



Article Writing

Marking Scheme

\$ *Format (Heading and Writer's name)*

01 Mark

\$ *Content*

2/4 Marks

\$ *Expression*

Grammatical accuracy, relevant words, and spellings (1/2.5)

2/5 Marks

Consistency and significance of ideas and style (1/2.5)

@ *Some typical points for article writing* @

First of all an eye-catching & amazing title that catches the evaluator's attention and suggests the main theme of the article.

Starting/Introduction should be striking, amazing and different from the topic.

Don't repeat the subject matter/ your ideas.

Sentences should be short but powerful in conveying message/meaning.

Take good care of grammatical accuracy and spellings.

Read editorials in a few newspapers and notice the pattern and flow of thoughts.

You can underline all the important points by darkening and varying the fonts with the help of pencil.

You can frame your article by using headings separate paras.

Present your ideas in a proper, systematic or logical manner. i.e. Introduce, Analyse, Suggest and conclude.

Use passive voice, humour, emotive language, rhetorical questions to provide a specific effect.

Article should be lucid (easy to understand), clear and to the point.

Do not exceed/cross the prescribed word limit (120-150 or 150-200).

Always remember Good vocabulary, Grammatical knowledge, Creativity and Subject knowledge, Logical presentation & Good handwriting are the integral parts of Article writing.

Format/ Layout of Article Writing

Heading/Title

By line (By + the name of the author)

Body

Para I: Introduction-clearly define the topic.

Para II: Content -Causes, effects, present state of affairs, etc.

Para III: Conclusion- Solutions & recommendation.

Format of Article Writing

Topic of Article

(By: XYZ)

- (1.) Introduction of the topic (Meaning + Present Status)
- (2.) Causes of the topic (If it is a problem)
- (3.) Statistics of the topic (Problem) (If Known)
- (4.) Advantages/Disadvantages of the topic (Problem)
- (5.) Conclusion with warning/message/advice/Steps Required

Ingredient of Writing an Article

Title of the Article

Writer's name

Body (main part of the article)

- *Introductory Paragraph*
- *Descriptive Paragraph*
- *Additional Information (if needed)*

Conclusion (ending part of the article)

Q. You are Astha Awasthi. You have been asked by your teacher to write an article on the topic "What is Ailing Our Tourism".

Answer:

What is Ailing Our Tourism? ← **Title**

By Astha Awasthi ← **By (Writer's Name)**

India is known for its rich flora and fauna, beautiful landscapes, glorious past and varied cultural trends. All this makes India a major attraction for tourism. However, the reality is far from this. Tourism in India has been constantly suffering setbacks due to its inefficient tourism industry.

Introductory paragraph

Bad and filthy roads, rickety buses, over-priced taxis, delayed trains, all make travelling a nightmare in India. Moreover, the absence of decent and hygienic accommodations, at a reasonable cost, adds to the distraction of tourists visiting India. Besides, the growing menace of terrorism is a huge deterrent for tourists.

Middle paragraph(s)

The Government of India needs to put concerted efforts in place to revamp tourism in the country. Utmost emphasis should be placed on infrastructure development and beefing up the security. Such efforts will certainly make India a leader in the world of tourism.

Concluding paragraph

← **Body**

HEADING–The heading should be catchy and in not more than 5-6 words. You can go as creative as you want with this and decorate using pattern/design/symbols.

Ex- € **CIVIL SENSE AMONG YOUTH** €

BY LINE–It refers to the name of the person writing the article. Use it just after title at RHS in bracket or without bracket. It is generally given in the question. If not given, then do not write your personal details just write XYZ/ABC.

Ex- € **Social Media** €

By- Thomas, Head Girl

BODY–It is the soul of article writing. So, present it in a well organised and logical manner. It should be written in 3-4 paras.

PARA 1: INTRODUCTION –

Never start your article with the description of topic. In other words don't jump to the definition of the subject matter.

