**Newspaper Report- 2024 Specimen Paper**

**Devastating Floods Ravage City, Leaving a Trail of Destruction**

**- By a Staff Reporter**

**Bengaluru, February 12, 2024**

In a harrowing turn of events, the city of Bengaluru was plunged into chaos as torrents of water surged through its streets, leaving a path of destruction in their wake. The calamity, was reported in the early morning hours today due to incessant rain over the week with moderate to heavy rainfall. The city's drainage system has been inadequate and is not prepared to withstand this deluge with water overflowing onto the streets. As the city grapples with this situation, the authorities are trying their best to handle the situation.

Relentless rainfall exacerbated by inadequate drainage systems has taken the death toll to 100 so far as the city grapples with the aftermath.

*“It is believed that the uncommon volume of rainfall led to the widespread flooding that we are witnessing and we are trying our best to help people especially in the low-lying areas,"* remarked the Chief Rescue Officer as members of his team scrambled to help the affected people.

Many parts of the city have been submerged, with low-lying regions particularly vulnerable to the inundation. People have lost almost everything as they rush out of the houses looking for help. Homes and businesses have been engulfed by the rising waters, leaving residents stranded and livelihoods shattered in their wake. The loss of life and property is yet to be fully assessed, but initial reports paint a grim picture of the extent of the catastrophe.

In response to the crisis, concerted efforts have been underway to provide relief, food supplies and medical aid to those who have been impacted. Many NGOS and volunteers from various walks of life have pitched in to help with the rescue efforts. Temporary shelters have been set up to accommodate displaced residents, offering a semblance of solace amidst the chaos.

The government has pledged its support, mobilizing resources and manpower to mitigate the effects of the disaster. Relief measures, including the distribution of food, water, and essential supplies, are being expedited to alleviate the plight of affected communities. However, challenges persist as rescue operations are hampered by the ongoing inclement weather.

As the city reels from the devastating floods, resilience and solidarity emerge as beacons of hope amidst the despair. Amidst the wreckage, communities band together, demonstrating the strength of human spirit in the face of adversity. Yet, the road to recovery remains fraught with challenges, underscoring the urgent need for sustained support and solidarity in the days to come.

**ARTICLE**

Write an article for your school magazine putting forward your views on whether E-Vehicles are a better choice.

**E-Vehicles - a better choice?**

**Bangalore Nisha Morris**

**February 12, 2024**

In an era where environmental concerns have reached critical levels, the need for sustainable transportation options has become paramount. One solution that has gained significant traction in recent years is electric vehicles (E-Vehicles). These eco-friendly marvels have taken the automotive industry by storm, offering a promising alternative to their traditional fossil-fuelled counterparts. In this article, we explore the numerous benefits that E-Vehicles bring to the table and why they are an undeniable superior choice for the future.

Recently, people are switching to electric vehicles due to many reasons such as cost cutting, environmental factors, the growing scarcity and high rates of fuels, maintenance and so on. Even though e-vehicles cost more compared to conventional gas vehicles they are a long term investment. There are studies showing the maintenance of an e-vehicle is less compared to a gas vehicle. There is no need for gas, no oil changes, no smog tests, and fewer moving parts to break or wear out. Automotive giants such as Volvo are voicing their commitment to converting to electric car-only production in the very near future; and even luxury electric vehicles like Tesla are offering more affordable options to the consumer, altering public perception of electric cars as something only approachable by the elite.

While the initial purchase price of E-Vehicles may be higher, they offer long-term cost savings. The operational costs of E-Vehicles are considerably lower due to the lower cost of electricity compared to gasoline. Additionally, E-Vehicles require less maintenance since they have fewer moving parts and do not require oil changes. With government incentives and the declining cost of battery technology, the overall cost of E-Vehicles is expected to become more affordable in the coming years.

Furthermore, E-Vehicles are far more energy-efficient than their gasoline-powered counterparts. Internal combustion engines have an average efficiency of 30%, while electric motors boast an impressive efficiency of 90% or more. This efficiency translates into reduced energy consumption, lowering our dependence on fossil fuels and contributing to a more sustainable energy future.

Automakers can make proclamations about the robust future of EVs as much as they desire, but there are more than 100 years of history behind gas-powered cars which not even the biggest auto brands in the world, can just sweep under the rug. Electric cars offer advantages in a handful of ways, but they still have a long way to go to prove to the people that they’re better than gas-powered cars.

