

Class – VIII **Subject - English**

Simplified Material from April to January

Lesson: Abdul Hamid

1. Who was Abdul Hamid?

Ans. He was a brave Indian soldier.

2. Which sector was he fighting in?

Ans. He was fighting in Khemkaran Sector.

3. Where is the village named Cheema situated?

Ans. It is in Khemkaran Sector.

4. What sort of tanks did Pakistan have?

Ans. Pakistan had powerful tanks.

5. What made the Indian soldiers happy?

Ans. They were happy when a Pakistani tank caught fire.

6. How did Hamid destroy the enemy tanks?

Ans. He destroyed the enemy tanks with his special gun.

7. How did Hamid fight the enemy and what happened to him?

Ans. He fought bravely. He died for his country.

8. How was Hamid honoured for his bravery?

Ans. He was honoured with Param Vir Chakra after death.

9. How do you feel about Abdul Hamid after reading the story of his bravery?

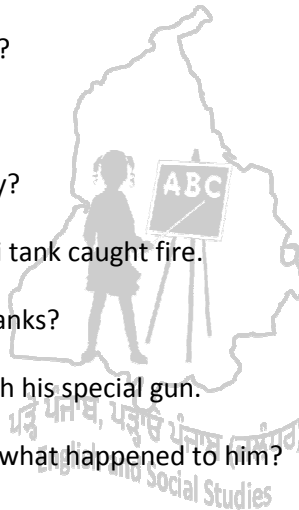
Ans. I feel proud of him.

Lesson: Say 'No'

1. Who was king's favourite and why?

Ans. Gopal was king's favourite because he had helped the king many times.

2. Who were the king's courtiers and ministers jealous of and why?



Ans. They were jealous of Gopal because he was king's favourite.

3. What did the courtiers ask the king to do?

Ans. The courtiers asked the king to say 'no' to Gopal.

4. What discussion was going on in the court?

Ans. The discussion was how to make the people intelligent.

5. What was Gopal's suggestion to make the people intelligent?

Ans. People should discuss some topic every day.

6. What did Gopal realize when the king said 'NO' to whatever he said?

Ans. He realized that it was some plan of ministers.

7. What did Gopal request the king to give his courtiers and ministers?

Ans. He requested the king to give the ministers five hundred gold coins each.

8. What made the courtiers sad?

Ans. They were sad when the king refused to give them gold coins.

9. Why did the ministers and the courtiers run away?

Ans. They ran away when the king refused to forgive them.

10. How were the jealous courtiers taught a lesson?

Ans. Gopal caught them in their own trap.

Lesson: How Daddy Decided What He Wanted to Be

1. Why did Daddy want to be a night watchman?

Ans. Because he wanted to make noises all night.

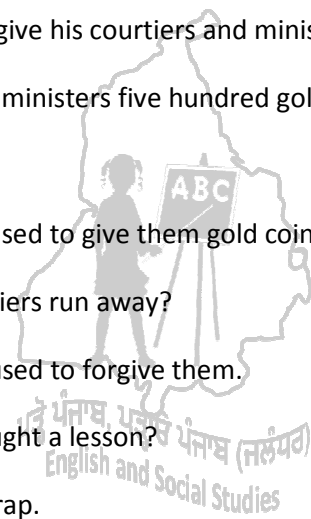
2. Why did he want to be an ice-cream man?

Ans. Because he wanted to eat all the ice-cream he wanted to.

3. What was it that he saw in an auto workshop?

Ans. He saw a mechanic in the auto workshop.

4. What was it that Daddy liked about a car mechanic?



Ans. He liked the way the car mechanic played with the cars.

5. How did Daddy say he would both be a car mechanic and an ice-cream man?

Ans. He said he would work as a car mechanic for some time and then sell ice-cream. He would keep doing this till night.

6. Why did Daddy want to scratch behind his ear with his foot?

Ans. Because he wanted to be a dog.

7. What was it that made Daddy feel ashamed of himself?

Ans. His meeting with a sage made Daddy feel ashamed of himself.

