

SARASWATI ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL, NARPOLI BHIWANDI.

Maharashtra State Board - English Medium

Grade - 10 | English Kumarbharati

Name: _____

Diwali Activity (English)

Roll No: _____

2022 - 23

Time: 01 Hour(s)

Marks: 20

Q1 - Writing Skills

(20)

A - Letter writing

(5)

1. Imagine you are Dipesh/Disha Shastri, residing at J.M. Road, Shivaji Nagar, Pune.
Attempt any one letter based on the given advertisement :

Blood Donation Camp

Donate Blood – Save Lives :

- Blood means life
- A noble work
- Higher requirement
- Can bring smile on many faces

Venue : F.C. Road, Pune

Date : 5th March

Time : 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Contact : The Secretary, Lions Club, Pune

A1. Formal Letter

Write a letter to 'The Secretary' requesting him to enroll your name for the Blood Donation Camp.

OR

A2. Informal Letter

Write a letter to your friend Manish/Manisha appealing him or her to donate generously. Tell him/her the importance of Blood Donation.

Solution.

A1.

Dipesh / Disha
J. M. Road
Shivaji Nagar
Pune

To
The Secretary
Lions Club
Pune

Subject : Requesting to enroll for blood donation camp.

Dear Sir,

I recently came across your advertisement in the newspaper about blood donation camp. I would like to show my interest by making a contribution to this cause.

As blood is highly required in many cases especially during the devastating cases of accidents, illnesses and operations, it would be a pleasure to bring smile on millions of faces and give them a chance to live freely.

I have donated my blood in many camps as well as volunteered to promote blood donation in school programs. Its necessity is very well understood by me so I request you to enroll my name for the camp. I assure you that I will be the first one to arrive.

Please acknowledge this so that many people can receive the help they deserve.

Yours faithfully,
Dipesh / Disha

OR

A2.

Dipesh / Disha
J. M. Road
Shivaji Nagar
Pune

Dear Manish /Manisha,

How are you? I have been trying to reach out lately. Hope you are in good health. There's an advertisement about blood donation camp organised on 5th March at F. C. Road. I am going to participate and I want you to join in with me.

Blood donation is not just a one-way task. It eventually reaches to those whose lives are dependent on it. Accidents due to carelessness can cost lives. Millions are suffering from illnesses. Who knows how many futures you will build once you donate? This noble work will never go in vain. It's highly required and I urge you to acknowledge its need.

I hope to get a response from you soon. I will be waiting for you to accompany me.

Yours lovingly,
Dipesh / Disha

B - Information Transfer (Any 1)

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1 - Verbal to Non-Verbal :

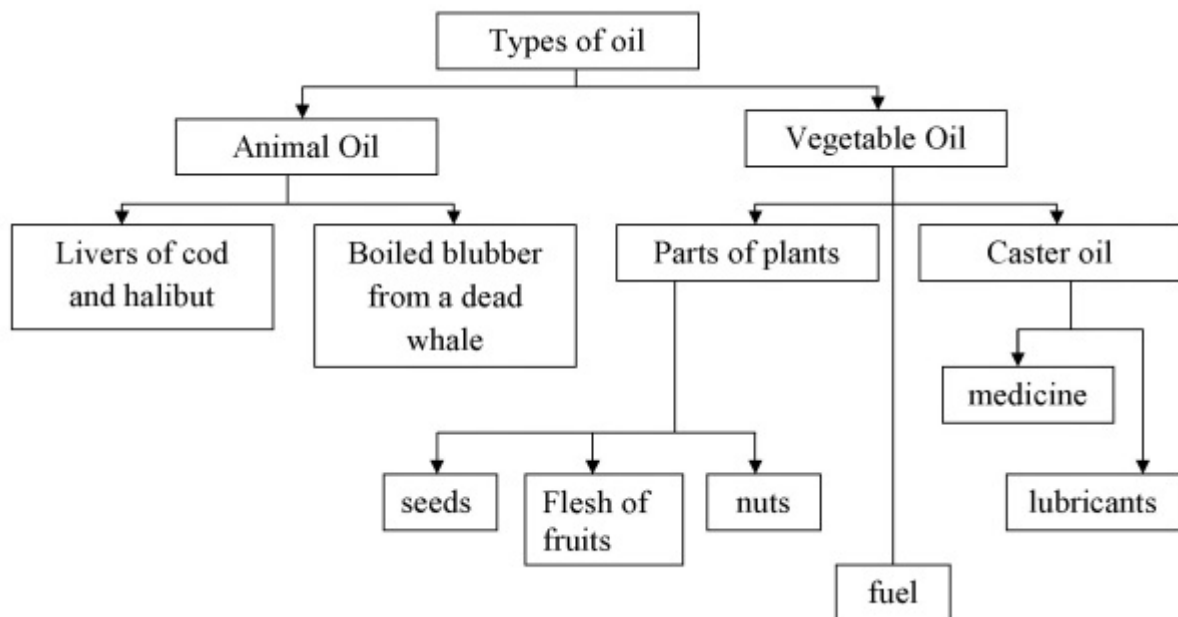
1. Read the following paragraph and convert into a tree diagram:

