



INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
SENIOR SECTION
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
CLASS XI
ARTICLE WRITING



An article is an expression of one's thought on an issue or a subject logically and coherently written in meaningful paragraphs. It needs creativity, good vocabulary, good knowledge of the subject and skill to organize ideas.

Purpose

To focus on themes like social concern, narrating an event, etc.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Give a title that catches the attention of the reader.
- The byline tells the reader who wrote the article which is written to the right of the heading in the next line.
- *Newspaper article* should have the *place and date*.
- Begin with a striking opening sentence which addresses the readers and gets them interested in the topic.
- Present a strong argument for your ideas supporting it with evidences or elaboration. Use linking devices (however, therefore, although, even though, in order to...) to make the composition appear a whole.
- Introduce a new point at the beginning of an each paragraph that follows, to strengthen your ideas. Develop your ideas as much as you can to make them interesting and substantial.
- Remember to keep within the word limit.
- Conclude with your strongest point.
- Use passive voice, humor, emotive language, rhetorical questions to provide a specific effect.

Types of Articles:

❖ **Magazine** – These may be written for school and may have a limited audience.

❖ **Newspaper Articles** – These are written for the newspapers and may have a wide range of audience.

SAMPLE 1 – Magazine article

NEED FOR ROAD SAFETY
By Manav

With the burgeoning population, more and more vehicles hit roads every day making the roads virtually death traps. Last year for example, 1812 people died in road accidents in Delhi alone which has a daily average of 15 recorded road mishaps.

The situation is made worse by ill planned, narrow and encroached roads and blatant violation of rules of the road. Statistics show that 80 percent of all road accidents occur due to human error. Modern lifestyle which entails mad rush and craze for outdoing others is no less responsible for tragedy on the roads.

Indians may make excellent IT professionals of international repute, but they are poor drivers. Lane sense seems to be insane sense to them and road signs mere decorations. All they know is to press their foot on the throttle and hand on the deafening horn. Jumping red light is an act of heroism for most of them.

A corrupt police force and the power of politics and wealth only compound the problem for the police. Police lets off the violators easily after getting its palms greased while the power and rich drunk people consider it their right to maraud pedestrians and other small fries of the road.

The need of the hour is an efficient traffic management. Encroached roads must be reclaimed; road signs must be made accurate and installed where no signs exist. A sustained public awareness about the rules of the road and strict implementation of law can effectively ensure road safety.

SAMPLE 2 – Newspaper Article

TV: Is it a good thing?

By Rodrigues

Goa, 18 August 2018

Television is one of the most important inventions of the century. Almost everyone owns a TV set at home today. Be it educational or entertainment, life would be so boring without one nowadays.

First of all, thanks to television we have the latest information at our fingertips. We are constantly informed of what is happening around the world without leaving home. Furthermore, television has made learning at home possible. In fact, some T.V. stations dedicate their programmes to specific interests.

A further advantage is that old people living alone find television a - very good company. It helps them forget their loneliness.

On the other hand, too much television can create problems in the family. If it is not the constant argument of which channel to watch, it is the isolation of family members. While watching television people don't feel like talking or being disturbed as they are so absorbed in what they are watching. Hence, the term 'couch potato'. Too much television implies lack of outdoor activities and we find that there are less and less of people taking exercises.

Television, nevertheless, remains one of the most interesting inventions. Carefully controlled viewing makes it an indispensable instrument in our daily lives. Otherwise, it can turn into an addiction with harmful consequences.

Practice Questions:

1. Newspapers play a significant role in providing information to the public. They formulate public opinion. Sandhya/ Sachin, a student of Class XI, KVM, decides to write an article for the school magazine on the importance of newspapers, especially in a democracy (150– 200 words).
2. You are Mamta/Mohan. You find corruption as the biggest impediment in the development of a nation. You strongly believe that youth can play a very important role in fighting the menace of corruption. Write an article for the school magazine on the 'Role of Youth in Fighting Corruption' (150–200 words).
3. There is an urgent need to take steps to create a healthy environment if we do not want human species to go extinct in the near future. You are Rupinder/ Rubesh, write an article for the Indian Express newspaper on 'How to protect the Environment' (150–200 words).