8. When did Daddy stop thinking what he wanted to be?

Ans. After his meeting with a sage, Daddy stopped thinking what he wanted to be.

9. What does Daddy think now to be the most important thing?

Ans. The most important thing is to be a good man.

Lesson: Three Questions:

1. What were the king's three questions?

Ans. The king's three questions were:

1. What is the right time for an action?

2. Who are the right people to listen to?

3. What is the most important thing to do?

2. What were the different answers to the king's first question?

Ans. The king was advised to prepare a timetable, have a group of wise men or have magicians.

3. What different answers did the king get to his second question?

Ans. The king was advised to listen to his advisers or soldiers.

4. What different answers were offered for his third question?

Ans. The most important thing was Science, warfare or religious worship.

5. Why did the king decide to go to the hermit?

Ans. Because he was not satisfied with the answers.



6. Where did the hermit live?

Ans. He lived in a forest.

7. What kind of clothes did the king wear and why?

Ans. He wore simple clothes because the hermit would meet only common people.

8. Why did the king not go to the hermit with his bodyguard?

Ans. Because the hermit would meet only common people.

9. What was the hermit doing when the king reached there?

Ans. He was digging the ground.

10. What did the king do for the hermit and why?

Ans. He dug the ground for the hermit because the hermit was tired.

11. Who had wounded the stranger and why?

Ans. The king's bodyguard had wounded the stranger because he was king's enemy.

12. How did the king help the wounded person?

Ans. The king washed and covered his wound. He gave him water also.

Lesson- Our National Symbols

1. Name the various National Symbols of our country.

Ans. National Flag – Tricolour

National Anthem – Jan Gan Man

National Animal – tiger

National Bird – peacock

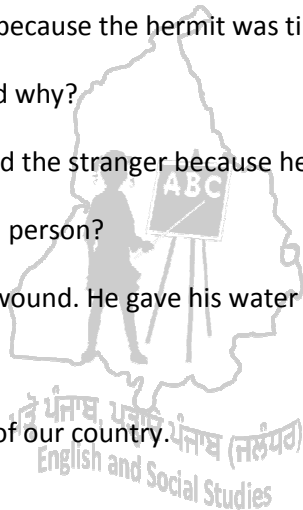
National Flower – Lotus

2. What are the different colours in our national flag?

Ans. It has three colours – saffron, white and green.

3. What is the saffron colour in our flag a symbol of?

Ans. The saffron colour is the symbol of courage and sacrifice.



4. What is written on the base of our National Emblem?

Ans. 'Satyameva Jayate' is written on the base of our National Emblem.

5. On what occasions is our National Anthem sung?

Ans. It is sung at the time of morning prayers in schools.

6. What should we do when our National Anthem is being sung?

Ans. We should stand at attention.

7. What do you know about the writer of our National Anthem?

Ans. It was written by Rabindranath Tagore.

8. Why is the hunting of peacocks prohibited in our country?

Ans. Because it is our national bird.

9. What is the importance of our national symbols in our life?

Ans. They help us remain united.

10. What do you know about our national animal?

Ans. Tiger is our national animal.

11. Where do we have the Ashoka Pillar? What is its importance?

Ans. The Ashoka Pillar is at Sarnath. We have received our national emblem from Ashoka Pillar.

12. What is the Seal of the Government of India? What is it used for?

Ans. Our national emblem is the Seal of the Government of India. It is used on currency, stamp papers etc.

Lesson: The Punjab – A Glimpse

1. What is special about the Bhangra dance?

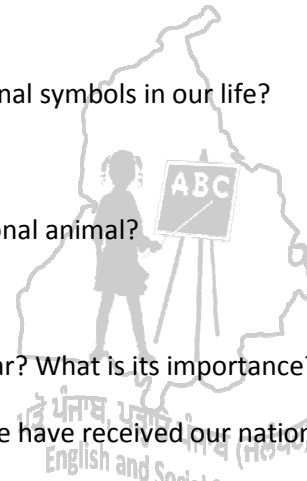
Ans. It is full of energy.

