

# ESSAY WRITING

## 1. MY LAST DAY AT SCHOOL

School life is a golden period in the life of a student. On wings of time a child starts his journey slowly which steadily comes to an end. This period is always full of golden memories. It is the universal law that to every start there is an end.

### **For every start, there is an end**

At last the time came when I had to say adieu to my remarkable and wonderful school life. I was extremely sad and overwhelmed at the time of departure. The feelings of parting always bring gloom. The same sort of feelings overwhelmed me and my classmates on our last day at school.

I remember, it was the last week of February when we were told that we were being given a farewell party on the next day and that day would be our last day. The next day at noon, I wore my best dress and set out for school. As I reached school, the front lawn was decorated with colourful buntings and banners saying farewell to the out going tenth classes. A large seating arrangement was made for the students. The students in colourful costumes were rounding up, cutting jokes and sending laughs in the air. The ninth class students were hosting the function, the function started with the recitation of the Quranic verses and a "Naat". After that a student of class nine amused the audience with his melodious ghazal. Then some students of class ten presented a comic skit which was liked and applauded a lot. After it, a student spoke on behalf of the outgoing class. It was an emotional speech in which the teachers and the principal were paid rich tributes and the promise was made to enlighten the name of the institution and the country in the days to come.

### **His speech flowed from his tongue sweeter than honey.**

In the end, the principal gave some words of advice. He conveyed best wishes and prayed for their outstanding success. After it, lunch was served to the students. The tenth class students had informal chat with teachers. Autographs were exchanged and the snaps were taken. After a while, I bade farewell to my friends and returned home with heavy heart but with eyes brightened with soaring ambitions of the future.

### **We must have old memories and young hopes.**



## 2. SPORTS AND GAMES

Sports and games are essential for health. They play an important role in the lives of young men and women. Games help to channelise the energies of the youth in constructive channels. The aim of education is the overall development of the personality of man. It means the development of not only the mind but also the body. It is a common saying, \_\_\_ "A sound body has a sound mind" \_\_\_. Sports and games enable people to remain healthy and fit. They inculcate among the people a sense of discipline. They create a spirit of healthy competition. They keep the body fit. The best way to keep the limbs fit is to exercise them in sports and games of physical skill and strength.

It is good that our educational institutions encourage sports and games by organizing matches and awarding prizes and trophies. A number of schools, clubs and societies hold athletics contests. They include walking, jogging, jumping, swimming, rowing, boxing, wrestling. An athlete is trained to be fit to engage in such contests. That is why sports and games are becoming very popular in our schools and colleges. Our students take an active part in all kinds of sports and games, because they know that \_\_\_ "All work and no play make jack a dull boy" \_\_\_. In this way they keep themselves healthy and fit. A player becomes a man of principle. He respects the rules of the games he plays. He leads a disciplined life. He possesses the virtues of patriotism, and loyalty to the nation. But the facilities of course, are not adequate at present. In spite of this, our school boys and girls know, that their growing bodies need-regular physical exercise to keep themselves healthy and fit.

According to Hazrat Ali, the forth caliph of Islam:

"A healthy mind can realize God"

Sports and games help us to keep our body active and vigorous. They enable us to face the dangers boldly. They divert our minds from the daily routine of life. When we play games, we forget all our worries and anxieties; they provide us with recreation and enjoyment. Games like cricket, hockey and football are very popular in our country. They inspire the spirit of team work. The discipline that is gained in playing up games is invaluable, games cannot only bring a good name to the country but also foreign exchange.

"Games and sports widen the mental horizon of players and make them true followers of the rule of law"

It is, therefore, necessary that our Government should work out a long term national sports policy. The students should be taught the advantages of games in the school itself. Various games and sports should also be popularized and encouraged in rural areas of our country because nearly 64 per sent population of our country lives in villages. The villagers possess better health than the city dwellers, by holding sports and games in villages, we can produce many sportsmen of international level. Sportsmen and sportswomen should be given honour and big monetary incentives to encourage them.

"Games and sports develop character and give health which are quite essential for improving the quality of life, acquiring wealth and success"



### 3. MY HOUSE

#### East or west home is the best

Having one's own house is a great blessing of God. One feels safe, comfortable and secure at his home. A house, you know, is an important necessity. The quality of life improves when you have a house of your own. It gives you an opportunity to turn some of your dreams into reality. You decorate your rooms according to your taste. You look after your plants and flowers with a loving care.

I live in a small house not far from my school. The house is almost new. It is a little way back from the road, and in front of it there is a small garden. A path leads from the gate to the porch. A corner of the porch is evergreen with a lovely creeper that remains in brilliant bloom round the year.