Your starting should be made by using one of these ways –

£ Amazing & shocking quotations- £ Startling & interesting fact-

£ Rhetoric questions- £ By arousing the curiosity of readers-

£ Telling short story- £ You can use your own way

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Then precisely explain what the article is talking about. Try giving some quotations or frightful facts to excite the interest of the readers. Keep the language simple.

It is always prescribed that you begin with a short introduction of the topic; it's meaning to be precise. Briefly tell what the article is about giving some or startling facts to arouse the interest of the readers.

Some examples for the beginning of Introduction for Article

@ Soul enters every body either it is of mosquito or of a human being as soon as soul enters the body of human being it tries to express itself in many forms. In the pursuit/run of expressing sometimes expressions become very negative/nasty due to the negativity of one's thoughts. Out of these nasty opinions comes/takes birth negative actions, values and systems in our harmonious society. One of them is.....

@ Nature has bestowed/honoured every human being with ever conscious soul that helps human beings in winning time and space having the companionship of ethical values.

@ According to great scholar, **Kahlil Gibran** When Almighty God created His best and perfect creation , Human being the first beautiful thought struck God's mind was an enlightening angel but this angel title does not suit/fit to the character of modern

materialistic man when we have a keen look on the evil/vile/vicious deeds done by this angel. When this angel like human being becomes devil, he creates/ produces many immoral and nasty thoughts, set ups and values. Out of these values one

@ Ever blessing Nature has endowed every creature with four fundamental activities which are eating, sleeping, reproducing and dying one day. In this whole universe there is only and only one creature that can perform something different and amazing apart from these activities and that brainy creature is Human being. In the chase/ pursuit of doing something great and unique sometimes human being does some creative & innovative actions whereas sometimes we find him trapped in many negative actions. These negative thoughts fuel the destruction/havoc on this blissful world.

@ **Man's life is a circle of circumstances. Every other time, one or other situation is standing in front of the human being. Every circumstance is weak until human being responds to it. Force comes into the circumstance only when man responds to it. As soon as a man responds it becomes powerful and destructive. If the response given by human being is creative and prolific then we can find many creative methods, systems, thoughts and values in our social set up/ world.**

@ According to great legend **Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**, Human being has learned to fly in the air and swim in the water, but he wobbles while walking on this beautiful planet. Wobbling means complexities in his daily life.

£ Is it possible for any Govt. of the world to provide gainful engagement to all its able bodied and willing citizens? For example if India adds 5 crores a year in its population, adding to the backlog, how many jobs are needed to create to solve the problematic phenomenon of unemployment.

£ A building is made up of different pillars. If there are 15 pillars in a building to support and one pillar is not strong enough, the building is going to be weak. It can not bear/ sustain a mildest shock of an earthquake. Media being the fourth pillar of democracy needs to be strengthened and relevant for permanence.

© *Have you ever wondered why a constructive approach in some societies towards life, Development, and growth, while a few other societies contain fights over trivial issues? A society is well-ordered when it comprises of literate and educated individuals.*

Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink.” You must have heard this phrase many times in your life. It means that although there is water all around us, in Earth’s oceans, seas, lakes, rivers, etc., most of it is not drinkable water!

For Globalization –

@ *A girl named Ranjana forced to drop out of school because of glut from China – fall in prices, can’t afford her education. Yet at the same time, her classmate Abhinav is happy at his new dress – made in USA . This is paradox of globalization. For those at the top, those with purchasing power it has been incredible blessing. For the poor and marginalized, it has been a terrible nightmare.*

© In the faraway hinterlands of Vidharbha in Maharashtra , Balwant Rao Phadke is mired/ sunk/ trapped deep and atrocious debt. He is hoping against hope to have a bumper crop this season so that he can pay off his debts. But as God and fate would have the choice, monsoons refused to pay a visit to his ploughed farm and his crops died a slow death as he himself bade farewell to this lovely world leaving his lovable family in unspeakable misery, adversity and desolation. Balwant Rao like lakhs of Indian farmers was a prey of Climate Change or Global Warming.

