



Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:

### Death of An Innocent

I went to a party, mom, I remember what you said,  
You told me not to drink, mom, so I drank soda instead.  
I didn't touch a drink, mom, though everyone said I should,  
I really felt proud inside, mom, just the way you said I would.

I know I did the right thing, mom, I know you're always right,  
Now the party is finally ending, mom, and everyone's driving out of sight.  
As I got into my car, mom, I knew I'd get home in one piece,  
Because of the way you raised me, mom, so responsible and sweet.

I started to drive away, mom, but as I pulled out onto the road,  
The other car didn't see me, mom, and hit me like a load.  
As I lie here on the pavement, mom, I hear the policeman say,  
The other guy is drunk, mom, and now I'm the one who'll pay.



I'm lying here dying, mom, I wish you'd get here soon,  
How could this happen to me, mom? My life burst like a balloon.  
There's blood all around me, mom, and most of it is mine,  
I hear the medic say, mom, I'll die in a short time.

I just wanted to tell you, mom, I swear I didn't drink,  
It was the others, mom. The others didn't think.  
He was probably at the same party as I,  
The only difference is, he drank and I will die.



*continued...*

Why do people drink, mom? It can ruin your whole life,  
 I'm feeling sharp pains now, mom, pains just like a knife.  
 The guy that hit me is walking, mom, I don't think it is fair,  
 I'm lying here dying, mom, and all he can do is stare.



Tell my brother not to cry, mom, tell daddy to be brave,  
 And when I go to heaven, mom, put "daddy's girl" on my grave.  
 Someone should have told him, mom, not to drink and drive,  
 If only they had told him, mom, I would still be alive.

My breath is getting short, mom, I'm becoming very scared,  
 Please don't cry for me, mom. When I needed you, you were always there.  
 I have one last question, mom, before I say good bye,  
 I didn't drink and drive, mom, so why am I the one to die?



- Q1 Who is the speaker of the above lines?  
 Q2 Who is he/she speaking to?  
 Q3 What do we know about the speaker and his /her character?  
 Q4 How old is the speaker of the above lines?  
 Q5 Which scene has been described in the poem?  
 Q6 What do we know about the other driver?  
 Q7 What social problem does the speaker's plight bring to our mind?  
 Q8 What do you know about teenage driving?  
 Q9 Why are so many teenagers involved in car accidents?  
 Q10 The last two verses of the poem bring about a sense of \_\_\_\_\_  
 and \_\_\_\_\_ and make us feel very \_\_\_\_\_  
 about \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Q11 Suggest another appropriate title for the poem.

### Follow Up Activity:

The name of the drunk driver of the above poem was Mark Jones. Work in groups and have a Mock Trial in class: The State against Mark Jones. You need a prosecutor, lawyers, witnesses and a judge, of course.



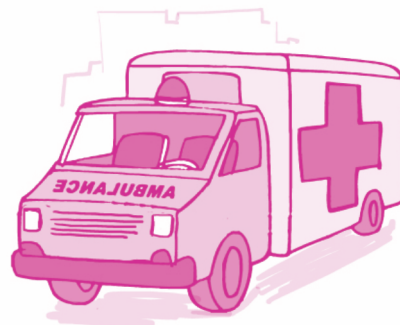
# Letter Writing



## DRIVING BEHAVIOUR

### News

*Driving behaviour is an extension of public behaviour.* Social scientists say that "we are unable to ever 'give way', lest this be seen as a weakness". Seldom is the right of way given to an ambulance, while it is considered smart to jump queues at toll gates or violate a red-light traffic signal. Following the rules, it seems, is left to the meek. [The Economics Times]



You have just read the above article in The Economic Times .Write a letter to the editor expressing your concern over the ever increasing number of accidents on our roads today. Site inexperience, risk taking, lack of hazard perception , non existent road culture and apathy towards rules and regulations as major causes that lead to accidents. (150-200 words)