Two common types of oils are animal oil and vegetable oil.
Some of the commonest sources of animal oils are from the livers of the cod and halibut, two kinds of fish. These oils are very nourishing. They are a great source of vitamins, and hence are recommended for under – nourished children. We get oil from other

creatures as well, but it is the whale that yields the most. The whale has a thick coating of fat called blubber which protects it from the extreme cold of the Arctic seas. Whales are often hunted for this oil. To make this oil fit for human consumption blubber is stripped off from a dead whale and boiled, most often on board the ship.

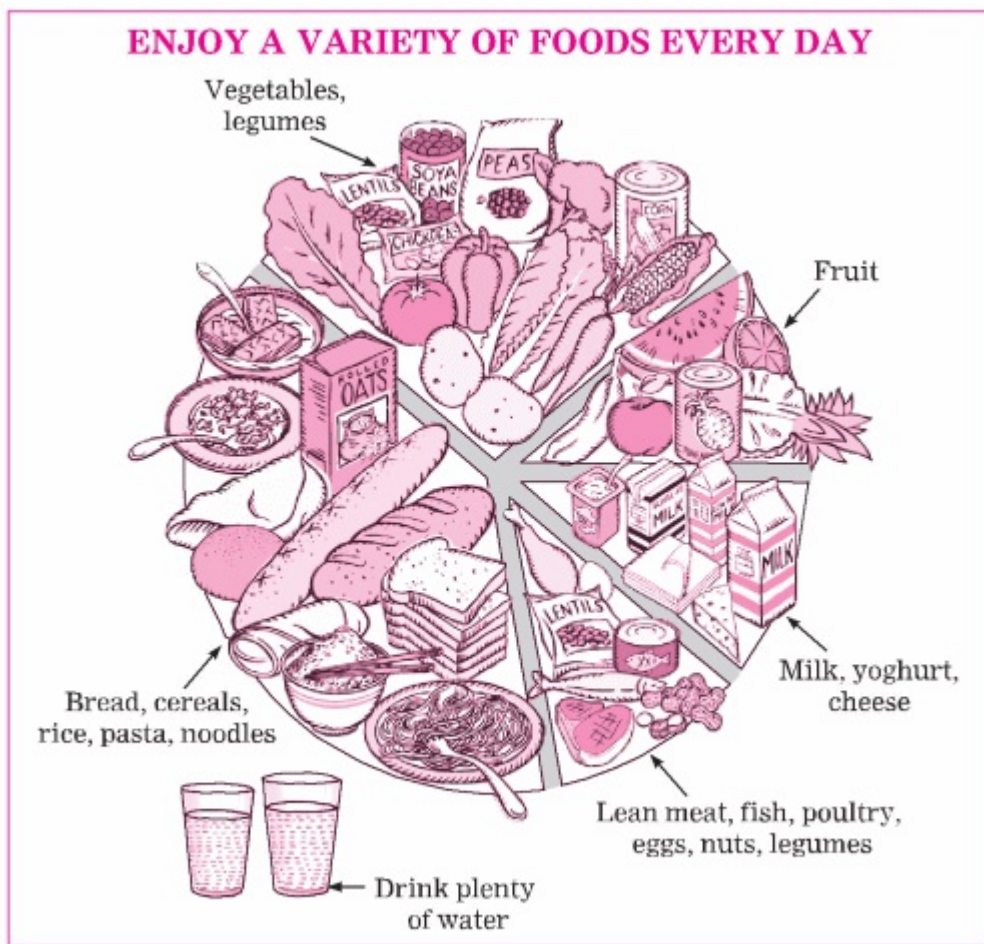
Vegetable oils are extracted from different plant parts such as seeds, nuts and the flesh of fruits. They are widely used in cooking. From very ancient times they have been used in households for various reasons. The oils of certain flowers are extracted to make perfumes. Vegetable oils such as castor oil are used as medicine and as lubricants. In recent times, there have been debates on using waste vegetable oils as fuel.

Solution.



2 - Non-Verbal to Verbal :

1. Given below is a pie chart showing the distribution of food for a healthy diet. Write a brief paragraph based on the chart :



Solution.

HEALTHY DIET

This obviously seems to be a diet chart from a European nation as 40% of the daily diet comprises bread, cereals like oats, pasta and noodles. Next to it comes vegetables and legumes which claim 30% of the required diet. The remaining 30% is equally divided among the three groups viz. (i) dairy products, (ii) fruit and (iii) lean meat, fish, etc. There is a piece of advice on the sideline advising plenty of water intake.