2. How can you say that the Punjabis are self-respecting people?

Ans. Because they never beg.

3. What was Punjab's role in the struggle for India's Independence?

Ans. The Punjab gave the country great heroes.



4. What did General Dyer do at the Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar?

Ans. He ordered firing at 20,000 people.

5. What states have benefited from the Bhakra-Nangal Project?

Ans. Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

6. What is the religious importance of Anandpur Sahib?

Ans. It was founded by Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji.

7. Where is Chandigarh situated? What is it known for?

Ans. At the foothills of Shivalik hills. It is known for rose gardens.

8. What are Jalandhar and Ludhiana famous for?

Ans. Jalandhar is famous for sports goods. Ludhiana is famous for woollen hosiery goods.

9. Who compiled the holy Guru Granth Sahib?

Ans. Sri Guru Arjun Dev Ji.

10. What do you know about the holiest shrine of the Sikhs?

Ans. It is the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

11. What do you know about Anandpur Sahib?

Ans. It was founded by Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji.

12. How have the walls of the Golden Temple been decorated?

Ans. The walls have been decorated with beautiful stones and paintings.

Lesson: Childhood

1. Why did Gandhiji's father leave Porbandar for Rajkot?

Ans. To become a member of the Royal Court.

2. How old was Gandhiji when he was sent to a high school?

Ans. He was twelve years old.

3. Why did Gandhiji make his books and lessons his sole companions?

Ans. Because he was shy.



4. Who was Mr. Giles? Why did he visit Gandhiji's school?

Ans. He was the Inspector of Schools. He came to school for inspection.

5. What did the teacher want Gandhiji to do and why?

Ans. The teacher wanted Gandhiji to copy the spelling of 'kettle'.

6. Why do you think Gandhiji calls himself 'stupid'?

Ans. Because he could not learn to copy.

7. What opinion did Gandhiji form of his teacher and why?

Ans. He did not stop respecting his teacher. Because to err is human.

8. What did Shravana do for his parents?

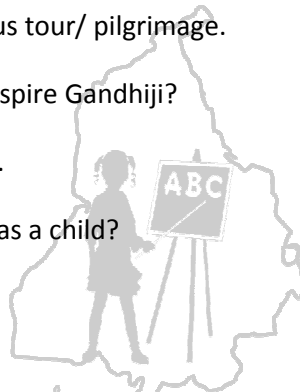
Ans. He carried his parents on a religious tour/ pilgrimage.

9. How did the story of Hrishchandra inspire Gandhiji?

Ans. It inspired Gandhiji to follow truth.

10. What idea do you form of Gandhiji as a child?

Ans. He was very shy and honest.



Lesson: Two Memorable Speeches

1. When did Nehru address the nation and where?

Ans. He addressed the nation on the midnight of August 14, 1947 in Lok Sabha.

2. What appointed day does Nehru talk of?

Ans. He talks of the Independence Day.

3. What does Nehru refer to as 'a long slumber'?

Ans. He refers to the British rule as 'a long slumber'.

4. Nehru says, "May the star never set." Which star?

Ans. The star of freedom.

5. What does Nehru say 'shall be our endeavour'?

Ans. Our endeavour should be to make India a good nation.

6. When did Swami Vivekananda go to Chicago in 1893?

Ans. He went to attend the World Parliament of Religions at Chicago (U.S.A).

7. How did Swami Vivekananda begin his speech?

Ans. He began his speech with "Brothers and sisters of America".

8. What did the Swami say he was proud of?

Ans. He said he was proud of India.

9. What did he want to end from the earth?

Ans. He wanted to end fanaticism.

10. What did he say the Parliament of Religions had proved?

Ans. He said that it proved that any one religion does not have control over holiness and purity.

Lesson: Saint Ravidas

1. When do saints and sages appear on the earth?

Ans. Saints and sages appear on the earth whenever the moral or social life of people is in danger.

2. How did Ravidas influence the Hindu society?

Ans. He put new life into the Hindu social order.

3. When and where was Ravidas born?

Ans. He was born at Banaras in 1377.