Downstairs there is a lounge, which is a general living room with television. This room is used as a reception room for guests. There is a dining room, and a kitchen. The drawing room with a large window faces the front lawn. Upstairs are the bedrooms and the children's room. The rooms of my house are not large. The largest room is the lounge. It has window on both ends for proper light and ventilation.

My father and I love to work in the garden. We prune the bushes once a year and in summer we get our fruit-trees sprayed every month. My mother loves roses and spring flowers and looks after flower-beds herself from time to time. I take care to keep the front lawn tidy enough by using a lawn-mower. One's own house is a blessing indeed.

My house is not a very big or a magnificent building but it is not like other houses I have seen. It is different. It has a strange charm for me. I have become so used to living in it that now I do not feel comfortable anywhere else. I have a lot of association with it, for I have spent my childhood and boyhood in it. It would not be wrong to quote that.

**A man travels the world over in search of what he needs  
and returns home to find it.**

(George)

## **4. COURTESY**

### **Courtesy Costs nothing But it Counts a Lot**

Courtesy means to practice good manners, refined habits and polite behavior. Courtesy, in fact, springs from good breeding, nobleness of mind and the gentle heart. Courtesy works well in all walks of life. To be more precise, to do one's duty in a consummate manner displays courtesy.

The person who is courteous in his dealings is called a courteous man. He respects and loves everyone and is respected and loved by all. As it is said

#### **Do Good, Have Good**

Manners are not laws but they leave an influence on our lives like laws. Good manners demand that you should not attempt to jump while standing in a queue you should say 'Thank You' to one who is good with you. A courteous person is always aware of his duties. He is well-mannered. He chooses the most suitable and appropriate words during his conversation.

#### **Courteous words are small but their echoes are endless**

A courteous person is always kind, helpful and tolerant towards others. At home parents should be loving and kind to their offspring. The children should be obedient to their elders. An employer should be caring to his employees, while the employees should be sincere and laborious to their employer. One should be helpful and considerate to his neighbours. A citizen should be law abiding and loyal to his country. A teacher should be humble and sympathetic to his students while they should be respectful and obedient to their teachers. Good etiquettes also demand that we offer our seat to an elderly person while traveling on a bus or a train. We should not jump out of a queue or violate a traffic signal.

The Holy Prophet (SAAW) is the paragon of courtesy in the Islamic History. It was the charisma of his sublime morals that transformed a barbarous nation into a civilized one. It means that our courteous acts and polite words can produce wonders. If each one of us acts upon some simple norms of morality, we may form a great nation that can stand distinct and successful in the comity of a nation. Someone has very aptly said, ('Goodness begins from courteous hearts').



## 5. LIBRARIES

A library is a shed of knowledge. It is the proper place where everyone can find some books that are full of knowledge. This is an age of progress in education. Great importance is attached to the libraries as they play a vital role in promoting literacy and education.

**“The true university these days is a collection of books”**

(Thomas Carlyle)

Books are said to be man's best companion. Books are the core of knowledge. They are the torches that lead us to the path of knowledge. Books are the medicine for the soul. A truly alive mind seeks books because books are key for confronting our problems, searching for solutions and making pathways to the future.

**“A good book is the best of friends”**

**“Books are the lighthouses created in the great sea of time”**

(Edwin P. Whipple)

A library has a large collection of books and is a place where any individual can walk in and make use of those books. Libraries are the places where one learns manners, discipline, methods of working and concentration. Since all types of people flock to libraries one gets to indulge and communicate with different people. One learns culture, etiquette and ways of dignified and elegant behavior from other people. People learn remarkable habits and marvellous qualities in such a civilized environment.

**“A library is thought in Cold Storage”**

Libraries provide an atmosphere of deep concentration and study in perfect calm. They help us in building up concentration. They give us glorious flashes of knowledge. A reader feels indulged in the books. For students, libraries provide the suitable environment in which they can study properly without any kind of disturbance and interference. Libraries are stocked with academic books and text books for students. Libraries also assist the needy scholars and students who cannot afford to buy expensive books. Libraries become a tremendous advantage for these students who can easily borrow books from here and study them at home.

**“Books are the over burning lamps of accumulated wisdom”**

**“Books are the window through which the soul looks out”**

Reading is regarded as one of the most enriching habits. It's not just a hobby or a pass time that entertains us but it's also an educational activity. Reading brings us a vast reservoir of knowledge. Reading inspires people to gain more information. Thus, a library is a treasure of valuable books for people who want to use and gain from it.