§ At the stroke of midnight hour August 15, 1947 India did not rise to life and freedom. When our leaders self-congratulated themselves to have achieved 'freedom', nothing significant had changed at grass roots, except that browns had replaced whites. The landless labour working in mines continued his deplorable life under dominant caste contractors, the life of peasant drenched in sweat under the scorching sun reeled in misery as land reform failed miserably, and the stigma of pollution still belonged to untouchables as Puranic literature ruled the hearts of 'Independent Indians'.

☺ The First Industrial Revolution used water and steam power to mechanize production. The Second used electric power to create mass production. The Third used electronics and information technology to automate production. Today, the world is on the verge of Fourth Industrial Revolution which will use Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Big Data Analysis to make machines the masters of the whole production process. All the three industrial revolution reduced the number of jobs in the world and concentrated wealth of the world in few hands. The fourth one will further accelerate this process and will decrease the degree of financial inclusion. Many scientists fear that the fourth industrial revolution will have severe impact on human race and according to Bill Gates, it has the ability to wipe out the civilization when machines will be super-intelligent, and humans will have no control on them.

Little girl Archana had dreams as a child of becoming an astronaut having been inspired by the NASA astronaut, Kalpana Chawla and always thought that one day she would touch the sky and be over the moon. But on a fateful day on 26th November 2008, while she was waiting for her mother to take her home, she was brutally gunned down by enemy of humanity, terrorists. All her hopes, beautiful dreams and unparalleled ambitions extinguished in a fleeting moment. Archana was an innocent victim of nasty terrorism. Terrorism had inflicted untold miseries and havoc on innocent victims all over the globe and it is time we put a firm and forever full stop to this egregious menace.

For Human development -

Fifty six year old Ramnath, the denizen of Kalahandi district of Orissa , one of the poorest districts in India. As he goes to the local Panchayat office, he overhears the Sarpanch saying that India is now the fastest growing economy and is set to overtake UK to become 5th biggest economy in the world. He looks on wondering if this wealth can get his kids good & modern education, get his wife health care and give him means to keep body and soul together. And he wonders in hope for a better future. This is development paradox.

@ Little girl Rabiya, aged 7, from West Bengal dreamt of becoming an engineer one day. She wanted to do miracles in academics making her parents feel proud and elated. But on a momentous day in May 2020, cyclone Amphan ruined her home and devastated her family. Her lovely dreams, just like her home and family, lay in ruins. Rabiya has been a scared victim of Climate change like many more across the world.

@ The most powerful and also destructive thing in this world is none other than human mind. On one hand it can do miracles for the betterment of this world and on the contrary it can create /make that thing which can devastate/ruin this whole universe with the blinking of an eye.

This superb techno human's mind is always there either it is development or catastrophe/ devastation.

So moulding and directing this fast paced mind human beings need to take a review what he had done.

PARA 2 : ELUCIDATION -

Now this part can be written in either one or two paragraphs. You are required to do a complete analysis of the subject matter in question. It may include-

TYPES - In how many forms does the problem exist? You are required to mention the various possible types (if it exists).

CURRENT SCENARIO - Then you need to explain the current situation, the problems (if any) and whether after any corrective actions, betterment in the situation has been observed or not.

It may include advantages/ disadvantages depending upon the topic in question.

CAUSE AND EFFECT RELATIONSHIP-*Develop the cause and effect relationship by supporting it with facts or data. You may also write the consequences/repercussions.*

Include in this part-

¥ **Statistics-** facts and figures about the topic.

¥ **Quotes-** by well-known people or from daily life.

¥ **References** -refer sth. from social media, television, or radio.

¥ **Definitions** -define/explain the terms you are using.

¥ Any historical link – ¥ Relevance in modern time

¥ Any other details

PARA 3 :-

This is the section where you go personal, providing suggestions, observations, predictions, recommendations and original ideas. Mention all the measures or steps taken to improve the situation. Discuss the strategy by which you will solve the problem if question on problematic topic.

