

SARASWATI ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL, NARPOLI BHIWANDI.

Maharashtra State Board - English Medium

Grade - 9 | English Kumarbharati

Name: _____

Diwali Activity (English)

Roll No: _____

Time: 01 Hour(s)

Marks: 20

Q1 - Writing Skills

(20)

A - Letter writing

(5)

1. Attempt any one of the following letters with the help of the information given in the leaflet :

Visit Coorg
(1) Coorg → Situated in Karnataka.
(2) Sanctuaries nearby Coorg → Pushpagiri and Brahmagiri.
(3) Spices of Coorg → Pepper, Cardamom, Nutmeg, Turmeric, Lemon grass.
(4) Name of a fort → Madikeri Fort.
(5) Major river → Cauveri.
(6) Type of trees → Bamboo, Sandalwood and Rosewood.
Karnataka Tourism Development Corporation

A1. Informal Letter :
You are planning to visit Coorg with your family. Invite your friend to join and suggest your plan using the information given in the leaflet.

OR

A2. Formal Letter :
You are planning to visit Coorg with your family. Write to Karnataka Tourism Development Corporation asking whether bookings are available and enquire about the information given in the leaflet.

Solution.

A1.

Karuna Apartments

J.P. Road

Gokul Market

Amravati – 444 601

17 April, 2018

Dear Nayana,

Hi ! How are you? How was your trip to Shimla?

Now here is some news that will make you happy. We are planning a trip to Coorg in Karnataka. We will be going in the first week of June. We were wondering if you and your parents would like to join us. The tentative plan is to spend four days in Coorg, and visit sanctuaries like Pushpagiri and Brahmagiri, Madikeri Fort, the banks of the River Cauveri, etc. We also plan to stay at the KTDC Resort there. We heard it is good.

Nayana, do come. You remember all the wonderful trips we have had in the past, don't you? In Coorg, you can see all the greenery and wildlife that you want – there are bamboo, rosewood and sandalwood trees in profusion. Aunty can also bring back plenty of spices and cook delicious dishes! I hear that there is an elephant camp on the banks of the Cauveri ! ! It promises to be fun.

Please do come. We can discuss the details later. My regards to Aunty and Uncle and lots of love to you.

Your loving friend,
XYZ

OR

A2.

Karuna Apartments
J.P. Road
Gokul Market
Amravati – 444 601
17 April, 2018

To
The Manager
KTDC Resort
Madikeri
Coorg – 571 201

Sub. : Room booking – 2nd to 5th June 2018

Sir,

I am planning to visit Coorg along with my family in June and would like you to book a deluxe room from 2nd June to 5th June. There will be three of us.

We plan to visit sanctuaries like Pushpagiri and Brahmagiri, Madikeri Fort, the banks of the Cauveri, etc. Please make arrangements for a car and a guide for us for these 3 days. We would also like to see the bamboo, sandalwood and rosewood forests. Do we need official permission for this? Are there government authorized shops that sell spices like pepper, cardamom, etc. for which Coorg is famous?

Once you confirm my booking, I will transfer the money electronically. Please do the booking as soon as possible.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
XYZ

B - Information Transfer: (Any 1)

(5)

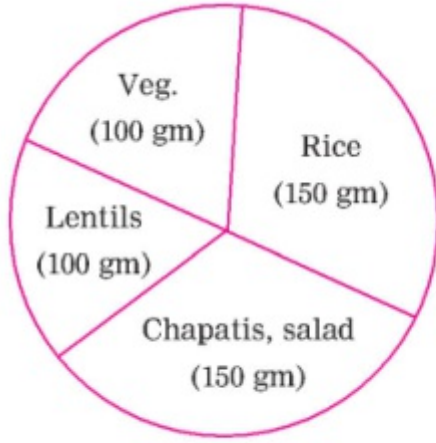
1 - Verbal to Non-verbal :

1. Read the information given below and prepare suitable pie diagrams showing this information :

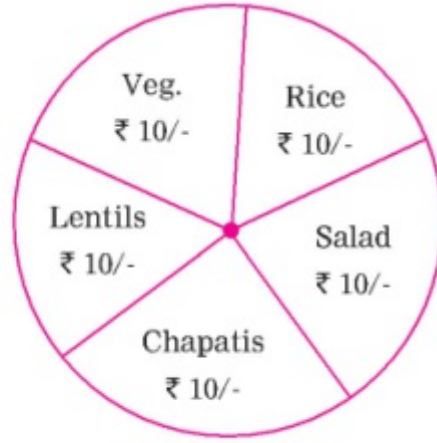
Mr Dalvi maintains the following diet for his daily afternoon meal. He has 100 grams of vegetables, 100 grams of lentils, 150 grams of rice, and another 150 grams of chapatis and salad. Mr Dalvi purchases his food from a 'Poli Bhaji Kendra'. He pays ₹ 10/- for the vegetables, ₹ 10/- for the lentils, and ₹ 10/- for the rice. He has four chapatis that cost him ₹ 10/- and salad that costs him the same amount.

