows to what extent our women folk have been exploited. Child marriage and a contemptuous attitude towards the widows are other examples of female exploitation.

But the scenario is changing now. Today we see women in every field. They are marching shoulder to shoulder in every walk of life. Apart from teaching school children, women are now pilots, receptionists, police officers, doctors, engineers, etc. It is the crying need of the hour that they should awake and arise against their exploitation. They should no longer be victims of social and economic injustice. They should not depend on other's help. They should organize themselves to fight against their plight. The NGOs and various government agencies should come ahead to help them. Above all, the male mindset needs to be changed to change the status of women in society.

- Q. 25. A 12-year-old boy in your neighbourhood drives a car and the parents proudly boast of it. Write an article in 150- 200 words on the hazards of underage driving and the need to educate the young ones and their parents on the consequences of unlawful driving. You are Vishnu/Vaishnavi. [Comptt. Delhi Set III, 2015] 10**

Ans.

Hazards of Underage Driving

By-Vishnu

Underage driving is extremely dangerous and illegal. Not only it is a really stupid thing to do, but also hazardous to oneself and the community.

You are required to take driving education for a reason. That reason is, it teaches you how to be safe on the road. If you think you know everything about driving and that you don't need to take a driver's education, you are dead wrong. If you drive without a license because you are underage, you could get hurt or even kill someone. It's dangerous to the other people on the road too. By not even having a driver's education you could do something out of panic, i.e., hurt someone, or ruin someone's vehicle.

Parents should also be cautious regarding this. It is better to say 'no' to their children rather than sending them right into the clasp of danger and death. One should understand that there is a proper age and training for driving. There are laws regarding that. If we ignore this we would not only be breaking the law but also endangering our own and other's lives.

- Q. 26. An old man in your neighbourhood was bitten by a stray dog. This incident and newspaper reports on this issue have made you think of this problem. As Vishnu, write an article in 150-200 words for a popular magazine on the menace of stray dogs and suggest ways to overcome the problem. [Comptt. Delhi Set III, 2015] 10**

Ans.

Stray Dogs Menace

By-Vishnu

It is not just the lack of proper infrastructure facilities that bug city-dwellers. They also have to contend with a four-legged menace in the form of stray dogs.

The much publicized animal birth control (ABC) programme, being implemented in the city to sterilize the stray dogs and leave them back in the same localities as part of the amended Preventing Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 championed by animal rights activist Maneka Gandhi, has succeeded in tackling barely 3000 strays dogs over the last six years by spending Rs. 5.64 crore. Apathy on part of the authorities and the lack of proper implementation have insured that the stray dog menace continues to this day in Urban Societies. The municipal corporation especially in Urban areas has to become more active and stringent in dealing with this menace.

Q. 27. You are Dikshit, a sportsman. You are worried about the decreasing interest of students in sports and games. Write an article in 150-200 words to be published in a magazine on the need for sports and games.

[Comptt. Delhi Set I, 2015] 10

Ans. Suggestive Value Points:

- Sitting most of the time
- Excessive use of internet
- Most don't walk to the school
- More importance to examination results

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2015]

Detailed Answer :

Necessity of Sports and Games

By - Dikshit

Games and sports are an integral part of a student's life. A student should study hard to be successful in life. But, he should also play games and sports to enjoy the health and vigour of life.

Along with books, a student should spend his time on games and sports. These days students spend a lot of time either on their phones or internet. So sports has taken a back seat in their routine, which is wrong. There are many benefits of games and sports in education. Outdoor games such as football, cricket, badminton, tennis, etc. have many benefits. Participation in any one of them is not a fruitless or frivolous pursuit. They may not ensure any immediate gain. They may take a toll upon the health for the time being and may also affect education temporarily. But games, gradually build up a healthy body and make the mind energetic.

Reading and writing involve mental strain. The mind then hungers for relief. Reading and writing also involve physical strain. The physique then needs extra fuel. Regular participation in outdoor games in such cases makes the body fit and at the same time gives the required relief.

Therefore, 'Sound mind in a sound body' is an unavoidable necessity for all, particularly for a school-going or college-going boy or girl.

Q. 28. The rising prices of essential commodities make life difficult for the common man. As a concerned citizen write an article in 150-200 words on 'Rising Prices'. Suggest solutions to solve this problem. You are Amit/ Anita.

[Comptt. Delhi Set I, 2015] 10

Ans. Rising Prices of Essential Commodities

By- Amit

The rising prices of almost all the things including essential commodities have become a regular common feature now-a-days. The rise in prices is partly, due to some extent, unavoidable due to the varying demand and supply situation vis-a-vis the rapidly increasing population in India. The major reason for rising prices is the lack of timely effective measures taken by the government department to check the malpractices of unscrupulous traders who create artificial shortages and charge exorbitant prices from needy persons. It is a shame that even life-saving drugs are not spared. The worst affected lot is the middle class especially the salaried class having fixed income, which has to maintain a reasonable standard of living and at the same time, manage to pay the increasing prices for the essential commodities.

It is high time that the government should have a regular effective system of maintaining control on rising prices of at least essential commodities and life-saving drugs, to offer some relief to a common man from this increasing burden of rising prices. Black marketing, stocking up of things and other malpractices should be checked to regulate prices.

