

Article

Introduction

An article is written to circulate the news, research results, academic analysis, etc. It is a piece of literary work which informs or reveals something.

Points to Remember

1. The article must have a catchy title to grab the interest of the reader.
2. The ideas should be systematically presented in short and informative sentences.
3. Present a neutral approach in your article.
4. It should be concise and written as clearly as possible.
5. Although marks are not deducted for exceeding the word limit, an article should be written within 120-150 words.
6. Marks may be deducted for grammatical errors and mistakes in the spellings and punctuation marks.
7. Marks are awarded on the content and expression of the write-up. Therefore, special care should be taken to maintain the coherence, accuracy and fluency of the content.

Difference between Article Writing and Paragraph Writing

An article is a piece of writing about a particular subject in a newspaper or magazine. On the other hand, a paragraph is section of a piece of writing. Also, a paragraph may or may not contain a heading/title, while an article always follows a heading/title.

An article consists of a series of ideas on one single topic which is not the case while writing a paragraph. An article might have more than a single paragraph while a paragraph has limitation of length. An article has a concluding paragraph whereas in a paragraph, there is a concluding sentence.

Say No to Smoking

Given below is a picture. Using the ideas from the picture as well your own ideas, prepare an article to be published in your school magazine on the topic 'Say No to Smoking' in 120-150 words. You are Deepak/Deepika.



(Source: CBSE)

Answer:

Say No to Smoking

By Deepika

“Cigarette smoking is injurious to health”. Although this caution is printed on every cigarette pack, not many pay attention to it. Consequently, a large number of people lose their lives due to its addiction.

A cigarette contains thousands of chemical compounds and toxic substances. Research shows that cigarette smoking reduces life expectancy by a number of years. People who smoke are more likely to get affected by cancer and cardio-vascular diseases than the non-smokers.

Nicotine, a highly addictive drug, is an important component of cigarettes. Regular smokers are led to addiction due to this drug. Such people are possessed with an uncontrollable desire to smoke, which can be noticed through their strong emotional, mental, or physical reactions.

However, being addicted does not mean that we cannot stop. One must realize that smoking, merely, stains our teeth and deteriorates our health. Therefore, one must spread awareness about the ill-effects of smoking and say no to smoking.

What is Ailing Our Tourism?

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?

By Astha Awasthi

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 tourists from all over the world. However, tourism in India has been constantly suffering setbacks due to the various inefficiencies in its tourism industry.

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.

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.

Books Are Man's Best Companion

Your school has organized a book fair. You participate in an article writing competition that is being organized as a part of the fair. Write an article on the topic 'Books Are Man's Best Companion' in 120-150 words. Sign your name as Pankaj.

Answer:

Books are Man's Best Companion

By Pankaj

Books are a man's best friend, often working as his philosopher and guide. Good books provide an enjoyable company to their readers and never let them feel bored. Moreover, being a store-house of knowledge, they are the best means for quenching the thirst of knowledge.

However, one must be careful while selecting books as all of them are not good to read, as is said by the famous English author Francis Bacon, "*Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested.*"

Besides being an excellent source of recreation, they are a treat for those who find the pleasure of life in reading. They often provide a person with the ability to judge between right and wrong. Also, they encourage their reader to follow the righteous path. Books indeed provide a pleasurable company and prove to be a trustworthy and lifelong companion.

Increasing Obesit

The level of obesity has risen among people since the last few years. Write an article on the topic “Increasing Obesity”.

Answer:

Increasing Obesity

By XYZ

Obesity is a state of being overweight and is more than just a cosmetic problem. It is a serious health hazard which is a result of life style disorder.

It is astonishing to see obesity not just among men and women, but in school-going children too. The major cause for this increasing obesity is our wrong eating habits. Also, due to time constraints and prior commitments, it becomes very hard for people to take out time for any physical activity.

However, excess fat can lead to severe chronic diseases and illnesses. Efforts need to be put in to educate and inform people about this problem. Also, government should organize free check up camps to help the people to keep a check on any health related problems.

Robots - a Wonder of Science

Household Worker

Available for Rs. 25000/- ‘A ROBOT WORKER’. Guaranteed freedom from household chores for women. Washes, cleans, irons, lays bed and dining tables, and helps with children’s homework!

Reading the above advertisement you feel astonished at the amazing development made by science - a robot not only washes cleans irons but also lays beds, dining tables and even helps children with their homework. In order to generate interest among children for science, write an article in 120-150 words using your own ideas, together with the ideas from the unit ‘science’.

(Source: CBSE)

Answer:

Robots - a Wonder of Science

By XYZ

“Men love to wonder and that is the seed of science” - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The advent of technological and scientific development has certainly helped humans to lead a life of comfort, luxury and style. Modern science has developed robots which are being sold for just Rs.25000 and guarantee freedom from all the household chores like washing, cleaning, ironing, etc. Moreover, they claim to help children with their homework.

Today, we are living in a truly digital age and resistance is difficult, or rather seems impossible. Through ultra modern gadgets and such astonishing inventions, man has been able to give a definite shape to his imagination.