Solution.

Mr. Dalvi's Lunch and its Expense



Items for Lunch



Expense for Lunch

2 - Non-verbal to Verbal :

1. Given below is some information about the coconut tree. Write a paragraph based on the information :

Coconut Tree

Names : Sanskrit name – Narikela; Hindi name – Nariyal.

Scientific name : Cocos nucifera

Family : belongs to the family 'Palmae' or the palm family

Origin : of Indo-Pacific origin either around Malaysia or the Indian Ocean

Height : 15 to 30 metres in height in plantations

Area of growth : Tropical and sub-tropical coastal regions, especially near sea beaches, found along coastlines

Any other points : known in India as 'kalpavriksha' or the 'tree of heaven' because of its many uses

Solution.

Profile of the Coconut Tree

The Sanskrit name of the coconut is Narikela, while in Hindi, it is known as the Nariyal. Its scientific name is Cocos nucifera and it belongs to the palm family known as Palmae. This tree is of Indo-Pacific origin, either around Malaysia or the Indian Ocean. In plantations, this tree can grow from 15 to 30 metres in height. It usually grows well in tropical and sub-tropical coastal regions. It is especially found near sea beaches and along coastlines. In India, this tree is known as the 'kalpavriksha' or the 'tree of heaven' because of its many uses.

C - Do as directed: (Any 1)

(5)

1. You have been asked to propose a 'Vote of Thanks' at the end of Annual Day programme of your school. Prepare a speech you would deliver.

Solution.

Honourable Chief Guest, respected Principal, Teachers, parents and my fellow friends. All good things come to an end. With great honour, I take the opportunity to thank our chief guest, for gracing this occasion, despite his hectic schedule. Sir, your presence has touched us because it conveys your concern for us.

I thank the management for their support and inspiration. Thank you so much for your encouragement, which has given us an impetus to put our best foot forward.

I thank our parents, ex-students and well-wishers for your faith in us. Your co-operation and readiness to stretch out your helping hand to us, made us feel great and honoured. Thank you for that respect for us.

Nothing can be completed in school without the support of our evergreen, dynamic support staff, who look after all the little things which matter so much. Thank you, dear team of support personnel.

Without you, we are lost.

To our teachers, what can I say? I have no words! The team spirit and the go-gettership have made the programmed a memorable event to remember. Thank you, one and all.

How can I forget my dear student friends? You have been a wonderful audience and also handymen as and when required. You students have been the support of our school. Thank you so much for always being there.

Let me bring Shakespears alive when I quote his words, 'Thanks and thanks.'

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. Write a report of about 20 lines based on the given headline to be published in your school magazine :

School Annual Function Celebrated

Solution.

SCHOOL ANNUAL FUNCTION CELEBRATED

– Saira Ahmed

Mumbai, February 3 : The 2nd of February was a day of excitement. The school grounds resembled

a mela with colourful canopies and a beautifully decorated stage. Students and teachers moved busily about. At 5 p.m. the gates were opened and parents, students and others started pouring in. By 5:30 p.m. the place was jam-packed. The front seats were occupied by the Chief Guest, his wife and other dignitaries.

The programme began with an Aarti dance. This was followed by a lively welcome song. Then the Principal introduced the Chief Guest, Mr. Chndrakant Mirajkar, the Municipal Commissioner. Bouquets were offered to him and his wife. This was followed by four items put up by the students of Std. I to IV. They were amusing and heartwarming. Then came the prize distribution. This took up a long time but there was considerable cheering and clapping. Virendra Rana and Shilpa Savargaonkar were applauded for being declared the Best Boy and the Best Girl for the Academic Year.

The Prize Distribution was followed by items presented by the Secondary Section. There were dance and plays too. The last dance was the Bhangra which left everyone in a jolly mood. After the national anthem, the gathering dispersed. It had, indeed, been an exciting day.

2. Expand the following theme :

If trees could speak...

Solution.

If trees could speak...

Jagdish Chandra Bose has proved by his experiments that trees have life just like animals and humans. They can feel and respond to our behaviour and talk. I wonder what trees would say if they could speak!

A tree responds to pain. So if a tree could speak, it would say 'ouch' if we pricked one of its leaves with a pin. It would scream with pain if we cut one of its branches. Its flowers would cry out piteously if we plucked them, and so would every leaf on the tree if smoke from a nearby chemical factory were to suffocate them.

Trees would certainly complain about their bitter enemy, man. They would tell of the countless murders of their kith and kin that he has committed. They would never forgive him for his thoughtless act of cutting them down only to build houses for himself. It is for us to stop and listen to them.