Q. 29. Over the past few years there, has been a constant rise in coaching institutes and private tuition centers all over India. Write an article in about 150-200 words, highlighting the exploitation of young minds that seek sincere counselling and proper direction. You are Gurpreet, a student of class XII of Indira Public School, Jamshedpur.

[CBSE SQP 2014-15] 10

Ans. Mushrooming of Coaching Centres

By- Gurpreet

Coaching centres and private tuition centres have been mushrooming all over the city for the past few years. These coaching and tuition centres make promises of providing the best possible help to the students but end up with failed promises. They are rather a minting machine for the teachers.

Young minds which actually need proper counselling are being exploited at such places. For many days, the teachers do not turn up and sometimes they dismiss the class with a promise to solve a certain problem of a child in a particular subject proving their incapability.

Students are attracted to such places because their friends are going there and they are getting comfortable time to talk to each other.

Such coaching centres with sub-standard teachers can be found in every nook and corner of the city. Teachers and parents are equally responsible for the growth of such institutions. The decision of choosing a coaching centre should not be hasty as it is a matter of the students' future. Children should try to be more self-dependent and be more judicious.

- Q. 30. You are an active member of the 'Animals Lovers Club' of your school which works for preventing cruelty to animals. Write an article in 150-200 words for your school magazine. Emphasising the need to co-exist peacefully with animals. You are Zaheeda/Zahir of P.K. Senior Secondary School, Hyderabad.**

[CBSE SQP, 2014-15] 10

Ans.

Animal Cruelty : An Ongoing Issue

By— Zahir

Cruelty to animals or animal abuse is the infliction of suffering or harm upon animals for purposes other than self-defense. Should animals have rights? Yes, they should. All animals have nervous systems; they can feel—both physically and emotionally, therefore, it should be illegal to abuse any animal, not just the domesticated ones.

It is a common scene to see a wounded cow or an injured dog in a street. Many a time, their owners abandon them because these animals no longer are of any use to them. Even on streets, these animals are sometimes teased or beaten for fun or simply ignored and allowed to die a painful death.

It's not only up to the legal system to ensure that communities across the country are aware and educated about animal cruelty. There are plenty of things that the citizens can do everyday. The simplest action is for people to take care of their own pets and learn the facts so they can educate others about proper animal care. Another easy way to help is by donating to or volunteering at a local animal shelter. Contrary to popular belief, volunteering doesn't require a lot of time; simply going for a few hours a week helps tremendously. Finally, by writing letters you can remind your local lawmakers that animal abuse is a real problem that needs to be addressed.

Taking a few minutes to support this worthy cause not only helps animals, but also allows you to feel proud about standing up for something so important to society. It is our job to be the voice of the creatures who cannot speak for themselves.

- Q. 31. It is increasingly felt that the youth of the country should be actively involved in social service activities. Their involvement will give them first-hand knowledge of the actual problems the people are facing and inspire them to play a more active role in nation building. Write an article in 125-150 words on "Youth and Social Service". You are Pushpa/Pushpendra.**

[Comptt. Outside Delhi Set-III, 2014] 10

Ans.

Youth and Social Service

By : Pushpa Sharma

Social service or work is the process of creating an environment where young people can work for social issues like poverty, unemployment, corruption, etc. Since the youth represent the hope of a nation, they should come forward and shoulder more responsibilities for nation building. A nation can only prosper when its youth motivate others and fight against social issues. They can hold demonstrations, protests and candle light marches to fight injustice. They should strive for economic revolution and bring about new ideologies to bring a drastic change in whole set up. Involvement of the youth will provide first-hand knowledge of the actual problems the people are facing and inspire them to play a more active role in nation building. So, it is an obvious assessment that the more number of young generation of the country is actively involved in social service activities, the less will be the suffering of the members of society.

- Q. 32. Corruption is rampant in our country. Everyone feels that it needs to be seriously dealt with. Write an article in 125-150 words on "How to root out corruption from the country?" . You are Gopal/Gopika.**

[Comptt. Outside Delhi, 2014] 10

Ans.

How to Root Out Corruption from the Country

By- Gopal

Corruption has been defined variously by scholars, but the simple meaning of it is that corruption implies perversion of morality, integrity, character or duty out of mercenary motives, i.e., bribery, without any regard to honour, right and justice. In other words, undue favour to any one for some monetary or other gains is corruption. Simultaneously, depriving the genuinely deserving one/ones from their right or privilege is also a corrupt practice. Shirking from one's duty or dereliction of duty are also forms of corruption.

To root out the evil of corruption from society, we need to make a comprehensive code of conduct for politicians, legislatures and bureaucrats, and such code should be strictly enforced. Judiciary should be given more independence and initiatives on issues related to corruption. Special courts should be set-up to take up such issues and speedy trials are to be promoted. Law and order machinery should be allowed to work without political interference. NGOs and media should come forward to create awareness against corruption in society and educate people to combat this evil. Only then, we would be able to save our system from collapsing.