**“The reading of all good books is like conversation with the finest man of past centuries”**

(Descartes)

A library is such a place where people of any age group, any status and all types and culture come. Libraries contain several books that are associated with various topics such as business, health, travel, food and careers. Some people go to libraries to read books before taking important discussions in their lives. A library has a good collection of encyclopedias, dictionaries, and maps. They also contain books that are a source of entertainment for us like fiction books, novels, comedy, thesis, suspense, horror or drama.

**“I go to the library and the knowledge of the world enrolls before me”**

If a person needs a specific book he can simply go to a library and borrow it instead of purchasing it. He can either read it at the library or take it home. A person can search for different books on a certain topic in the library. He can read the latest novels, magazine and digest at the library. A person can get a official library card and be a member of the library. In this way, he can issue any book at any time.

**“Nothing sickens me more than a closed door of a library”**

(Albert Einstein)

The need of the hour is that the government should make efforts to main libraries that have a good quality. Libraries should have vast range of books on every topic. So that people will be interested to come and read those books. The libraries should have new editions of books so that the visitors would be more satisfied and interested to come to the library. The atmosphere should be comfortable so that the concentration of the visitors does not break. People should also follow the rules and regulations of the library. In this way we will be able to create a more civilized and prosperous society.

**“Make thy books thy companions”**

An hour spent in a library is worth then a month spent in a laboratory.



## 6. HEALTH

Health is a great blessing of Allah Almighty and is very precious. It is the ability of the human body to meet demands imposed by the environment and daily life. It is an old saying that **Health is Wealth**. But actually health is far preferable to wealth. Much pleasure and happiness is possible having health but not wealth, but really bad health destroys all possibility of enjoying one's wealth. Even then millions of people destroy their health in the pursuit of wealth and it is very strange.

Health helps to develop a positive and dynamic attitude in life. Balanced diet, hygienic environment, personal cleanliness and physical exercise are conducive to health. As much of our happiness and success in life depends on our health, so it is our duty to maintain it at all cost. Keeping oneself healthy and smart is an art and this art demands balanced diet. Our bodies lose their vigour and vitality if they are not supplied with the proper amount and kind of food. Nowadays, our society is busy and on the go at all times. It is so much easier to stop and get fast food and then continue on. But studies have shown that those who eat hurriedly fall a victim to indigestion, raised cholesterol level and other disorders. Moreover smoking and use of drugs are likely to seriously damage one's health. They affect judgment and other reflexes.

Regular exercise is as important as balanced nutrition. A person who exercises regularly enjoys good night sleep, a good appetite and a sense of well being throughout the day. Exercise keeps our spirits up whenever dealing with depression and allows us to have a relaxed life style. Walking is one of the most effective forms of exercise and can be included in everyday life; swimming, cycling and skating are also very helpful. Lack of exercise results in flabby muscles and general physical weakness.

It is an established fact that personal hygiene and health are inseparable. Islam being the most scientific and natural religion lays great stress on cleanliness and in maintenance of healthy body. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) says;

**“Cleanliness is half the faith”**

So it is our religious obligation to keep the environment hygienic to save all sorts of diseases. Neat and clean environment has a cheerful effect. It is a sure sign of civilization and guarantees healthy society.

Proper sleep is a key to maintain good health. It is an old saying;

**“Early to bed and early to rise**

**Makes a man health wealthy and wise”**

Early rising is a good habit. An early riser enjoys good and sound health and works carefully, steadily and thoroughly. Moreover, he is always happy, fresh and smart, whereas a late riser finds his works dull and dry and does unwillingly. The golden principal of **“Early to bed and early to rise”** is especially necessary for young people who are still growing-late hours are bad for them.

It is the human nature that he wants change. Sometimes staying at one place makes us weary and stale. It is a signal that we need a complete change in our environment. If we go to some other place at the hills or in the country side it does us a world of good-change in routine and fresh air are better than all the tonics in the world.

Since health is so important to us, people are rearranging their lifestyles and their priorities to gain or maintain it. Some endure great pain for health some sacrifice their wealth for it; some believe and act upon the strangest things in the hope of obtaining it; some even kill themselves because they cannot get it, finding death preferable to living without it. Such a coveted blessing must be maintained to enjoy life.



## 7. A RAINY DAY

Rain is an amazing natural phenomenon which has been there since the life came into existence on earth. Water vapours which evaporate constantly result in the formation of clouds. When the clouds get concentrated with water they result in precipitation. This cycle repeats itself again and again and the water bodies of Earth remain flowing with water / never get emptied.

