

Read each of the following paragraphs carefully. Comment on the strengths and weaknesses of each paragraph.

He broke a glass. She began to cry. They played cricket. He completed his work. She came late. He taught English. They know my father. We bought many books. She helped her friend. India won the match. We celebrated the victory.

There are three reasons why Rahul is not going to university. In the first place, his father is dead and if Rahul went to university, his mother would be left all alone. She has a few friends but they do not live near and she would probably have to spend most evenings alone. Consequently, although Rahul wants to go to university very much, he is going to get a job near home instead.

The college canteen is in front of the main building. The students serve themselves and when they have finished keep their dirty dishes in a particular place. In this way the cost of employing staff is reduced because there is no need for waiters. The same number of students eat in the canteen every day. As a result, the manager can calculate the exact amount of food to buy and very little is wasted. Finally, the college canteen makes no profit. This reduces the cost of the meals by at least ten percent.

I admire my friend Madhuri because she is so talented, intelligent, and kind. She is also very intelligent and can understand complex problems very quickly. Above all, she is very kind to others. I admire my friend for all these reasons.

Vikas had one passion in life – cricket. He read about cricket; he talked about cricket; he dreamed about cricket. He had pictures of cricketers on the walls of his room. He collected their autographs and wrote to some of them. He didn't care for football. Football is very popular in many parts of the world, and in Latin American countries, football is a part of national life. People even attach umpires after football matches. Vikas left football, hockey and other games to his classmates. He considered cricket the best game of all, the only game worth playing.

Rahul follows the same routine every weekday. At six o'clock he gets up. At six thirty he goes to Jim. He goes to college at nine o'clock. At seven thirty-five he eats breakfast. At seven o'clock last week he went to a gift shop and bought a present for his friend. In the evening he watches TV or sometimes goes to temple. He gets back from work at six-forty. He usually goes to bed at about eleven.

Birds have different-shaped feet to suit their way of life. Birds that perch on branches have toes that curl round the branch to give a tight grip. The grip is so tight that the bird doesn't fall off, even when it goes to sleep. Some birds find their food in the ground. Their short, blunt toes are like rakes. They scratch the ground to turn up insects and seeds. Birds such as ducks, geese and swans have feet like paddles to help them swim in the water. Birds of prey, which eat small animals, have sharp, curved claws, which they use for grabbing the creatures they hunt.

Write short paragraphs by expanding the topic sentences given below. Use the facts, ideas, information given in each case in addition to your own ideas.

1. Drug addiction is dangerous:
 - i. Users, mostly young, become secretive: use leads to dependency, anti-social behaviour
 - ii. Can cause diseases like hepatitis, complete mental break down
 - iii. Death from overdose
2. Circuses are no longer as popular as they used to be:
 - i. The number of viewers decreasing
 - ii. The shows only half full
 - iii. Many famous circuses have disappeared
3. Write a short paragraph of about 100 words on the following topic/s:
 - i. Human activity is causing great harm to the environment.
 - ii. Continuous use of the computer can affect one's eyes.