And most importantly we, the common people, are the solution because we are the only reason why corruption is so popular in India. We are the persons who are letting corruption go unchecked. We support corruption that is why it exists. Let us start working from now onwards with common goal of removing corruption from India.

AI Q. 33. India is a country which has always respected women. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Status of Women in Free India'. You are Ravi/Reena. [Delhi Set-I, II & III, 2014] 10

Ans.

Status of Women in Free India

By- Reena

Whether people like to accept it or not, girls are the basis and foundation of our society. It is necessary to educate them and treat them at par with boys, not just because they should enjoy equal rights but also because we need it so that we can prosper and flourish. Today, we find women working shoulder to shoulder with men in every field whether it is science and technology or movies and entertainment. Women have shown equal potential in all walks of life, so it is only fair that they are given an equal chance. Statistics have shown that women are more hard-working than men and have produced better results.

It is the women who take care of the family and give the basic education to the children. If that first step in education is not correct then, how we shall have a strong and well-developed nation. It is rightly said When we educate a boy, we educate an individual. But when we educate a girl, we educate a family. Therefore, in order to ensure that our nation develops, it is necessary that the women of our country are educated and are allowed to grow and develop.

Q. 34. Last week as you were coming back from school, you happened to see a huge plastic bag full of leftovers of food being flung into the middle of the road from speeding car. You wondered how people can be so devoid of civic sense. Write an article in 125-150 words on why we lack civic sense and how civic sense can be inculcated in children at a very young age. You are Shiva/Shamini. [Outside Delhi Set I, 2014] 10

Ans.

Cleanliness is Next to Godliness

By- Shiva

Everyone is aware of the fact that cleanliness is next to Godliness so it is the duty of each and every person to keep his surroundings clean which, in turn, will keep the city and then the nation clean.

People, these days, lack civic sense. They pollute the environment by littering and spitting here and there. This further leads to contagious diseases. Children should be inculcated with the values of keeping their surrounding clean at a very young age. They should know that they have to throw the waste in the dustbin and not litter. Tetra-packs and tins of juices and aerated drinks should be properly disposed off. The use of polythene should be avoided. Neat surroundings are a blessing. Rallies should be arranged to make people aware of the benefits of clean surroundings. The people of slum areas should also be contacted and should be made aware of the unhygienic conditions that prevail due to the lack of civic sense.

Only a little bit of effort can help us to come out of this menace. It is the need of the hour to protect our planet.

Q. 35. Students can contribute significantly to society, adult literacy, etc. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Students and Social Service' to be published in a local magazine. You are Jagriti/Jagan.

[Foreign Set-I, II & III, 2014] 10

Ans. Students and Social Service

By– Jagan

Students can do a lot for the society. They are the storehouse of vitality, strength and good ideas. Along with the studies, the students are expected to do some social service.

If we plan to keep our surroundings and city clean, the initiative must be taken by the students. They should have the sense of cleanliness and should also try to bring this value to the society. They can make the people understand the value of hard work, awaken them towards the adverse effects of drug addiction, alcohol, etc. and they can also contribute by teaching the illiterate adults living close to them. These small efforts by the students can bring a big change in the society.

Q. 36. You saw a stray dog beaten by a group of boys. Their act infuriated you and you scolded them for their cruel act. You decided to write an article on cruelty to animals. Write the article in 150-200 words. You are Nikhil/Naina.

[Outside Delhi Set I, 2014] 10

Ans. Cruelty towards Animals

By– Naina

These days, man is becoming more reckless and ruthless in his behaviour towards animals. Children are rough in their treatment of animals, as are adults. Earlier, man and beast would live in harmony together. Children were taught to be kind to our fellow creatures. However, the modern generation wants to dominate nature, thus creating disharmony. It is painful to see people beating animals to death, forcing them to carry extremely heavy loads and meting out cruel treatment.

The government must effectively implement the existing laws on cruel treatment of animals. Stricter laws and greater fines must be imposed on people who mistreat animals. We are all God's creatures. No one is greater than the other. We need to realize this. We need to teach other to be kind to animals. The need of the hour is to 'live and let live'.

Q. 37. A newspaper report on a recent terrorist attack in your locality shattered you. You decided to write an article in a local daily on terrorist attacks and the need to maintain peace and harmony in society. Write the article in 125-150 words. You are Madhav/Meena.

[Outside Delhi Set II, 2014] 10

Ans. Peace and Harmony-Need of the Hour

By- Madhav

Terrorism is the biggest menace and a matter of great concern for the society. Every day, we hear the news of the terrorist attack all-round the globe.

When the world is advancing technologically, we are all the time, living in the fear of a terrorist attack. Terrorists create terror by attacking public places where there is a big loss of human life. They even go down to the extent of killing innocent children.

These terrorists should be given a good lesson. They should not be spared. Leaders of all countries should come together and join hands to fight against these terrorists.

People should be taught a lesson of humanity and compassion towards each other. We all need a society where the minds are without fear. There are places where the young generations are given training for terrorism and many a time children get attracted towards such things for making easy money. If we want peace and harmony in the society, the children must be taught the value of love and compassion towards each other.