**“Rain is grace; rain is the sky condescending to the Earth. Without rain there would be no life.”**

Rain is very beautiful and healing. It soothes the spirit and washes away all that is bad. Rain is much more than the people give credit to it. It is a life giver, a life saver. It fills the rivers, fuels the streams and enters the ocean in waves. It is fascinating, nutritioning, magical and calming.

**“Rain! Whose soft architectural hands have power to cut stones, and chisel to shape of grandeur the very mountains.”**

Rain is indeed a great blessing of God. It is a marvellous gift after the unduly long and extremely hot summer season. The scorching sun and unbearable heat is washed away by the rain water. Rain no doubt is a source of life. Water is the sign of life. Rain provides water to all living things plants, animals, humans and even insects. It is a nature of life and life can never exist in its absence.

**“Rain showers my spirit and waters my soul”**

Everything that has an advantage has a drawback. Rain which can provide existence and subsistence can also cause mayhem. In contrast to the fact that rain is a life giver it is also a cause of chaos and destruction. Rain can destroy accommodations, fields, crops and shelters. It can result in devastating floods, hurricanes and storms. It can wipe away anything that comes in its way. It can be a blessing as well as a curse.

**“Some people walk in the rain others just get wet.”**

It was an average sizzling and burning day of July. Everyone was exhausted, tired and worn out due to the intense heat. The sky was brilliant blue due the ever bright sun. There were no signs of clouds or shade. The blazing sunlight had heated up everything. The plants were dried and drooped as the heat had sucked all the life from them. Heat was steaming out of everything. The animals had all lied down, nearly fainted. The temperature was baking and the hot air was blistering.

All of a sudden the clouds started gathering in the sky. The golden sunlight disappeared and everything became silvery grey. The sky turned into a shade of purple and blue. Vivid flashes of lightning appeared which were followed by the roaring sound of the thunder and it started raining abruptly.

**“Anyone who says sunshine brings happiness has never danced in rain”**

The sound of the downpour was pleasing to the ears. Everything came into life once again. The water washed the signs of heat and warmth. The plants that seemed lifeless and inert were dancing in the rain. Their leaves turned into the most radiant shades of green. Everyone was glad and delighted. All the sorrows and sadness faded away. The rain was completely unexpected but no one minded the inconvenience in the absence of umbrellas. Soaked clothes and wet shoes didn't bother anyone. The rain had brought happiness to the heat stricken people.

**“The best thing one can do when its raining is to let it rain”**

The street urchins were having a great time. Children were playing in the streets, floating boats on the sides of roads where the water was flowing fast. In no time, the whole city was drenched in rain water.

The roads and streets became lakes and streams. Everything looked shiny and brilliant. Everyone was enjoying every drop of the rain. Gradually it started raining cats and dogs but the beautiful scene that the nature had created was breathless.

**“One touch of nature maketh the whole world kin”**

(Shakespeare)

I was peeping out of the window, observing the marvellous and majestic rainfall. I was listening to the crickets chirp and the frogs croak. The rain continued for an hour or two and then the sky became clear-again. The birds came out of their nest and the animals out of their shelter. Every thing was shiny and crystal clear. Then out of no where, the stunning miraculous and awe inspiring rainbow appeared in the sky. It was like someone had painted an arc of seven brilliant colours in the sky. The sight was magical.

**“The Rainbow gave thee birth and left thee all her lovely hues”**

My dad called everyone in the lounge. He had planned for a picnic. We all became very excited. We started packing everything we needed. My mother baked some cookies, cakes, biscuits. In no time, we were ready and set out in the car. We also bought some fast food on our way to the park. The park was crowded with families. Children were playing in the puddles and swinging on the swings. We found a dry spot and sat down. We took a lot of pictures, played with each other and ate the delicious food joyfully. We enjoyed ourselves, and spent the day with full zest and zeal because we all know that it does not rain everyday and everyday is not a rainy day.

**“A thing of beauty is a joy forever”**

(John Keats)



## 8. A SCENE AT THE RAILWAY STATION

The train drawn by the heavy engine would stop briefly for the passengers at places called railway stations. The British invented the railway and the locomotive. The rail – track was laid for the trains to connect different towns and villages on the route.