As the result of these inventions, our lives have changed beyond recognition. Science has taken over the whole world and revolutionized every aspect of the modern man's life.

Effect of Television on Society

You are Altaf/Arifa. Your father wants you to participate in an article writing competition. He has asked you to practice writing articles every day. For today, you are supposed to write an article on the topic- “Effect of television on society” within 120-150 words.

Answer:

Effect of Television on Society

By Altaf

Television has become a part of our daily lives and repeated exposure to the so called 'Idiot Box' can lead to various positive as well as negative impacts among people.

Some studies indicate that moderate TV viewing can stimulate a person's education and creativity. Television has become a useful source of information for both the literate and the illiterate. Farmers in the rural areas can view the effective methods of farming, weather forecast and raise the agriculture production of the country. One can gain important information on stock markets, investment queries and news. Besides, it is the most popular source of entertainment.

But still one cannot deny the harmful effects of television. Today, television has taken the place of other interactive experiences such as outdoor games and other physical

activities. Moreover, it has been blamed over the decades for almost everything- be it obesity, weak eyesight, violence or even murder. Thus, a limit needs to be set on its viewing.

Importance of Sports

Your school celebrated sports day recently. After hearing your teachers' views about sports, you have started to appreciate it. Write an article on the topic "Importance of sports". You are Sheray Panday.

Answer:

Importance of Sports

By Shreyas Panday

A sport is a kind of physical activity which entertains as well as keeps our body healthy and fit. It's high time the parents and teachers realize the importance of sports for their children and give considerable importance to the physical training of the young.

Ailments of our body and stress, stunts the growth of our mind. However, if a person participates in sports, he can get over these problems and live an active life. The health which he acquires will help him to work harder and become more successful. Playing sports is not only a form of exercise but also a recreational activity. People get to relax and enjoy playing sports.

Sports, in general, have had an important and estimable function in life. Inevitably, it will soon be regarded as the indispensable factor for intellectual and moral growth.

Child Labour

Write an article for your school magazine, within 120-150 words, on 'Child Labour'.

Answer:

Child Labour

By XYZ

Child labour is a worm that is slowly eating up the lives of thousands of children across the world. It is difficult to imagine how small children can be forced to carry load or work in stalls or factories.

Poor people, especially those who lack adequate resources to feed their children, make their children work in small factories, restaurants, hotels houses etc. in order to support the household. Most of the children who are forced to do manual labour are deprived of their basic right to education.

The Indian Parliament passed the Child Labour (Prohibition and Abolition) Act in 1986. However, no amount of legislation can do away with this evil until and unless people are sensitized about this issue. Parents who send their children to work must be discouraged from doing so and all those who employ children must be brought to the book. The issue of child labour needs sensitive handling as it pertains to the future of India.

Yoga and Walking

You are Nitin/ Neha. You happen to see the following report in a newspaper.

Exercise is the key to good health. Most people think that they have to go to fashionable gyms and to do a workout in order to remain fit and healthy. Many follow strict diets so that they can keep a check on their weight. But what they don't realize is that walking and yoga are the easiest, the cheapest and the best ways to remain fit and healthy.

Using the above information and your own ideas, write an advisory article for your school magazine in 120-150 words on the benefits of walking, yoga and a balanced diet, including a few dos and don'ts.

(Source: CBSE, 2006)

Answer:

Yoga and Walking

By Neha

A good physical workout is the key to a healthy life. Contrary to the beliefs of the young generation, one does not need to spend hefty amounts on fashionable gyms to stay fit and healthy. One of the most effective and yet cheap way to stay healthy is walking and practicing yoga.

Yogic postures can work wonders for one's body. Various asanas not only keep a check on the body fat but also act as a mental therapy. Another easy yet effective form of exercise is walking. Just 20-30 minutes of brisk walk can control the cholesterol levels, cardiovascular diseases and keep the body weight under control.

However, exercise cannot work independently. It has to be accompanied with a balanced diet. It is important that people understand the importance of exercising and following a diet plan to attain a healthy lifestyle.

Plight of the Neglected Monuments

You are Amrita. You came across a news item reflecting gross neglect of our invaluable historical monuments. Write an article expressing your concern about the neglect of historical monuments.

Answer:

Plight of the Neglected Monuments

Amrita

Historical monuments are a reflection of a country's heritage. But it is a pity to see the way these monuments are being neglected by us. Even the most famous monument, Taj Mahal, is getting dilapidated.

New Delhi, the capital of our nation, is famous for its historical monuments. But the condition of these monuments is fast deteriorating. The walls of the monuments are crumbling and the roofs are getting cracked. The bricks and stones of the monuments are losing its plaster. Apart from this, the places nearby these monuments are packed with traffic jams and filth. Besides, these historical monuments are being callously disfigured by the visitors who come and write their names on the walls of the monuments.

The government and the citizens are equally responsible to maintain the condition of these monuments. We must create awareness about the importance of our historical monuments before it's too late.