PARA 4: THE CONCLUSION- As it is said that if end is well all is well, so make it worth of reading and attention grabbing. And use positive note means have the attitude of We shall overcome one day

It is the concluding paragraph. It is important to conclude what you've started. Never leave an article open-ended. This paragraph needs to be short and precise. You can add quotation or popular poetic line that supports your topic most relevantly. Let the readers be satisfied that you are going to write something new and relevant.

For ex-

After looking at all the positives and negatives we reach at conclusion / It can concluded that.....

Best answer to any problem/monstrous evil is collaborated effort and the attitude of never say die.

Future will definitely be bright and amazing looking at the present scenario.

To conclude we should be the generation to do what is needed to upgrade or cleanse the modern scenario.

For the welfare of humanity as well as of this world let's unite for this great cause.

It's our responsibility and duty to make this world more beautiful and peaceful for the upcoming generation.

I have a humble request to everyone out there in this world that being responsible citizen we should contribute to the welfare of humanity and development cum dignity of our nation in spite of criticizing it.

I am not only determined/hopeful but also sure that we will surely overcome this monster with the healing power of time and blissful blessing of Almighty God.

Note- End your article by writing thanks or thank you at LHS.

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. (SOURCE- SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER 2018-19)

Answer:

SAVE WATER- ARE WE DOING ENOUGH? (Heading)

By – XYZ (By line)

Introduction- 68.7% of the fresh water on Earth is trapped in glaciers./ 70% of the human brain is water. / Two-thirds of the world's population is projected to face water scarcity by 2025, according to the United Nations./ “Water is life's matter and matrix, mother and medium. There is no life without water.”/ “You didn't come into this world. You came out of it, like a wave from the ocean. You are not a stranger here.” – **Alan Watts**

*“The earth, the air, the land, and the water are not an inheritance from our forefathers but on loan from our children. So we have to handover to them at least as it was handed over to us.” – **Gandhi***

*“Thousands have lived without love, not one without water.” -**H. Auden***

*“Do not feel sad for your tears as rocks never regret the waterfalls” — **Munia Khan***

“Water is the mother of the vine, the nurse and fountain of fecundity, the adorning and refresher of the world.” – Charles Mackay

Many people are living with less water than they need, whether in the world's most prosperous cities or in its bountiful agricultural heartlands.

Droughts have also become more frequent, more severe, and affecting more people around the world. As many as four billion people already live in regions that experience severe water stress for at least one month of the year. With populations rising, these stresses will only mount.

Elixir of Life– Water is the precious gift of God on earth. Life exists on earth because of the availability of water. Itself being tasteless, odourless and colourless, it adds taste, colour and nice smell in the life of living beings on the Earth.

Steps to follow–Here are different methods we can follow to save clean drinking water and deal with the water scarcity. Rainwater harvesting is one of the most effective and suitable method among save water techniques.

Conclusion –*Afforestation is also a good method as it reduces surface runoff and recharges the groundwater. It promotes underground water conservation. By practising such methods, we can conserve more water naturally and ensure the availability of it for future generations. We should take a pledge and make it a lifelong motto to preserve water because, “If you conserve water, it means you conserve life.”*

Thank you

Question 1: 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 a 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.

LACK OF CIVIC SENSE

By Shamini

God has created human being for the beautification of this amazing universe. This great creation now and then did numerous wonders. In creating heaven on this lovely planet 'The Earth', human being is making this wonderful habitant hell and adopt those ways which are not ethical in the book of morality and humanity.

OR

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will. Vincent T Lombardi

If poverty is the mother of crime, lack of good sense is the father.

Jean De La Bruyere

The lack of a sense of history is the damnation of the modern world. Robert Penn Warren

In the society, people of different types and different opinions live. They do not think for

the betterment of the society. They only think about themselves. They have become selfish and narrow in their thought.