People come to the railway station to leave their dears, but some people come to receive their dears. The people who leave their dears they become sad and who receive their dears they become happy. Therefore,

**“The railway station is a place which presents a blend of feeling of sorrows and joys**

Last Sunday I went to the railway station with my father. He has a job there. I saw typical scenes there. The smart, uniformed station master and his staff hurriedly move – about when some train is due in or out. The platform is thronged with passengers, men, women and children. Some stay close to their piles of luggage, other just walk about looking at colorful ads. The vendors do roaring business. Their brightly lit stalls or barrows at different point attract the passengers. There is noise and clamour all around.

**“A railway station obviously has typical scenes”**

Meals, fruits, goal gappas, pakoras, books, magazines, souvenirs and knick – knacks sell like hot cakes. In summer, pitchers and fans are in great demand. Water coolers and taps were the busiest spots. There was a great crowd.

**“The prospect of a long arduous journey ahead worries the passengers”**

Such a bustle follows, when the train pulls in at the platform. Some people pick their way politely along the crowded platform while others bump into one another as they got hurriedly from one compartment to another. Within a few minutes, the train is fully packed. The guard waves a green flag. The engine whistles and the train steams off. Soon the train picks up speed and is out of sight. The train is gone, the station staff has returned to their offices and now there is all calm and quiet at the railway station. Such are some of the scenes at the Railway Station.

Because of the different scenes of railway station we can say that:

**“The Railway Station is A Place of Great Interest”**

## 9. A HOCKEY MATCH

### Sports don't build character they reveal it

A hockey match played between two strong teams is really a thrilling experience. Last Sunday, I enjoyed an exciting match between our College Eleven and the City Raiders. It was played in our ground and a large number of spectators came to see the game. Our team had recently won the Board Zonal Championship and was naturally considered to be a strong combination. The City Raiders, too, were experienced players and had already played in many tournaments. The spectators expected to see a very interesting game.

At exactly 4:00 p.m. the referee blew a long whistle and the players who had taken up their positions in the field looked towards the centre forwards who quickly leapt into action.

Our centre forward Niaz pushed the ball towards the Raider's goal and the next moment he was running after it. It happened so swiftly that the Raiders could not move before he had reached the 'D'. The goal keeper tried his best but he was too late; Niaz had hit the ball right into the goal. We went mad with joy. We shouted and clapped and whistled and our players waved to us.

The game started again. Raiders were more vigilant this time. Their centre forward managed to beat ours, and passed the ball to his right in who passed it back to him. He dribbled it past our defenders and reached to goal mouth but our goal keeper stopped the ball and sent it flying back. The ball was now with our players who were working very hard.

After a short time, our captain got the ball and raced down to the goal post. When he reached the 'D' he slipped and fell down. The Raiders got the ball and once again raided our goal our defenders fought back valiantly and repulsed every attack. At this point, the referee blew a long whistle and the players walked out of the ground, for it was 'half time'. The players went to the dressing room and had soft drinks and biscuits.

After the interval, the game became very tense. The Raiders played a better game; most of the time the ball remained in our half. Time and again, the Raiders's captain who was in terrific form reached our goal. But every time our goal keeper stood his ground and cleared the ball.

At last, the time was up and our team came out happy and victorious. They had won the match by one goal. We clapped and shouted with joy. Our players had not let us down.

**Sports are the toy department of human life**



## 10. A TRUE MUSLIM

To be a good Muslim is, indeed, a great blessing of Allah. The follower of Islam is called a Muslim. A true Muslim has a firm belief in Allah and His last Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). He believes that Allah is the light of heaven and earth. It is his faith that Allah is the Creator of everything in the universe and is the Lord of the Day of Judgment. He believes that Allah is aware of his doings and actions. He avoids evil actions because he knows that he will be held answerable for his deeds. He fears only from Allah and does not do anything wrong. It is his belief that Allah is Omni-present and Omnipotent.

A true Muslim leads a simple and pure life. He earns his livelihood through honest means and is contented with it. He controls his desires. He does not beg for things. He does not bring down his self-respect. He spends his life according to the teachings of Islam. He always bows his head before Allah in all the matters of his life. He reads the Holy Quran and feels a great joy. He gives alms to the poor. He is good at heart, true to his word and honest in the performance of his duties. He is not afraid of anything except Allah and does what is right. He offers prayers regularly, keeps fast, gives Zakat and performs Hajj. He believes in the Day of Judgment and the life hereafter.

*A true Muslim is the one who does not defame or abuse others; but the truly righteous becomes a refuge for humankind, their lives and their properties. Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W)*

A true Muslim has regard for his neighbour. He never does anything that goes against their interests. He respects their rights. He shares their joys and sorrows. He is interested in their welfare and happiness. He does his best to help them wherever he can. He is always prepared to sacrifice his own interests for the sake of his neighbour. He is well-behaved. He is graceful in everything that he does. He tries to be sweet to others. He is not selfish. As far as possible he helps his neighbour in the time of need. He is not petty-minded. If he does a good turn to one of his neighbour, he never shows it off. He never mentions it. He does his good turn and forgets it altogether.