4. What desire of his parents remained unfulfilled?

Ans. His parents wanted to have him educated. This desire of his parents remained unfulfilled.

5. Why could Ravidas not continue with his studies?

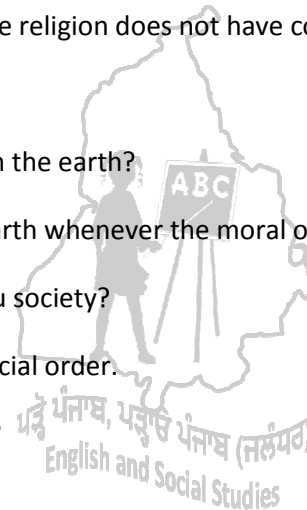
Ans. Because he had a very painful experience in school.

6. What was it that left a deep scar on his mind?

Ans. The painful experience in school left a deep scar on his mind.

7. What did Ravidas' teacher notice about him?

Ans. He noticed that he was no ordinary child.



8. Who was Ravidas in search of and why?

Ans. He wanted to gain spiritual knowledge. So, he was in search of a spiritual teacher.

9. What did Swami Ramanand do for Ravidas?

Ans. Swami Ramanand helped Saint Ravidas to understand the true meaning of life.

10. When did Swami Ramanand ask Ravidas to go back home?

Ans. He asked Saint Ravidas to go home when he was satisfied that the spiritual flame had been kindled permanently in him.

11. What place did Saint Ravidas choose for his meditation?

Ans. He chose an area of the forest for meditation.

12. How did Saint Ravidas save the deer family from the hunter?

Ans. He taught the hunter that we should love all things- great and small.

13. What change came in the hunter after his contact with Saint Ravidas?

Ans. The contact with Saint Ravidas changed the hunter completely.

14. What were the main points of Saint Ravidas' teachings?

Ans. All are equal in the eyes of God is the main point of his teachings.

15. How did Saint Ravidas pass the last days of his life?

Ans. He always had the divine glow on his face. He spent his last days peacefully.

Poem: Abou Ben Adhem:

1. The poet prays: 'May his tribe increase!'

Why does the poet make this prayer?

Ans. Because he wants more people like Abou in this world.

2. What did Abou see when he woke up from his dream?

Ans. He saw an angel writing something in his book.

3. What had made Abou bold?

Ans. Peacefulness in the room made Abou bold.

4. What did Abou ask the angel?

Ans. He asked the angel, "What are you writing?"

5. What was angel's reply?

Ans. He said he was writing the name of those who love God.

6. What did Abou request the angel to do?

Ans. He requested the angel to write his name in the list who loves his fellow men.

7. What did the angel do before vanishing?

Ans. He wrote Abou's name in his book.

8. What did the angel show Abou the next night?

Ans. He showed Abou the list of names whom God loves.

Poem: This is My Prayer to Thee

1. Who does the poet pray to in this poem?

Ans. The poet prays to God.

2. What penury does the poet talk of?

Ans. He talks about the penury in his heart.

3. How does the poet want to bear his joys and sorrow?

Ans. He wants to bear his joys and sorrow lightly.

4. How does the poet think his love can be fruitful?

Ans. His love can be fruitful in service of mankind.

5. Who does the poet want never to disown?

Ans. He never wants to disown the poor.

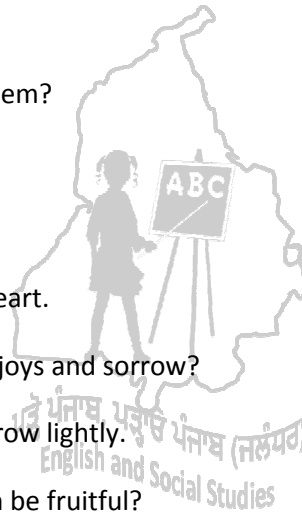
6. How will the poet react to those who are mighty and rude?

Ans. He will not bend his knees before them.

7. What will be the poet's attitude towards daily trifles?

Ans. He will raise his mind high above daily trifles.