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2014]

Q. 38. India is a tourists' paradise. But we have not really exploited our tourism possibilities. Write an article in 125-150 words on 'Tourism in India'. You are Ravi/Rani.

[Outside Delhi Set II, 2014] 10

Ans. Tourism in India

By– Ravi

India is a tourist's paradise. There's no state in India which doesn't have any special place to attract the tourists. Moreover, we Indians believe in 'Atithi Devo Bhav'. Our country has its deep roots in cultural heritage.

There are beautiful temples, monuments, wonderful architectural examples, rich natural beauty spread all over India. But it seems that we're not exploiting our tourism possibilities in a positive and healthy way.

We are not taking care of our surroundings. Anyone can see heaps of garbage or litter, near the tourist places. We all lack civic sense. The government should take steps to provide clean and tidy surroundings to the tourists. Another problem which the tourists face is security. They are cheated by thugs outside the historical places. Tourists need to have a feeling of security. Only then they will come and explore the beautiful places in India.

Tourism is a major industry in India. It brings a stable inflow of foreign exchange.

Hence, we all must take care that promotion of tourism is the path to prosperity. The authorities concerned should take stern steps against those who maltreat the tourists and try to defame our India. It should be a land where everyone enjoys and have pleasure during their tour.

Q. 39. Write an article in 150-200 words on the topic, "Importance of Educating the Girl Child". Make use of the following clues :

- both the genders have equal interest in education
- both equally efficient in learning
- an educated woman educates the entire family
- family leads a healthy life
- an educated women is not superstitious
- add to the family income

[Comptt. Delhi Set I, 2013] 10

Ans.

Importance of Educating the Girl Child

By- XYZ

Women's social condition has deteriorated with the passage of time. Instead of being educated, they were being oppressed under the Pardah System and were being forced into the practice of child marriage. In some areas, female infanticide is prevalent even today. The culture of elimination is still there despite the fact that both the genders have equal interests and efficiencies in learning. Discrimination between the education of a girl and a boy is common in rural areas.

Swami Vivekanand said "I ask you all so earnestly to open girl's schools in every village and try to uplift them. If the condition of women's education is raised, then their children will, by their noble actions, glorify the name of the country."

Though things are changing, but at a slower pace. The various awakening programmes launched by the government for encouraging the girls education, e.g., the introduction of TV's in rural areas and the 33% reservation given to females in Panchayats, have played a positive role in this direction, but the result is not up to the desired level. Education for a girl child means making the next generation well educated, full of virtues, free from the useless superstitions, confident and capable to do something good for the family, for the society and for the country as a whole. The present day girl is the mother of tomorrow.

She is the most crucial and reverend entity. She must be given all the necessary education. Ignoring her interest and keeping her illiterate means we are creating an illiterate and ignorant generation. So it is perfectly true that educating a girl child means educating a family. Development cannot be accelerated unless girls are given right education in right direction.

Q. 40. Four rules of saving the environment are: Recycling, Reusing, Reducing, Refusing. Write an article in 150-200 words on how students can make use of these rules in their lives and save the environment. Make use of the clues given below.

- Unusable plastic, paper and glass articles to be sold for recycling
- rough work to be done on blank sides of old exercise books
- make minimum use of everything-water for washing and bathing, electricity at home and at school
- refuse to buy anything more than what you really need

[Comptt. Outside Delhi Set I, 2013] 10

Ans.

Four rules of saving the environment

By- ABC

We can all make a difference when it comes to saving the environment. Global warming and all the other environmental issues, we are facing, took some time to build up. And to get out of these messes, it is going to take a lot of work, but this doesn't mean we should get discouraged. The reason is that these are not the big things that are going to make the difference, it's the little thing that make the biggest impact.

Pick it up ! People litter, that's just the way it is. You'll see plastic bottles , cigarette packs, etc. all lying on the ground. It wouldn't hurt or put inconvenience to you to pick them up as you walk by. If you see a plastic bag blowing by you, grab it and put it in the nearest trashcan. Most places have recycling bins set up. Sure, it's not your fault that some people just don't care. But you do ! Show you care by being good to your Mother Earth. Besides that, use less energy in your home. Whether you work from home or just like to lounge around and watch TV., there are all sorts of ways you can conserve energy in your home and do your part to help the world. If you're on the computer, you don't need any lights on. The monitor provides enough light. And if not, open the shades to let the sun in. Another way of helping the environment is to use recycled paper. There's no need to use virgin paper for things like computer printing, envelops, paper towels, toilet paper or tissues. We can use used paper for most of these things.

I am sure small steps like these will take us a long way towards keeping our planet healthy and happy.

- AI Q. 41. Your family has recently shifted from Kota in Rajasthan to Ernakulum in Kerala, where your house is situated in the midst of beautiful flowering plants and fruit yielding trees. Every minute and every second you are experiencing the joy of living in the lap of nature. Write an article in 150-200 words on the diversity of nature that you have experienced. You are Latha/Lalith of class XII. [Delhi, Set I, II & III, 2013] 10**

Ans.