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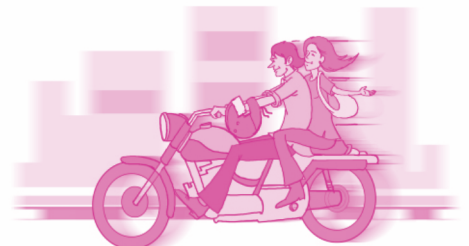


# Article Writing



## ROAD OFFENCES

Sl. No.	Offence	Penalty	Section
2.1.1	Driving by Minor.	Rs. 500/-	4 r/w 181 MVA
2.1.2	Allowing Unauthorized person to drive.	Rs. 1000/-	5 r/w 180 MVA
2.1.3	Driving without Helmet.	Rs. 100/-	129 r/w 177 MVA
2.1.4	Seat Belts not fastened.	Rs. 100/-	138(3) CMVR 177 MVA
2.1.5	Rough/Rash/Negligent Driving.	Rs. 1000/-	184 MVA
2.1.6	Dangerous or hasty Driving.	Rs.1000/- and/or imprisonment ( 6 months)	112-183 MVA
2.1.7	Not Driving in Proper Lane.	Court Challan	66 r/w 192 MVA
2.1.8	Driving in the center and not to left side.	Rs.100/-	2 RRR r/w 177 MVA
2.1.9	Driving against One Way.	Rs.100/-	17 (i) RRR 177 MVA

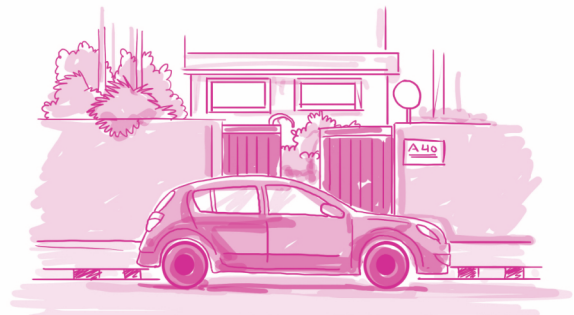


2.1.10	Driving under influence of Alcohol / Drugs.	Rs.2000/- and/or imprisonment ( 6 months)	185 MVA
2.1.11	Taking “U” turn during outlawed hours.	Rs.100/-	12 RRR 177 MVA
2.1.12	Using Mobile Phone while Driving.	Up to 1000/-	184 MVA
2.1.13	In case of a minor Accident.	Rs. 1000/-	184 MVA
2.1.14	Failing to carry on left of traffic island.	Rs.100/-	2 RRR 177 MVA
2.1.15	Playing music while Driving.	Rs. 100/-	102/177 MVA
4.7	Using horn in Silence Zone.	Rs.100/-	21(ii) RRR 177 MVA
5.1	Using Vehicle in Unsafe Conditions.	Court Challan	192 MVA
5.2	When motor vehicle is out of state for more than 12 months.	Rs.100/-	47-177 MVA
5.3	Particulars to be printed on transport vehicles.	Rs.100/-	84(G)-177 MVA
5.4	Without Wiper	Rs.100/-	CMVR 101 5,12 177 MVA
5.4	Without Side Mirror.	Rs.100/-	5, 7/177 MVA
5.5	Defective tyres.	Rs.100/-	CMVR 94
5.6	No indication board on left hand drive vehicle.	Rs.100/-	120, 177 MVA
5.7	Sale of motor vehicle/ alteration of motor vehicle in contravention of Act.	Rs.300/-	52/191 MVA, 32/192.66/192 MV Act
5.8	Vehicles fitted with dark glasses/ sun films.	Rs.100/-	100 CMVR 177 MVA