8. To whom does the poet want to surrender and how?



Ans. He wants to surrender before God with love.

Poem: Sympathy

1. How did the proud man help the poet?

Ans. The proud man helped the poet with money.

2. How did the poor man help the poet?

Ans. The poor man took care of the poet day and night.

3. What according to the poet is greater than gold?

Ans. Sympathy is greater than gold.

4. When could the poet stand erect and why?

Ans. He could stand erect when he thanked the rich man.

Poem: He That Is Down Fears No Fall

1. Who fears no fall?

Ans. He that is down fears no fall.

2. Who has no pride?

Ans. He that is down has no pride.

3. Who has God for his guide?

Ans. He that is down has God for his guide.

4. What is the poet content with?

Ans. The poet is content with what he has.

5. What does the poet crave and why?

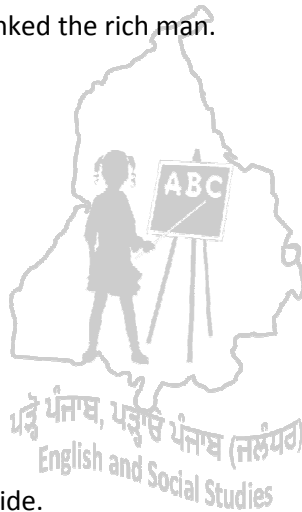
Ans. The poet craves for satisfaction. Because God save such people.

6. For whom is fullness a burden?

Ans. It is a burden for a person who goes to pilgrimage to find God.

7. What does the poet regard as bliss?

Ans. The poet regards the life full of satisfaction as bliss.



Letters/ Applications:

- **Suppose you are Gurpreet. You live at G-10, S.D. College Road, Barnala. Your uncle has sent you a wrist watch on your birthday. Write a letter to your uncle thanking him for birthday gift.**

G-10, S.D. College Road,
Bathinda
April 27, 2019

Dear Uncle

I thank you for the lovely birthday gift. It is a beautiful wrist watch. It shows your love for me. It is a very useful gift. I will keep it carefully.

Regards

Yours
Gurpreet Singh

- **Write an application to the principal of your school for leave for a day.**

The Principal
Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School
PAP Campus
Jalandhar

Madam

With due respect I have to state that I am not well today. Kindly grant me leave for today.

Thanking You

Yours obediently
XYZ
8th B
April 27, 2019

- **Imagine you are Harpal. You live at Hari Bhavan, Doraha, Ludhiana. Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his brilliant success in the Middle School Examination. Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his brilliant success in the examination.**

Hari Bhawan, Doraha



Ludhiana
April 27, 2019

Dear Mandeep

I am happy to hear about your brilliant success in the school examination. I offer you my heartiest congratulations. It is a matter of joy and pride for us. This is the result of your hard work.

Best wishes for the future!

Yours
Harpal

- **Application to the Principal requesting him to exempt you from the payment of the school fee.**

The Principal
Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School
P.A.P. Campus
Jalandhar

Madam

With due respect I would like to inform you that I am a student of 8th class. I belong to a very poor family. My father can't pay my school fees.

I request you to remit my school fees.

Yours obediently
XYZ
8th B
April 27, 2019



- **Suppose you are Baljit. You live at 6, Soni Street, Khanna. Your friend Daljit has lost his mother. Write a letter of condolence to him.**

6, Soni Street
Khanna
July 25, 2019

Dear Daljit

It was shocking to know about the sudden death of your mother. She was a great lady. This is a great loss. Please console your family.

May God grant peace to the departed soul!

In deepest grief

Yours

Baljit

- **Suppose you are Ravinder. You live at 38, Manvata Park, Hoshiarpur. Invite your friend to come to your birthday party.**

38, Manvata Park
Hoshiarpur
February 15, 2019

Dear Sonu

How are you? I am fine and hope the same for you. I am writing this letter to invite you to come to my birthday party. My birthday is on February 25. Please do come. All other friends are also coming.