Delightful Nature

By– Lalith

Shifting from a city like Kota to Ernakulum seemed to be depressing but later it proved to be a blessing. Living in Ernakulum is like living in the lap of nature. To wake up everyday in the midst of beautiful flowering plants and fruit yielding trees is like a dream-world. Going out and watching endless sea is like a feast to the eyes. It is a great experience for a person shifting from any mechanical city to a city of nature. You enjoy the serene beauty.

The beautiful weather conditions, i.e., neither too cold nor too hot add to the beauty of Kerala. People who once come here, never want to leave the place. The tall coconut and other palm trees attract you and you find yourself fully lost in the serene beauty.

Not only the traditions and the customs, the simplicity of human beings is also worth appreciating. The place is no less than a heaven.

- Q. 42. Write an article on 150-200 words on the topic, 'Poverty is the Cause of All Evils' to be published in the Young World of the Hindu. [Delhi, Set I, II & III, 2013] 10**

Ans.

Poverty–the Dause of All evils

By– Rajesh

Poverty is the cause of all evils. It makes people compromise to many desires and necessities of life and many times people lose their dignity and self-respect. It brings in frustration, helplessness and negative thoughts.

Poverty makes one tempted to steal and rob. To satisfy the urge and need of stomach, people become thieves and engage themselves in crime and theft. It is agreed that in a thickly populated country like India, it is really difficult to provide good job opportunities to all but at least all of them can be educated and provided with some or the other jobs so that the self-esteem and respect is maintained and poor people do not resort to crimes.

The government of the country should look into the matter and try to bring out the policies that work towards human centric growth. It should try to bridge up the gap between the have and the have nots. It is high time that we should work towards eradicating this ailment otherwise it will be very difficult for the country to come out of the aftermath of this disease.

- Q. 43. Write an article in 150-200 words for your school magazine on the topic 'Obesity Among School Children'. You are Mohit/Mohini. [Outside Delhi , I, II & III, 2013] 10**

Ans.

Obesity Among School Children

By– Mohini

Sedentary lifestyle, gadgets, computers and indoor games have cursed the youth of this country with obesity. Thirty percent adolescents in the metros are obese. Many are undergoing surgery for the same. A nation bursting with 60 million obese people has a growing food and wellness industry.

While the big houses are making money and flourishing their industries, the young population is becoming prone to diseases and is becoming lazy. Children travel in AC cars, study in AC schools and never get

to sweat or slog leading to a comfortable yet disease prone generation. Many countries like US have declared obesity as a deadly disease. Some countries organize annual weight losing competitions in order to encourage their population to workout and exercise. Most of the rich families have obese children who are totally dependent on maids and servants for every tiny little task causing further weight-gain.

It's high time the youth realizes the ill effects of this problem and starts leading a healthy life as it has been rightly said, "A healthy mind lies in a healthy body."

Q. 44. You are Raman/Ruchika. Write an article in 150-200 words for your school magazine on the topic "Life Without Modern Gadgets". [Outside Delhi, 2013] 10

Ans.

Life Without Modern Gadgets

By– Raman

We have welcomed all the modern day gadgets into our lives. In the last few decades, television, refrigerators, microwaves, air conditioners, computers, internet, mobile phones, mp3 players, iPods have all become the normal gadgets rather than the exception.

Refrigerators and microwaves have indeed come has a huge blessing particularly to the working women. At the end of the hectic day the air conditioners come as a solace to provide a good night's sleep and to beat the ever increasing heat as well. Computers, in fact, have rendered several of the daily time, consuming calculations and chores, rather easy with the click of a mouse. Computers have so revolutionized the work culture that today they are essential gadgets in any office, closely followed by the internet. Internet helps bridge distances and people across the globe have now an opportunity to stay connected. Long lost friends, associates, class-mates and people who hold similar interests and hobbies have got connected via this medium.

Undoubtedly, all these modern day gadgets have really made people's life simple and entertaining, reducing physical distances they have endeared to all its users. But every coin has a flip side.

With all these and more in the offering, life has become busy and continues to get busier by every passing day. Although the internet has reduced physical distances among people, it has not proportionately brought any one closer by heart. Communications within the family and between families are becoming a formality and are getting into bare minimum, frank exchange of views and laughter have all seemed to disappear. Kids seldom play outside stretching their legs and hands, Internet games and cartoon shows hold them indoors.

How it will affect their social life or the emotional quotient, only time will tell. But today the fact of the matter is that nobody can do without these, even for a single moment while awake.

Q. 45. You are Jay/Jaya, a journalist. You are an ardent admirer of Gandhiji, the Father of our Nation. Write an article in 150-200 words to be published in a local daily on Gandhi Jayanti Day, highlighting Gandhiji's principles which enabled him to win our independence. [Comptt. Outside Delhi Set I, 2013] 10

Ans.

Gandhigiri in Present Times

By– Jaya

The name of Mahatma Gandhi transcends the boundaries of race, religion and nation or states, and has emerged as the prophetic voice of the 21st century. He is remembered for his passionate adherence to the practice of non-violence and his supreme humanism. After the great Buddha and Jesus, he once again demonstrated that non-violence could also be an effective instrument of social change.

Gandhi successfully demonstrated to a world, weary with wars and continuous destruction that adherence to 'Truth and Non-violence' is not meant for individual behaviour alone but should be applied in global affairs too.