C - Do as directed: (Any 1)

(5)

1. Imagine you have to deliver a speech on 'Independence Day' or 'Republic Day' in the school assembly. Prepare a speech on 'My dream India/The India I dream of'.

Use the following steps :

Greeting and salutation

- Introduction of the topic
- Elaboration of the topic with examples
- Conclusion

Solution.

My Dream India

Respected Principal, teachers and my dear friends,

Today, 15th August, is the day India won her freedom. No doubt, at that time the citizens of free India had many dreams for their country, some of which would have certainly come true. often think about my 'dream' India too, and I would like to tell you something about it.

In the India of my dreams, there would be no poverty. Every single person would be literate and the acquisition of knowledge would be open to all, irrespective of caste, creed or religion. Corruption eats away a country; and in my dream India, there would be no corrupt people. Truth and sincerity would reign. The growth of the population would be controlled and there would be no shortage of

natural resources. Every man, woman and child would be able to live with dignity and self-respect. There would be no dependence on other countries for the fulfilment of our basic needs. India would have her rightful place on an international level and other countries would look up to her with respect. There would be no need to have a police force because there would be no crime and no criminals.

This is my dream India in brief I will certainly do my bit to make my dream come true.

Thank you.

2. Read the points given below, and then write a counterview on the opinion expressed therein :

Views : The need for regular homework

- today, students are not given sufficient homework
- they have lost the habit of writing and solitary study.
- they waste time chatting on the Internet or playing video games.
- the foundation of various subjects has become weak.

Solution.

THE ROLE OF HOMEWORK

The question I would like to ask is : Why should students be overburdened with homework? There was a time when students were given pages and pages of writing or learning work to do at home. The modern focus of education is more activity-based. Students are asked to plan projects, participate in group activities in class and do a lot of oral work in class itself – all of which help to develop their all-round personalities.

Sitting alone at home and writing or learning answer after answer hardly benefits the student. Planning projects or participating in group activities helps to develop various qualities which will stand them in good stead in later life. They learn to be more social, they learn to share experiences and what is most important – they begin to understand things better than they would ever be able to if they sat alone at home spending hours on homework. The oral discussions develop their speaking skills, teach them how to participate in conversations, make them learn the importance of sharing ideas, respecting other people's opinions, airing differences of opinion gracefully and so on. All this cannot be learnt at home.

Classroom activity is the norm of the day and a welcome norm, indeed! Children tend to learn more when they are with their peer group. Learning becomes a fun-activity rather than a burdensome, lonely exercise.

D - Do as directed: (Any 1)

(5)

1. Develop a story in about 80 – 100 words with the following ending. Give a suitable title.

... I learnt not to be careless and casual about security.

Solution.

A Lesson I Learnt

One night I was suddenly woken up by strange noises. I immediately suspected that burglars had entered the house. I got up and went down the stairs in the darkness. When I reached the drawing room I was horrified to find two men moving around stealthily. I immediately woke my father, who rang up the police station. Within five minutes, two policemen had reached our house. Quietly and smoothly, they nabbed the burglars, who tried to attack them and escape.

After the event, I was praised as well as scolded. Praised because of my alertness and quick thinking. And scolded? Because I had been unforgivably careless. I had completely forgotten to close the door

after returning from my after-dinner walk, leaving it wide open. After this incident, I learnt not to be careless and casual about security.

2. Expand the following theme :

Make hay while the sun shines / Strike while the iron is hot

Solution.

Make hay while the sun shines / Strike while the iron is hot

When life presents opportunities, we must seize them and not let them go. Everyone in their lifetime gets some chances to move ahead. Each big chance is a godsend and we must seize it to move forward in life. Something or the other or some person makes it easy for us to get along in life. That is what the proverb means.

We must strike while the iron is hot. In other words, we must make hay while the sun is shining. In any sport, the winner is the one who looks for opportunities to overcome his opponents by taking advantage of their weaknesses.

It is also true that once we miss that opportunity, it may never come our way again. We will live all our life to regret the missed chance. We must also put in our own efforts, but never lose out on the chance that knocks our door. When an opportunity presents itself we must seize it and use it to go further in life. Then only can we be successful.

Or

Make hay while the sun shines

Hay is mowed and dried grass. The drying can take place only in sunny weather. Therefore, hay must be made while the sun shines. The implication of this apparently simple advice is that we must seize the opportunity before us and take maximum advantage of it.

A chance lost may never come again. We must avail ourselves of favourable circumstance and use them to our advantage. Youth is the time to take risks, work hard, make all-round progress and lay by enough for a contented and comfortable old age. "Strike while the iron is hot" is another saying expressing the same idea. Opportunities will not present themselves again and again. The readiness to seize one when it offers itself is the key to success. So, we must make hay while the sun shines.