Regards to Uncle and Aunt

Yours

Ravinder

- **Imagine that you are Kewal, a student of S.D. Senior Secondary School, Abohar. You were fined Rs 10/- for remaining absent from the school for a day. Write an application to you Principal requesting him to remit your fine.**

The Principal
S. D. Sen. Sec. School
Abohar

Sub: Remission of fine

Sir

I could not come to the school yesterday as I was ill. The teacher has fined me Rs 10. I cannot pay the fine. Kindly remit my fine.

Thanking you

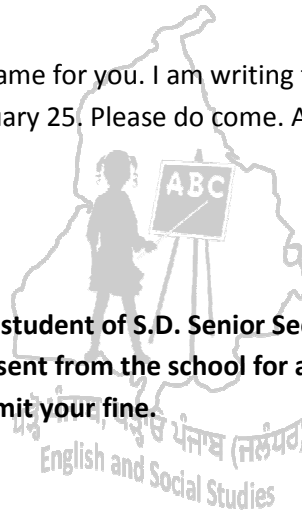
Yours obediently

Kewal Kumar

Roll No. 1, VIII A

February 15, 2019

- **Write an application to the Principal of your school for school-leaving certificate.**



The Principal
S. D. P. Senior Secondary School
Ludhiana

Sub: School leaving certificate

Sir

My father has been transferred to Moga. We are also going with him. Kindly issue me my school leaving certificate.

Thanking you

Yours obediently

XYZ

Roll No. 13, VIII A

February 15, 2019

- **Imagine you are Gita. You live at 31, The Mall, Ludhiana. Your friend is a book-worm. Write a letter to her advising her to take part in games.**

31, The Mall

Ludhiana

March 6, 2020

Dear Rita

Hello! I am fine and hope the same for you. I am writing this letter to advise you to take part in games.

You have become a book-worm. This is not good. Games are also important. Games keep us fit. You must take part in games. Do not waste time in watching TV and using mobile. I hope you will follow my advice.

Best wishes

Yours

Gita

- **Imagine you are Balwinder. You live in the hostel of Arya High School, Malerkotla. Request your father to send you some money.**

13, New Hostel

Arya High School

Malerkotla, Sangrur

March 7, 2020

Dear Papa

I am fine and hope the same for you. You will be happy to know that I am working hard for the final examination. I need some money to buy some new books. Kindly send me Rs 500 soon.

Regards

Yours
Balwinder

Paragraphs:

A PICNIC

It was Sunday morning. We decided to go for a picnic. We were a party of 15 boys. We carried food, fruits and cold drinks with us. We reached the bank of a river at 9. We sat at the bank of the river. We splashed water at one another. We chatted and laughed. Sharan related a few tit-bits. We had tea and snacks. At 5 p.m, we took a bus and reached home. We remember the day even today.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

A school is a temple of learning. A library is an altar in it. There is a big library in my school. It has about 5000 books. The books are kept subject wise in the almiraahs. There are newspapers and magazines in our library. The librarian is very helpful and kind. Library is really very useful for all of us.

JOURNEY BY TRAIN

Last Sunday, I travelled from Chandigarh to Delhi by train. I reached the railway station before time. I bought a ticket and came to the platform. The train arrived. I got a comfortable seat. When the train started moving I saw trees, houses running backwards. The train stopped at Ambala for half an hour and I took tea there. At last, I reached Delhi and heaved a sigh of relief.

A Cricket Match

Last Monday, we played a cricket match against the K.V.M School, Jalandhar. We won the toss and decided to bat. Our skipper Abdul made 20 runs. Then came Surinder. Surinder and Hira Singh delighted the spectators with sixes. Our team scored 201 runs. It was now our turn to field. The K.V.M team scored 180 runs for all. All of us started dancing. We won the match.

A STREET QUARREL

A street quarrel is a common sight. Last night, I saw a street quarrel. I was studying in the room when I heard a loud noise in the street. Two persons were exchanging hot words. Soon they came to blows. Both injured each other. The quarrel had started over a trifle. It was pacified by people with great difficulty. It started when some boys were playing with a ball. By chance a ball struck another boy. They started fighting. Their parents also joined them. Such quarrels should be avoided.

