



**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
MIDDLE SECTION
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
PRÉCIS WRITING**



Class VIII _____ Name: _____ Roll No: ____ Date: _____ WKSHT NO: 5

Points to Remember

1. Read the passage thoroughly, and give it a title. The title you choose will indicate whether you have been able to understand the passage or not. The title should connect with the main idea of the passage.
2. Give a second reading, underlining the main ideas of the **passage/story**.
3. Arrange these points logically; generally the order of the original is retained.
4. Write in your own words. Borrow only the ideas, and express them in your own language.
5. If the summary is too long, rewrite it to bring it within the limit of near about **one third of the original**.
6. The précis should be in the same tense, in third person and in indirect speech

I. Write a précis of the following passage. Provide a suitable title.

Odisha, a small state in the east coast of India, was battered by Cyclone Philine in the last weekend. The cyclone came from the Bay of Bengal. It was the result of a low pressure area developing in the sea. From a location a few hundred kilometres off the coast, Cyclone Philine gradually moved towards the land. The wind speed was nearly 220 kilometres per hour. The violent wind hit villages near the coastline with deadly force. Mud houses were flattened, trees uprooted and power lines were reduced to tangled heaps of wire. Fortunately, weather radars tracked the Philine doggedly as a result of which people were evacuated from their houses that fell in the projected path of Cyclone Philine. Millions of people were quickly moved to temporary shelters with remarkable efficiency. This reduced the death toll to negligible numbers. It was a remarkable success of disaster management in India. **(150 WORDS)**

2. Write a précis of the given story .Provide a suitable title

The night fell heavy on the heights of the mountains and the man could not see anything. There was zero visibility; the moon and the stars were covered by the clouds. When he was just a few feet below the top of the mountain, he slipped and fell into the air, falling at great speed.

He kept falling, and in those moments of great fear, all the good and bad episodes of his life came to his mind. He was thinking how close to death he was, when all of a sudden he felt the rope tied to his waist pull him very hard. His body was hanging in the air. Only the rope was holding him. In that moment of stillness he had no choice other than to scream, “Help me God.”

All of a sudden, a deep voice asked, “What do you want me to do?”

“Save me God.”

“Do you really think I can save you?”

“Of course, I believe you can.” “Then cut the rope tied to your waist.”

There was silence. The man decided to hold on to the rope with all his strength.

The climber was found dead and frozen, his body hanging from a rope, and his hands holding it tight. He was only one foot away from the ground. **(216 WORDS)**