Gandhi also held that bridging the gulf between the well off and the rest was as essential for national integration as inter-religious harmony. He said that, we must work for economic equality and social justice, which would remove the ills caused by distress and bitterness. He stressed that the foundation of equality, the core of harmony will have to be laid here now and needs to be built up brick by brick through ethical and economic satisfaction of the masses.

Gandhiji regarded education as the light of life and the very source by which we can eradicate corruption from both private and public life and create an awareness of oneness. He believed that the universality of religion can best be realized through the universalization of education, and that such universalization was the spring board for national integration. Harmony was not brought about overnight. Gandhi advocated the process of patience, persuasion and perseverance for attainment of peace and love for harmony, and he was firmly convinced of the worth of gentleness as panacea for all evils. He taught us that the dignity of labour is a leveling social factor that contributes to a national outlook in keeping with the vision of a new India.

- Q. 46. You are Keshav/Karuna, a social worker and counsellor. You are concerned about the stressed behaviour of both parents and students during the time of examination. Write an article in 150-200 words to be published in a local daily on "Supportive Parents and Stress Free Students", giving ideas to enhance healthy and meaningful parent-ward rapport and for making the atmosphere relaxed and encouraging during examination time.**

[Comptt. Delhi Set I, 2013] 10

Ans. Supportive Parents and Stressfree Parents

By– Keshav

With the examinations 'round the corner' the stress levels of both the parents and wards are high and is about to reach the breaking point. But this is detrimental to the performance of the students. Instead if both are relaxed, it would be easier for the students to face exams. The parents should know the capability of their child and not have unrealistic expectations. They should expect their children to do only what he is capable of and not draw unnecessary comparisons.

At the same time, the students should also understand that the time has come for them to be serious as their future depends upon it. They should schedule their studies and follow it seriously. They must take proper rest and diet also.

With a slight change in the attitudes, both parents and their wards would feel less stressed and be able to perform better.

- Q. 47. You are Rohit/Reema, a social worker and counsellor. You are concerned about senior class students ignoring sports activities owing to the pressure of examination and coaching classes. Write an article in 150-200 words to be published in a local daily on how sports not only promote physical fitness but also influence our scholastic achievements.**

[Comptt. Delhi Set II, 2013] 10

Ans. Importance of Sports

By– Rohit

"A sound mind lives in a sound body" is a well-known saying. The health of the body is essential for success in life. A unhealthy man is always sad, gloomy and therefore loses confidence in himself. To keep oneself healthy, one must take an active interest in sports. Sports serves an essential purpose in life because they ensure good health and build a fine physique and stable mind.

Sports benefits not only the body but also contribute to our scholastic achievements. Almost every game requires a certain degree of skill to play. Skill is a mental quality. Physical vigour alone is not enough in games like chess golf, cricket and tennis. Besides, Sports develop and encourage the spirit of healthy competition. Matches, tournaments and contests are held to put to test the skill, toughness, stamina and endurance of the participants. Medals and awards are an incentive to players to achieve excellence and a high standard of performance in their respective fields. It is the healthy spirit of rivalry and competition which constantly leads to improvement in the performance even in academic areas.

Reports

- Q.1.** You are Karan / Kirti of L.M. Memorial Public School, Dwarka. Your school has adopted a village as a social responsibility. Students are being taken to teach the children of that village on a regular basis. Write a report, for your school magazine, on the various other programmes organized there in 150-200 words. [SQP 2018-19] 10

Ans. **VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE ADOPTED VILLAGE**

Suggested Value Points:

A Report should answer the questions:

- What - name of event and occasion
- Where
- When -date and time

Activities (Teaching & Social Work) held

A comment on the quality of the activities organized

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2018-19]

Detailed Answer :

L.M. Memorial Public School,Dwarka

29 Nov. 2018

Our school has adopted a village as a responsibility. Now the students are being responsible to teach the children of that village. It's time for us to help others with education. Try to educate them. It is not only the responsibility of government to make everyone educated. It is the responsibility of every citizen of India to help poor children in getting education. By helping poor children to get education, we are giving our contribution towards India to help in development of our country. Government of our country is investing more and more money in education and trying to give poor children education in less money. They are opening government school in every village, city and town. But, may be because of some reasons they are not able to open school in this village. Thus, our director understood the problem of education in this village and given them opportunity to get educated.

Students who are interested for teaching poor children are requested to give their names to their class teacher.

Karan

Captain of School

- Q.2.** You are Sandhya/Sohan an active member of the Animal Lovers Club which works for the welfare of animals by preventing cruelty to them. Recently you visited Mahatma Gandhi Animal Care Home. You were pleasantly surprised to see the good treatment given to the animals. Write a report in 150-200 words on your visit. You may use the following points : injured dogs and cats – abandoned pets – very old animals – all very well cared for – well-equipped medical room – veterinary surgeon – green surroundings.