Complete the following paragraph in 80-100 words:

1. How I Spent My Last Sunday

Last Sunday I got up early in the morning. I changed my clothes and went out for a walk. I called on my friend on the way. We both went to the canal. We spent one hour there and came back home. After taking bath I had my breakfast. Then I started reading. I took rest for some time. In the evening, I played football with my friends. I came back home after one hour. I studied for one hour. I had my dinner at 8:30. I watched news on T.V. I went to sleep at 9:30.

2. A Football Match

Yesterday ,a football match was played between our school and Khalsa High School. It was a final match. It was played on our school playground. There was great rush to see it. The players of the teams were in high spirits. They tried hard to score a goal. There was no score till interval. Our team attacked hard and scored a goal. Khalsa school tried to equalize, but could not. After some time, the referee blew the whistle. The match was over. Our team won the match by one goal.

3. My Friend

My friend is sixteen years old. She is tall and beautiful. She is my class fellow. She is fond of white clothes. She has long and golden hair. She is very smart and active. She is very sincere and hardworking. She believes in simple living. She is very good at studies. She takes part in the games also. She is the best student of our class. All the teachers love her. I am proud of my friend.

4. MY HOUSE

I live in a house in Mohan Lal Street. It is a small house. It consists of three rooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and a store. My house is airy. We keep it neat and clean. It is a 'pucca' house. It has all the comforts. It is in a good area. All my neighbours are very nice. I love my house very much

5. My Mother

My mother is a nurse. She spends her day according to a set time-table. She gets up early in the morning. She prepares bed tea for all of us. Then she goes out for a walk. After that, she gets ready for the duty. She reaches the hospital on time. She does her duty sincerely. After coming back, she prepares dinner for us. She is a very good lady. I am proud of her. May she live long!

Notice Writing:

1. You have lost a wrist watch in your school. Write a notice about the loss giving the particulars of the watch. Also announce a reward for the finder.

NOTICE		
March 6, 2020		
LOST	LOST	LOST
This is to inform all the students that a wrist watch has been lost in the school ground. It is a Titan watch with a black frame. The finder should give it to the English teacher.		
XYZ (VIII)		

2. You are Mohan Lal, the Sports Secretary of your school. Your school is organizing the Annual Sports meet next week. Write a notice in about 50 words to be put up on the school notice board to this effect.

NOTICE	
March 6, 2020	
Annual Sports Meet	
This is to inform all the students that our school is organizing the Annual Sports meet next week. Interested students can give their names to the English teacher today.	
Mohal Lal (Sports Secretary)	

Exercise

I. You have found a purse lying in one of the lawns of your school. Write a notice asking the owner of the purse to contact you.

NOTICE

March 6, 2020

Found

Found

Found

This is to inform all the students that a purse has been found lying in one of the lawns of the school. The owner should contact the English teacher.

XYZ
(VIII)

II. Your school is organizing a tour to Delhi and Agra. You are the Secretary of the Tour Organising Committee. Draft a notice asking the students to give their names to you.

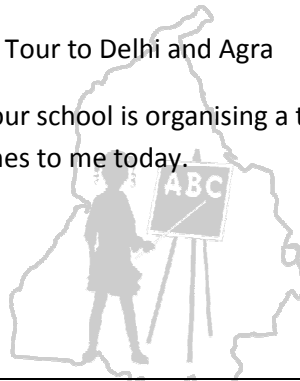
NOTICE

March 6, 2020

Tour to Delhi and Agra

This is to inform all the students that our school is organising a tour to Delhi and Agra next week. Interested students can give their names to me today.

XYZ
(Secretary)



III. You are the incharge of the Junior Humanities Forum of your school. The Forum is organising a Paper Reading contest. Draft a notice inviting the participants to give you their names.

NOTICE

March 6, 2020

Paper Reading Contest

This is to inform all the students that our school is organising a Paper Reading Contest next week. Interested students can give their names to the English teacher today.

XYZ
(Secretary)