In India, people hardly follow any rules. They have no respect for public property. On railway platform, they do not follow any instructions. They spit anywhere or at any place. They do not care for what they are doing. They even throw away the polythenes, water bottle etc. on the platform. They lack civic sense.

Inculcating a civic sense is the need of hour. Parents must inculcate civic sense among children at an early age. The values of cleanliness, discipline and tolerance must be inculcated among them. Parents must encourage their children to keep their surroundings clean.

All these things must be taught at an early age. They are the future of the nation and they must take the responsibility of a responsible citizen.

Thanks

Question 3.The number of women in the police force seems insufficient especially when we see the increasing involvement of women in terrorist activities. Write an article in 150-200 words for 'The Hindustan Chronicle', on the need of having more women in the police force. (2010)

Answer:

Need of Having More Women in the Police

(By- ABC)

This universe is created on the theory of equality and balance. This is to be followed in every walk of life.

"Feminism isn't about making women stronger. Women are already strong, it's about changing the way the world perceives that strength."

G.D. Anderson

"We need women at all levels, including the top, to change the dynamic, reshape the conversation, to make sure women's voices are heard and heeded, not overlooked and ignored."

Sheryl Sandberg

Women empowerment and participation has seen a radical improvement in the recent few decades. Women are no longer confined to their homes and have come forward to

excel in almost all fields, at par with men. But it has been observed that the number of women in the police force seems insufficient especially when we compare their increasing number in terrorist activities.

Women are sure to prove their worth in the police force as they are more committed to the cause they work for and less corrupt, two qualities that are lacking in policemen. The government needs to increase the reserved quota for recruitment of women in the police force. Women need to be given incentives to join the police force and this is sure to prove favourable as they bring with them a distinctly different and valuable set of skills that is bound to change the way the police is perceived in our community.

As the job description of the police expands beyond crime-fighting into community service the presence of more women in the police force is sure to help to burnish the tarnished image of the police officers, improve community relations and foster a more flexible and less violent approach to maintaining law and order.

Thank you

Q1. 'Grow more trees to reduce pollution.' Write an article in 150-200 words on the topic given above for your school magazine.

Answer:

Grow More Trees to Reduce Pollution

By Radhika

"Trees are poems the earth writes upon the sky." Trees and plants are one of the main reasons why mankind came into existence. The importance of planting trees has been emphasized time and again. This is because of the numerous benefits they offer.

They make the world a better place to live in. They exhale oxygen and inhale carbon dioxide to maintain the ecological balance in the environment. They also absorb all the harmful gases and give us fresh air to breathe.

Trees build a sheet to protect us from the harmful ultraviolet rays. Not only this, they serve as a habitat for birds and various species of animals. This is not it. Trees help in controlling water pollution and preventing soil erosion.

The places inhabited by large numbers of trees are quite cooler compared to the concrete jungles that cannot do without air conditioners. Unfortunately, urbanisation is leading to clearing of forests and parks despite the numerous benefits they offer. People come here for morning walks, evening strolls, yoga sessions and laughter therapy. These also serve as a safe place for the kids to play and socialise. The only way left to preserve them and reap these benefits is by growing them at a faster rate.

As a Chinese proverb states, "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now." So do your bit and make this place more beautiful.

Thank you.

Question for Practice

@ Internet has really become quite affordable these days. hence online education with pre-recorded lessons and live classes has become very important and popular during corona outbreak. Write an article on 'Can Computers Replace Classroom Teaching'. You are Gavita/ Garvit XII-A.

@ You are disturbed to find that most of the youngsters now a days are becoming a prey to the fast-food culture and social media. They lack physical activity. Write an article on this phenomenon. You are Manav / Manita XI- B.

@ You are Ratan/Ratna, XII. As you are aware of the modern health conditions of the whole world. Write an article on the modern status of this corona-stricken world and suggest some valuable steps to check this invisible demon.