A true Muslim seeks knowledge and acts upon it. He leads a life of diligence, discipline and deep study. He educates his children well and develops them into good citizens. He tries to create a healthy atmosphere in his family. He is always respectful to the elder and kind to the younger. He solves his problems in a very intelligent manner. He tries his best to understand what is happening in the country. He is clean and pure in thought and deeds. There is no difference between his actions and preaching. He is fearless and courageous. He always speaks the truth. He does his duty honestly. He always controls his emotions and sentiments.

*The strong person is not the good wrestler. Rather, the strong person is the one who controls himself when he is angry.*

A true Muslim takes great care of the rights of his fellow beings. He does not deceive others. He always speaks gently and politely. He is sincere, true and kind at heart. He wins to the hearts of others by his good dealings. He always fulfils his promise. He is optimist by nature and never worries himself over trifles. He is a man of rare qualities of head and heart. He is a symbol of integrity and honesty. Even his worst enemies admit that he is not purchasable. He is reliable, lovable and sociable. He guides and directs his fellow beings to do the right. Consideration for others is the main aim of his life. In short, he proves himself to be what a true Muslim should be.



## 11. LIFE IN A BIG CITY

City is one of the most exciting places to live. Life in a big city is a whirl of activities.

**“God made the country and man made the town”**

In the city the life is fast and artificial. Daily life is ever too busy, and restless. One has to fight against time and pace. Cities are the products of civilization.

Life in a big city is an interminable war in different battle fields. All the necessities and comforts of life are available to the city people. Everything is within the reach. Life is full of luxuries and is very mobile.

City has many things to offer from entertainment and convenience. Most advanced medical facilities are available to the city dwellers. There is a large numbers of hospitals and clinics in the city. The hospitals have highly qualified staff and the most expensive and advanced equipments. Other than the hospitals, there are numerous pharmacies and medical stores.

**“All great art is born of metropolis”**

A large number of jobs are available in the cities. That's why its easier to find a job in the city. Very often people from the countryside move to the cities in order to find decent jobs. There are many educational institutions in cities which have a high standard for the students of all levels. In this way acquisition of knowledge is easier and better in cities. Excellent universities are present in cities for higher education which is a big advantage. The people in the cities are well educated. They are more advanced and enlightened than the people who live in the villages. Skilled workers and technicians are in great demand.

**“A great city is not to be confounded with a populous one”**

The entertainment is the most exciting part about city life. There are many entertainment facilities for everyone. There are lots of theaters, amusement parks, restaurants, shopping malls and stores in the cities. Other than this there are other entertaining venues such as football, cricket stadiums, arenas and clubs in the cities.

**“Recreation is not only joy but need of a man”**

In spite of this, there are wide roads in the cities with proper signs and signals. There are vast means of transport for the public that have lessened the distances. Necessities of life are easily available and in a variety.

**“What is a city, but the people true people are the city”**



**Drawbacks:**

There is a mad competition of getting material gains in the cities. Everyone is hypnotized by money and Luxuries. There is no place for emotions and sentiments. There is a strong contrast in different areas in the cities. The slum areas are present behind the posh areas. Life in posh areas is a bed of roses while in slum areas it's a bed of thorns.

**“In cities life is heaven for the rich and hell for the poor”**

The smoky atmosphere and the dirty and insanitary condition of cities because of factories and industries are pitiable. The lack of pure diet and fresh air are the deficiencies of cities. The poisonous and exhaust gases emitted from the vehicles result in health problems.

**“Today's city is the most vulnerable social structure ever conceived by man”**

Most of the cities are facing the problem of overpopulation. This is resulting in many other problems such as traffic, lack of housing facilities and food. Now, cities have unfortunately become very dangerous and unhealthy places to live. There are higher crime rates in cities which is a threat to everyone. The rush of traffic and heavy vehicles produce a lot of noise pollution. At the peak hours the noise of the passing traffic is so high that one can not even hear the either.

Everything has some drawback and problems are everywhere but these problems can be solved by honesty, education, awareness and literacy. But still life in city is very colourful and worth enjoying. You can complain because roses have thorns but you can rejoice because thorns have roses.

