

Your friend Ivan in Moscow is coming to India for a student exchange programme. He has heard stories about Indian magicians and snake charmers. Write an email to him telling him how India has progressed and is now one of the advanced countries of the world. Write the email in about 120 words.

Date : January 4, 2014
From : rajesh@gmail.com
To : ivan@gmail.com
Subject : India no longer a nation of magicians and snake charmers
Dear Ivan, I was rather amused by your e-mail. It seems you have very little information about my country. India is no longer a country of magicians and snake-charmers. We are a developed country now with every convenience found in modern countries. Besides our rich cultural heritage, our glorious history is full of heroes, we have built a modern India after independence in 1947. Our country boasts of steel plants (two built with Russian know-how), flourishing industries, dams on rivers to generate electricity and agriculture developed with modern technology. We have the best schools and colleges and our cities boast of mega malls where the latest brands compete with each other. The cities provide every possible comfort to visitors besides an amazing variety in sightseeing. Our telecom industry can match any in the world. So, shed your prejudices and prepare yourself for the new modern India. I am sure you will enjoy your visit. With regards Rajesh

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. You are Sohail/Mukta. During a visit to Mumbai you happened to visit the sets of a television reality show featuring children. The long shooting hours made you wonder whether the children were losing their precious childhood years, which should have been spent enjoying a carefree life in the lap of nature rather than satisfying the desires of overambitious parents and contributing to the family income. Write an email to the editor of a leading national daily expressing your concern in not more than 120 words.
2. You are Lee Pang of Darjeeling . During the Christmas holidays , you happen to visit several places in South India . You were very much impressed by their culture, traditions, manners, food clothing etc. You found that there is a lot of difference between the culture and traditions of South India and your traditions. This shows India is a land of 'Unity in Diversity'. You decide to mail your pen friend Sam of London describing 'Incredible India'. Write the e-mail in about 120 words using your own ideas and the ideas from your MCB unit 'Travel and Tourism' [C.B.S.E. 2011 (Term II)]
3. You got your right arm fractured while playing in the school during games period. Now it has been plastered for three weeks. Write an e-mail narrating the incident to your class teacher informing him/her that you will not be able to appear in the II Formative Assessment because of that. Also inform that you will submit your leave application along with your medical certificate in a week's time.