5.9	Driving without proper number plate/illuminating rear number plate.	Rs.100/-	236 MMVR 177 MVA
5.10	Failing to display public carrier board.	Rs.100/-	116 MMVR 177 MVA
5.11	Using private vehicle for commercial purposes.	Rs. 5000/- ( not less than Rs. 2000/-)	-
5.12	Any sort of misconduct with passengers, not wearing uniform/not displaying badge.	Rs.100/-	MMVR 21(18) 177 MVA
5.13	Overloading a goods vehicle.	Rs. 2000/-plus Rs. 1000/- for every additional ton.	MMVR 93(u)(i) 177 MVA
5.14	Carrying goods in a dangerous or hazardous manner.	Imprisonment and/or fine of Rs. 3000/-	29 RRR 177 MVA
5.15	Infringement of permit conditions.	Imprisonment and/or fine of Rs. 5000/-( not less than Rs. 2000/-)	-
5.16	Use of Colored light on Vehicle	Rs. 100/-	97(2)/177 DMVR
6.1	Plying in 'NO ENTRY' Time	Upto 2000/-	115/194 MVA
6.	Violation of Time Table	Court Challan	11/177, 2/177, 66/192 MVA
6.2	High and Long / Load in Vehicles	Rs. 100/-	29 RRR/177 MVA
6.3	Carrying animals in goods vehicles in contravention of rules.	Rs.100/-	MMVR 83 177 MVA
6.4	Carrying persons dangerously or carrying persons in goods vehicles.	Rs.100/-	MMVR 108 177 MVA
6.6	Dangerous projection of goods.	Rs.100/-	229 MMVR 29 RRR 177 MVA

6.7	Carrying goods unsecured.	Rs.100/-	MMVR 202 177 MVA
6.8	Carrying goods more than 11 feet high.	Rs.100/-	MMVR 93(u) (i) 177 MVA
6.9	Load on Tail Board.	Rs.100/-	MMVR 202 177 MVA
6.10	Misbehavior by Taxi/TSR Driver.	Rs. 100/-	11(3)/177 DMVR
6.11	Over Charging by Taxi/TSR Driver.	Rs. 100/-	11(8)/177 DMVR
6.12	Charging without Meter.	Rs. 100/-	11(8)/177 DMVR
6.13	Refusal by Taxi/TSR Driver.	Rs. 100/-	11(9)/177 DMVR
6.14	Driver without Uniform.	Rs. 100/-	7/177 DMVR
6.14	Driver without Badge.	Rs. 100/-	22(1)/177 DMVR
6.15	Conductor without Uniform.	Rs. 100/-	23(1)/177 DMVR
6.16	Conductor without Badge.	Rs. 100/-	22(1)/177 DMVR
6.17	Stopping without Bus stop	Court Challan	66/192 MVA
6.18	Power to detain Vehicle used in contravention of section 3.4,39 or 66(1) MV Act.	Court Challan	207(1) MVA
7.1	Parking in the direction of flow of traffic.	Rs.100/-	22(a) RRR 177 MVA
7.2	Parking away from footpath towards road.	Rs.100/-	15(2) RRR 177 MVA
7.3	Parking against flow of traffic.	Rs.100/-	15(2) RRR 177 MVA

Penalty for Parking in Prohibited Areas			
7.4	Parking causing Obstruction.	Rs. 100/-	15(2) RRR 177 MVA
7.5	Parking on a Taxi Stand.	Rs. 100/-	15(2) RRR 177 MVA
7.6	Parking in not any prescribed manner.	Rs. 100/-	15(1) RRR 177 MVA
7.7	Parking at any Corner.	Rs. 100/-	15(i) RRR 177 MVA
7.8	Parking within 15 meters on either side of Bus Stop.	Rs. 100/-	15(2) RRR 177 MVA
7.9	Parking on Bridge.	Rs. 100/-	15(2) (i) RRR 177 MVA
7.10	Parking at Traffic Island.	Rs. 100/-	15(i) RRR 177 MVA
7.11	Parking in “No” Parking Area.	Rs. 100/-	15(2) RRR 177 MVA
7.12	Parked on Pedestrian Crossing.	Rs. 100/-	15(2)(iii) RRR 177 MVA
7.13	Parking on Footpath.	Rs. 100/-	15(2)(ii) RRR 177 MVA
7.14	Parking in front of a gate.	Rs. 100/-	15(2)(viii) RRR 177 MVA
7.15	Parking causing obstruction.	Rs. 100/-	15(1) RRR 177 MVA
<b>RRR:</b> Rules of Road Regulations 1989 <b>MMVR:</b> Maharashtra Motor Vehicles Rules 1989		<b>MVA:</b> Motor Vehicles Act 1988 <b>CMVR:</b> Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989	