[Comptt. Delhi/ Outside Delhi 2018] 10

Ans. **Title :** Report on visit to Mahatma Gandhi Animal Care Home / Treatment of animals at Mahatma Gandhi Animal Care Home

Suggested Value Points

- injured dogs and cats
- abandoned pets
- very old animals
- all very well cared for
- well equipped medical room
- veterinary surgeon
- green surroundings
- any other relevant points

(any four points)

Note- past tense should be used along with third person

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2018]

Detailed Answer :

Visit to Mahatma Gandhi Animal Care Home

Sandhya

Animal Lovers Club was recently invited by the Mahatma Gandhi Animal Care Home for a visit where an opportunity to oversee the working of the organisation was given.

It is a home to abandoned pets, rescued animals and the ones injured on the streets. There were many old animals as well. It was astounding to see the quality of care the animals are being given. They have

a family-like environment for them. This helps them to heal faster and stay happy. The animal home has all the facilities ranging from well- equipped medical room to a veterinary surgeon. Regular check-ups of those unwell by a team of veterinary specialists are carried out. The surroundings are animal-friendly as well. They are not being ruthlessly kept in cages. They have green surroundings with enough space for them to play and nurture.

Mahatma Gandhi Animal Care Home is doing a mind-blowing job by understanding and fulfilling the needs of those who can't speak for themselves. The experience was an overwhelming one.

- Q.3. MMD School, Nashik, recently organised a science symposium on the topic : "Effect of Pollution on Quality of Life." You are Amit/ Amita Raazdan, editor of the school magazine. Write a report on the event for your school magazine. (120–150 words)** *[Delhi/ Outside Delhi 2018] 10*

Ans. Title : Report on Science Symposium on Effect of Pollution on Quality of Life / Report on Science Symposium held at MMD School, Nashik

Suggested Value Points:

- Science symposium
- Date, time, venue
- Agenda / programme
- Participants-number
- Resource person(s) / speakers / guests and their views
- Response of the audience
- Any other relevant points

Note- Past tense should be used.

(any four points)

[CBSE Marking Scheme 2018]

Detailed Answer :

As all of you are aware our school organised a science symposium on the topic: 'Effect of pollution on the quality of life' on 1st March 2018. It was an enriching session for the students where they learned about the various hazards of pollution.

Pollution has greatly affected the health of our citizens. Each child was given the responsibility of a plant and was told to nurture it. The students also organised an awareness march. Many students came up with models on how to clean the rising levels of pollution.

The students had a wonderful time attending the symposium. Our Principal Ms. Anjali Aggarwal thanked the students and teachers for their enthusiastic participation.

- Q. 4. Cultural Society Sunshine Public School, Nellore organised an adult literacy camp in its neighbourhood. Write a report in 150-200 words on the camp for your school newsletter. You are P.V. Sunitha, Secretary. Use the following clues :**

No. of volunteers—hours spent in teaching—location of the class—chairs, blackboards—no. of people attending the camp—benefit. *[Delhi Set I, 2017] 10*

Ans.

ADULT LITERACY CAMP

P.V. Sunitha

Secretary, Cultural Society

Sunshine Public School

9 March 2016

An adult literacy camp was organized on 8th March 2017 in our neighbourhood. The activities of the camp were carried out by the cultural society of the school with a total of 20 volunteers. The chief guest for the occasion was Mrs. Kavita Naik, a renowned social worker. There were 500 participants in the camp. They were divided into different groups and free classes were given to them in the various classrooms from 10 am to 1 pm. They were taught through writing the points on blackboards with colourful chalks. A cleanliness drive was organized with stress on the need to maintain cleanliness and hygiene. There were also talks on ethics, moral values, discipline and punctuality. Free books and stationery were distributed. Later, the chief guest presented the volunteers with appreciation certificates. She congratulated all for organizing such a noble event.

- Q. 5. History Society of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Krishna Nagar sent a group of students to visit a place of historical interest. You, Anant/Anita, were its leader. Write a report in 150-200 words for the school newsletter on the tour, describing the place, its history, how you reached there and all that you have learnt.**

[Outside Delhi Set I, 2017] 10

Ans. Visit to Sanchi Stupa

Anita,
Kendriya Vidyalaya
March 17th, 2017

A trip was organized by the History Department of our school to one of the well-known historical places, the Sanchi Stupa in Madhya Pradesh on 7th March, 2017. The trip included a group of twenty students. We went to the historical place by bus and during the journey our teacher, Mrs. Vijaya, explained the importance of the monument to us. Sanchi Stupa is an important centre for Buddhist pilgrimage. It is a world heritage site which has been well-preserved since centuries. Its nucleus is a simple hemispherical brick structure built over the relics of Lord Buddha. The place is noteworthy its gateways as they contain ornamented depictions of incidents from the life of Gautama Buddha and his previous incarnations as Bodhisattvas. It is one of the most wonderful historical sites in India and is easily accessible. UNESCO has declared it as a heritage site as it is a fine example of Buddhist architecture. We clicked pictures of the site and enjoyed the museum exhibits. The trip was an amalgamation of knowledge and fun.