## 12. VILLAGE LIFE

City and village life both have their own attractions and pleasures. Life in a village may seem tough but it still has its unique charms. Villages are full of natural beauty – Lush green fields, vast plains, flowing streams are seen everywhere. Mother Nature claims, everything. The atmosphere is clean and fresh. There is no contamination and no harmful gases in the air. Thus, life is more peaceful and healthier in villages.

**Man's heart away from nature becomes hard.**

Pakistan is predominantly a land of villages. A major proportion of Pakistani population resides in villages because agriculture is the main occupation of our people.

A Pakistani village reflects the real picture of Pakistan. A Pakistani village is the very epitome of Pakistani culture and tradition. The village life is made up of farm houses, mud houses, uneven dirt lanes and ponds. Numerous Orchards and gardens of different fruits are found in the village. The streets are usually narrow and made up of dirt. There is fresh and pure food available in the villages which are free from all kinds of impurities. Villagers lead a simple contented and happy life. They get to eat pure, simple but a healthy diet.

Women, in the villages spend their spare time doing embroidery, decorating their houses, making marvellous handicrafts which entertain them and also provide financial support. There is a temporary school in the village where only a single teacher teaches all the classes. The children sit on the jute mats under the open sky.

The beauty of nature can easily be seen and felt. The day begins with chirping of the birds and with the musical sound of morning wind. Rainy season is the most pleasant. The whole atmosphere looks clear and brilliant. Summer and winter have their own marvels. There is a season of sowing and harvesting crops in which there is a great hustle and bustle. Fairs, festivals and marriages are the special occasions for rejoicing and merry-making. Happiness is what you make it.

**“Nothing is good or bad but thinking makes it so”**

They spend a lot of time in the fields as their major profession is agriculture. They remain busy in their healthy occupations. In the evening, they sit in the choppal and talk about different local matters. The farmers take rest during their leisure time under the shady trees. They work from dawn to dusk and earn an honest living.

**“Honesty is the best policy. If I lose my honour I lose myself.”**



In villages "choppal" is the meeting place where elderly people meet in the evening to have their conversation about the local problems. The life is centered around the big land lord who passes most of his time either in talking or in settling village disputes. There are different cultivators in the village such as a blacksmith, a carpenter, a potter, a barber, a weaver, a physician and a not very qualified teacher.

### **Recreation is not only joy but need of a man**

Life in village is not devoid of its amusements. Although there are no cinemas, clubs and recreational places in villages, yet one can enjoy long walks in the open fields, valleys and on the banks of rivers. Very amusing and simple games are played in the village which bring pleasure in the lives of the villagers.

### **"Happiness is what you make it."**

The villagers are very lively people. Their liveliness is represented in their songs and stories. Villagers, although poor are not only hospitable and caring but they also like to share the sorrows. This is only one side of the picture. Villages have their drawbacks too. The people lack new and modern facilities. There are no proper hospitals and medication centers. Due to the lack of quality education, the illiteracy rate is very high. There are no transportation and communication facilities. But rural life can be reformed. With a little attention villages can become the pride of Pakistan and it is hoped that things will change in the near future.

### 13. TELEVISION

Television is one of the greatest wonders of modern science. Modern science has invented many valuable things, but there is nothing which has contributed so much to our joy of life as the television. If the men of last century could rise from their graves, it is certain they would be speechless on watching the television.

*Television is more interesting than people. If it were not, we would have people standing in the corners of our rooms.*

The Government of Pakistan established the Television Corporation in October 1964. Its aim was to introduce a general purpose of television service in the country. The first television station in our country was set up at Lahore. Now we have television stations at Quetta, Peshawar, Islamabad and Karachi. We can now watch moving, talking and living pictures on the screen. We need not go to playground to enjoy a match; we can enjoy it in our drawing room along with our family.

*The television is an invention that permits you to be entertained in your living room by people you wouldn't have in your home.*

Television is an important means of entertainment, education, communication, information, cartoons, quiz programmes, etc. Indeed, Mankind should be grateful to J.L. Baird who was the inventor of the television. The cinema, the stage and the club are the recognized places for recreation but they become stale and dull after a time. A television is such a means of entertainment as it never makes us feel dull, for we have the whole world before our eyes to see and enjoy.

Now we can enjoy films, dramas, cartoons, etc. while sitting in our own house among the members of the family. We can watch and hear the talks delivered by the scholars, scientists, politicians, poets, writers, artists, musicians and other eminent persons. We get much to know from their talks and lectures and various subjects and topics.

Television is playing an important role in the field of education. It telecasts educational programmes for the benefit of school and college students. Special programmes for students are telecast during the days of examination. Students can watch the actual performance of a complicated experiment or operation on the television.