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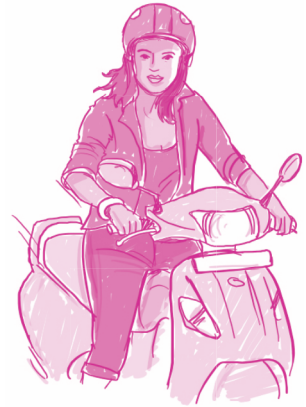
# Grammar Exercise



## TRAFFIC RULES

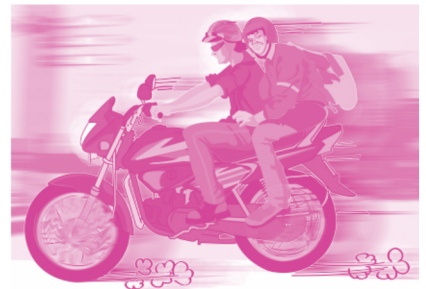
Complete the following passage by filling in appropriate words:

CHANDIGARH: When singers were reluctant to pen \_\_\_\_\_ verses on the "dry subject" of traffic rules \_\_\_\_\_ road safety, 41-year-old head constable Desh Raj of the Traffic Police decided to put his passion \_\_\_\_\_ poetry and singing to good use.




Writing poems on road safety, need \_\_\_\_\_ helmets for women, the hazards of drunk driving and the like, Desh Raj's first poem was \_\_\_\_\_ over speeding. He even staged a play on Duryodhan chasing Draupadi on the roads, breaking rules, \_\_\_\_\_ Road Safety Week celebrations.

The head constable holds court \_\_\_\_\_ the Children's Traffic Park in Sector 23. He enjoys sessions on road safety \_\_\_\_\_ school children, peppers them with couplets, incorporates movies on \_\_\_\_\_



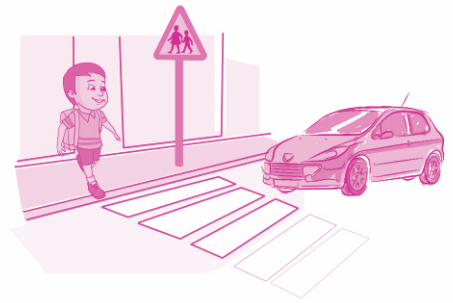
serious issue, gathers informative reading material and gives practical demonstrations \_\_\_\_\_ training.

"For classes V to X traffic sessions deal \_\_\_\_\_ minor security issues. Class X onwards, teenagers are taught the importance of driving with license and the responsibility

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every driver must have. We ask students \_\_\_\_\_ share their experience at the Traffic Park with \_\_\_\_\_ friends and others to spread traffic awareness," said Raj.

Many organisations and Army units invite \_\_\_\_\_ for interactive sessions. Swelling with pride, Desh Raj tells, "Intelligent people will always appreciate public safety." His colleagues call him \_\_\_\_\_ department hero.



### Note:-

**This passage salutes an individual's efforts to sensitize us to a burning social issue and reiterates the fact that an individual CAN make a difference. Let's work towards safe and accident free roads. We owe it to ourselves.**

### Follow Up Activity:

Use the internet to read up articles about children who have organized campaigns on road safety in their neighborhoods. Bring two of your favourite articles to school and share them with your friends.

