

1. An Indian Festival

India is known for festivals. Diwali is the most auspicious Hindu festival. It is celebrated in the memory of lord Rama's return from exile. On this day people clean their houses and shops. They put on their best dresses and decorate their houses with earthen lamps and electric bulbs. They send greetings, presents and sweets to their relatives and friends. They worship Goddess Laxmi at night. Children explode crackers and let off fireworks. Some people gamble on this day. It is very bad. It should be stopped.

2. Good Manners

Good manners oil the machine of life and keep people in good relationship. They earn us respect in every walk of life. Even small words like 'please' and 'thank you' can settle the bitter quarrels. We should respect our elders and be polite to the youngers. In the school we should talk less and listen more. At public places we should take turn in queue. Civility of behavior is a social as well as a moral obligation. On the other hand, bad manners create nothing but bitterness. An ill-mannered person is a misfit in a cheerful company.

3. Leisure

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is an old saying. Life is not worth living if we remain busy in work. Over work is injurious to health. During leisure we can enjoy beautiful sights of nature. We can also stare at the twinkling stars and flowing water. We can hear the sweet songs of the birds. We can also develop creative hobbies like carpentry and painting. An over busy man misses all these things. Over work causes ailments of the heart and the mind. So we must make the right use of the leisure.

4. My Motherland

India is my motherland. It is also the motherland of many saints and warriors. It is the oldest civilization of the world. It is also the biggest democracy of the world. People of different religions and backgrounds live together here. There is unity in diversity. It has made progress in the field of science. It is now a nuclear power state. It is rich in natural resources. It is the land of hard working people. I am proud of my motherland.

5. Fashion among students

Modern students are very particular about fashion. They ape their favourite actors and actresses. There is always a healthy competition among them to look smart. They go to health club, beauty parlours and boutiques. They put on expensive clothes of latest trend and design. There is nothing wrong in this. But they should not devote all their time, money and energy to fashions.

6. Discipline

It is rightly said that discipline is the backbone of character. It is the foundation of any civilization. It comes from the word 'disciple' which means a learner. It plays an important role in every field of life. We follow discipline in home, in school, in playground and in office. Soldiers follow whatever is commanded at any time. Even the objects of nature follow discipline regularly. In fact life without discipline would be like a ship without a captain.

7. A Scene at the railway station

I often spend some time at the main railway station in my town. I like watching train come and go. A few minutes before the arrival of the train, one can see growing excitement and activity on all sides. Some are in great hurry to board the train, some are excited about the arrival of their near and dear ones while some are unhappy at the departure of their nears and dears. Coolies run about with their luggage. The vendor boys move in and out of the train with eatables and drinkables. It results in a lot of jostling and elbowing. After the train has left, the platform gives a deserted look.

8. A Scene at a Polling booth

The Election Day this year was full of excitement. My school was one of the polling centers. There was feverish activity on the booth. There was a great rush of voters all the day. Cars and minibuses were used to bring voters from their homes. There were many stalls to offer free drinks to the voters. The polling officer inquired the names of voters. He also verified their identity cards before casting vote. An indelible ink mark was put on each and every voters left forefinger. Then they pressed the button of the EVM according to their choice. The polling came to an end at five in the evening.

A Rainy day in Summer