Q. 6. Your school is situated near a road intersection. Last week, in the morning, a bus coming at a great speed overturned when it braked suddenly. Senior students of your school rushed out and did everything to save the passengers. You were part of the rescue efforts. Write a report in 150-200 words on the accident and your friends' role, for your school newsletter. You are George/Mary. [Outside Delhi Set I, 2017] 10

Ans. Heroes in Our School

—Mary
9th March 2017

As our school is situated near a road intersection, last week a bus which was coming in full speed overturned when it braked suddenly. Luckily the senior students were nearby and they could go and help the passengers in time and also take them to the hospital as required.

My friends had a great hand in the rescue efforts as they did whatever they could do to save these people. My friends called the ambulance immediately and made sure there wasn't a chaos on the road. After going to the hospital my friends stayed there with the patients to make sure that no difficulty was faced by the people.

This kind of accident can happen again so we need to always be as helpful as the rescue effort people and also make sure that there is a speed limit in that area as there is a school there too. People should always be this helpful that we do not think twice before helping people in danger.

Q. 7. 5th June has been recognized as World Environment Day. Your school conducted various activities to commemorate the day. Write a report about it in about 150-200 words for your school magazine. You are Karuna/Karan. [CBSE SQP, 2016-17] 10

Ans. Scholastic India conducted a creative writing workshop in national auditorium on 23 February from 10 am to 2 pm. I was selected to represent my school for the workshop. The workshop was conducted by a panel of eminent writers including Chetan Bhagat, Bhavna Arora and Kamala Das. We were taught how to create a web of words around simple ideas by letting our imaginations go wild.

Simple games of word association, use of figures of speech, imagery were played with the students and it was great to see interesting similes being created by children. We were told that our articles and short poems that we wrote during the workshop would be published by Scholastic India. The experience was invaluable and we enjoyed a lot.

Q. 8. You recently attended a workshop on creative writing that was conducted by Scholastic India Ltd. Write a report in about 150-200 words for your school magazine giving details. You are Akshay/Akshita of Grahma Public School, Indore. [CBSE SQP, 2015-16] 10

Ans. CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

By— Akshay

A Creative Writing Workshop was organised for Grahma Public School, Indore for the students of class V to Class XII on October 28, 2015 by Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd. The resource person was Ms. Deepa

Aggarwal, a renowned writer, poet and educator. It was an enriching session for the children where they learned different skills to improve their creative writing.

The workshop helped the students use classic techniques of storytelling to write fiction and nonfiction. It was divided in five sessions. Session 1 was dealt with story structures in fiction and nonfiction writings; Session 2 was on the plot; Session 3 included narrative design and voice; Session 4 was based on character and dialogue; Session 5 focused on setting and Session 6 on establishing the writer's routine.

The students had a wonderful time attending the workshop. They wrote their own stories and also some non-fiction pieces. The Principal of the school, Mr. Verma, thanked Scholastic India and Ms. Aggarwal for the wonderful learning experience that the students had.

Q. 9. As a part of an Entrepreneurship project, the commerce students of your school recently launched a product called 'Oatlicious'. They not only set up a company to produce the product but also designed its advertising and marketing strategy. Write an article in about 150-200 words for your school magazine giving details of the enterprise and its launch. You are Akshay/ Akshita of Graham Public School, Indore. [CBSE SQP, 2015-16] 10

Ans.

OATLICIOUS : AN ENTREPRENEUR PROJECT

By- Akshita

Graham Public School, Indore

As a part of an Entrepreneur project, the students of Commerce section of our school recently launched a product called 'Oatlicious'.

The launch was organized in the School premises. Mr. XY. Reddy, the DM of the town was the chief guest for the day. After the ceremonial lighting of the lamp the students presented a PPT describing various features and advantages of the product. They emphasized the fact that product, a cereal made of oats, targets all age groups and promises a healthy breakfast. To make it more interesting, the product was presented in various flavours.

The students told the media that they have not only launched the product but its designing and marketing strategy have also been devised by them.

The Chief Guest in his speech commended the efforts of the students. The principal of the school said that he was indeed very proud of his students.

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Section C :

LITERATURE TEXTBOOKS

SYLLABUS

LITERATURE TEXTBOOKS	30 Marks
Books : Flamingo and Vistas	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Eight objective Type Questions—4 from one Poetry and 4 from one prose extract to test comprehensive and appreciation.</i> (8 × 1 = 8 Marks)• <i>Five out of seven Short Answer Questions - Based on prose / drama / poetry from both texts.</i> (5 × 2 = 10 Marks)• <i>One out of two Long Answer Questions to be answered in 120-150 words to test global comprehension and extrapolation beyond the texts (Flamingo).</i> (6 Marks)• <i>One out of two Long Answer Questions to be answered in 120-150 words to test global comprehension along with analysis and extrapolation (Vistas).</i> (6 Marks)	
Prescribed Books	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Flamingo : English Reader published by National Council of Education Research and Training, New Delhi</i>2. <i>Vistas : Supplementary Reader published by National Council of Education Research and Training, New Delhi</i>	

Marking Scheme

Literature will be of 30 marks

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| • Extract (poem - Flamingo) (prose - Flamingo) | 4 × 2 = 8 marks |
| • Mixed Questions from Flamingo + Vistas | 2 × 5 = 10 marks |
| • Long Questions and Answers Flamingo + Vistas | 6 × 2 = 12 marks |