



# INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT

## SENIOR SECTION

### DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

#### CLASS IX

#### ARTICLE WRITING



#### **Date :**

An Article is an extended composition which needs great effort, knowledge, creativity and imagination.

#### **Objectives :**

- To share one's ideas on some issue
- To share one's experience with others
- To discuss some place, person or event
- To argue one's point of view
- To write for magazines, newspapers / newsletters etc.

#### **Format of an Article :**

**Title :** Should be eye-catching and should encapsulate the theme of the article. It can be one word or a group of words but not a complete sentence.

**Introduction:** The article may open dramatically with a question, quotation, some important anecdote or data to catch the reader's attention.

**Body:** Include all the major statements and their supporting ideas along with arguments, examples and evidence as required.

**Conclusion:** Conclude with a suggestion, hope, warning or a call for action.

**Name of the writer:** should be mentioned after the title.

### **Points to Remember :**

- Articles are generally descriptive or argumentative
- Descriptive articles generally describe some person, place or thing.
- In argumentative articles, we have to support or oppose ideas strongly.
- All information should be presented in a logical and coherent manner.
- Repetitions should be avoided. They bring monotony.
- A good vocabulary, quotations add to the composition.
- Word-limit is 150 words, which should be strictly adhered to.
- Name of the writer should be given. Designation is needed, if the article is argumentative.
- The first paragraph states the observation and the other paragraphs give supporting data, followed by conclusion in the end.

### **SAMPLE :**

#### BENEFITS OF BIKING FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

By- Petsy Jenkins

What is one thing that gives you confidence, stamina, exercise, fitness and thrill all in one neat pack and yet is nearly free and fully eco-friendly? Well, no prices for guessing. It's biking- every little child's joy.

There is no end to the number of benefits that biking can give you. For a start, biking keeps you fit. It exercises your muscles specially those of the legs, and improves your breathing. It can make you a confident goal-setter, achiever and winner. Moreover, with a wide variety of bikes available in the market for people of all ages, biking now offers a complete adventure experience. You can bike away to glory right from your street to the high mountain peaks. Your bike can be your personalized gym at home, too.

But the most important advantage of a bike is that it is the world's most eco-friendly personal transport. It can help save billions and trillions of rupees worth of fossil fuel and what's more make the environment healthy all over again!

So, by making biking a regular part of our day-to-day life, many problems of cities, especially traffic jams and pollution, can easily be dealt with.

In conclusion, biking is safe, simple, healthy and economical. So when are you switching over to biking?

### **PRACTICE QUESTIONS:**

**i.** You are Anish / Alisha, a student of class IX. You read the following news report about the lack of physical activity among school children. Using the information given and your own ideas, write an article for your school magazine.

Report :

The teachers and parents have expressed their disappointment about the children of today, being nothing but mere couch potatoes. Very seldom do you find children outside their houses, playing their one time favourite outdoor games, like 'hide and seek', cricket etc.

**ii.** It is said that if you educate a woman you educate the whole family. Write an article about the importance of women's education for the family and society. (100-120 words)

**iii.** Yoga is an excellent way to keep one's body and mind fit. You recently attended a workshop on 'Yoga is a divine discipline'. You have now decided to incorporate yoga into your daily routine. Using your own ideas on the benefits of this exercise, write an article for your school magazine.

**iv.** Deforestation needs immediate Global action, for both nature and mankind is in danger. You decide to write an article for the school magazine, on 'Save Earth Save Life'. Write the article in about 100 - 150 words.