In the face of mounting environmental challenges, E-Vehicles offer a beacon of hope for a greener future. With their environmental advantages, energy efficiency, cost savings, technological advancements, and positive social impact, E-Vehicles have proven to be a superior choice over traditional gasoline-powered vehicles. By embracing this sustainable transportation option, we can pave the way for a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable world. Let us drive towards a future where our roads are electrified and our planet can breathe a sigh of relief.

**REVIEW OF A CULTURAL PROGRAMME**

(Give a title of the event)

Bangalore, February 12, 2024 -By Shalini Kelkar

Amplify the points given by elaborating on them

Some of the points generally used are

* Name of the event and type of event (cultural and art fest, science fest, carnival, food fest, book fest, Music fest, awareness meet, etc)
* Date , time, venue
* Participants- Number of schools (within the city or all over India depending on the type of fest/event)
* Objective of hosting the event
* Chief guest details- name/designation or profession/ experience in the field
* Inauguration details- lighting of the lamp, invocation song/dance/ welcome by the Principal
* Chief Guest’s address- Highlight of the important points/ his or her message
* Description of the event- details on the venue/ decorations, participation, vibes, excitement
* Prizes /Awards if any
* Highlights of the event, feedback from participants
* Overall experience

In case you are reviewing a public event outside your school, mention the name of the event, date, time and the venue, the. Artistes, chief guest and all other details same as above

**BOOK REVIEW AND FILM REVIEW-**

**Give a Title and Byline (If you can’t come up with a creative title just write the name of the book and the author. For example**

**Book Review- The Burnout Sophie Kinsella**

Please be ready with details from a book(not a sequel) only English- Follow all the guidelines mentioned in the PPT shared today.

Try and quote a favourite line from the book

NO SPOILERS!! Don’t reveal the climax, ending or the whole plot

Write such that the one who reads your review will want to read the book

Give your recommendation and rating at the end

**Give a Title for the Review**

--**Begin with a catchy intro to the book**

-Name of the book, author, publishers, genre (fiction or non-fiction? Genre?- science fiction, horror, etc)

- Plot, characters, pace of the book

-It is better to talk more about the good points and very subtly mention one point that could have made the book better

-Recommendation and Ration

**Film- Give a Title (Name of the Film) For example FILM REVIEW- LAGAAN (TAX)**

-Name of the film, genre, direction and production (Avoid sequels)

- Think of a good intro line to engage the reader

- Actors/ performance/ storyline/ music and choreography/ background music/ supporting actors/ climax/ending/action-stunts/ stunning locations- mention any one or two highlights

- Compare the movie to the that of the previous work by the Director

- What you personally enjoyed

-Recommendation/rating

Expression is important

**Statement of Purpose**

**TO WHOMSOVER IT MAY CONCERN**

**Full Name:**

**Content No.:**

**Email:**

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Give an introductory sentence with your full name, the course you are applying for as an Under graduate programme. Currently have completed Grade 12 in the ISC Programme in Science/Commerce from National Academy For Learning , Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Be confident and write about your personality- describe two of your strengths and why this programme is best suited for you. (Use crisp and succinct language, don’t use exaggeration). Why are you interested in this programme?- Mention your passion in this field since your childhood/what kindles your interest? How will the course help you?

Why this college/university? How is it different from the others? Your academic strength and how this course will help you pursue your goals. How can you contribute to the university as a students and beyond?

Your career goals? Your academic strengths ?(Have always been a Topper, in grade 12, marks- percentage etc, (You have to assume that you have already got Grade 12 results)Mention Olympiads or other competitions that you have taken part, excelled in. State/Regional/national Level competitions.

Other skills & achievements- orator/ sports/leadership skills- at school and beyond- examples- any position held? How you have contributed as a team player and collaborator?

Volunteering/Internships/ Outreach initiatives

Once again in the conclusion why you are an ideal candidate for the course at that particular university.

**Formal Language to be used**

**SPEECH ON GENDER EQUALITY**

**- By Sam Vaghale**

Greeting- Good morning/Good afternoon and a hearty welcome to.........At the outset, we are all gathered here to.......

You can even begin your speech with an interesting rhetorical question depending on the topic and then move on to the greeting

Use persuasive techniques in your speech- facts, expert opinions, statistics- survey details, percentages etc, emotional appeal/hyperbole

Repetition to emphasise your point, use of triads for emphasis, personal anecdote (to relate to the reader but keep it short)

Finally call to action in the conclusion and end with Thank You!

**Please make sure that you have amplified all the points given in the question. If you leave out something you will lose marks. Write in paragraphs.**