Pakistan is an agricultural country and 80 percent of its population lives in villages. Special agricultural programmes are relayed on television for the farmers. These programmes enable them to increase their agricultural production and inspire them how they can add to their income by taking to poultry or fishery in their spare time. A weather forecast is given for information and guidance of the farmers in every News Bulletin.

The television has certain abuses also. It affects eyesight provided that the viewers may sit at a safe distance from it. Especially, children don't care of it and they are affected from the harmful rays of television. If a person wastes all his time in watching television, he will become lazy and unpractical. Long duration programmes on television, like films, deviate a student's attention from his studies. He becomes idle and day-dreamer. The cost of electricity is influenced too, of course.

In Pakistan, much may be done through television. Our villagers may be told how to improve their methods of cultivation and what the world is like of which they know very little. Our women also may be taught cooking, sewing, etc., through the television. The television would be a powerful weapon of social reforms, and political awakening.

*Television has done much for psychiatry by spreading information about it, as well as contributing to the need for it.*



## 14. QUAID-E-AZAM

**“The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flights, for they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night.”**

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was a unique leader of Indian Muslims. He offered the Muslims and unprecedented leadership. No one before or after him practiced politics as he did. God had treasured up all the supreme qualities of a great leader in him. When the Indian Muslims made up their minds for emancipation, they turned their eyes on Quaid-e-Azam who cut off the fetters of slavery and brought his people the gift of freedom. He had qualities of a great hero by all standards. In other words, his personality was a beautiful blend of intelligence, determination, faith, morality and valour.

Mohammad Ali Jinnah was born in Karachi on December 25<sup>th</sup> 1876. He got his early education in a local Maktab. Then he got admission in Missionary High School. After that he made to England for Bar-at-Law. When he was in England, the Muslims besought him to come to India to lead the procession of the freedom fighters to the ultimate goal. The Quaid beat back to India and let the Indian Muslims through fire and water to their destination. The Indian Muslims were placed between fires. The English and the Hindus. It was the Quaid who freed them from dual slavery.

He worked as a member of Indian National Congress and later on joined the Muslim League. Then, he made efforts for a separate homeland of the Indian Muslims. He translated two Nations Theory and Iqbal's dream into reality. The London times wrote:

**“The Hindus and the Indian Muslims have no religious dispute. It is speculated with the passage of time, religious superstitions will die out. There are some cultural differences between two nations. The passing time will bridge this gap also.”**

Such a comment springing from both the parties. British Government and the paper awakened the sleeping lions. The Quaid rose to the occasion and brought both the parties under his severe censure. He said:

**“India is neither a country nor it inhabitants a nation. This is a sub-continent where many nations live”**

He further said:

**“We believe in one God, They believe in many gods. We don't have cast system, they have cast system. How can we live together?”**

This sharp minded, hawk eyed, unflinching and unyielding man worked day and night for Pakistan. It was due to his leadership, that the British could not weld the Hindus and the Muslims into one unity. Ultimately he was able to carve out Pakistan on the map of the world.



## 15. BOY SCOUTS

Boy scout is a member of the Boy Scouts, and international movement whose objectives are to develop character, physical fitness and citizenship of boys. They are trained for the responsibilities of adult life after through community and outdoor activities. Sir Robert Bader Powell, a British soldier, started his movement in 1908 in England. Scouting spread very fast because of its simple and noble objectives. Now it exists in more than 140 countries. International rallies called jamborees are held after every four years.

*A boy carries out suggestions more wholeheartedly when he understands their aim.*

The boy scouts organization encourages boys to participate in vigorous outdoor activities. Camping is a regular part of the scout programme. The programme also stresses the development of skill in woodcraft, swimming, first aid, signaling and other activities. Scouts are trained in First Aids, cycling, swimming, cooking, extinguishing fire and other useful practical arts. They are also taught how to put up tents, make rope bridges and raise a flag. The boy scouts motto is "Be prepared" and the slogan is "do a good turn daily".

*A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens.*

A boy scout takes an oath first. He tries to hold fast to his noble promise under all moral values and he fulfils his duties to God Almighty, to his country and to the suffering people. He is very eager to help the injured, the needy and the handicapped. He knows that a cheery smile and a helping hand can make life easier for others.

Moreover, a boy scout has qualities of leadership. He is firm and noble in command. He is humble and willing in obedience. He learns useful crafts and skills. He knows basic facts about trees, hills, rivers and stars. He is efficient in using a knife and axe, in trying various knots, in cooking food and in pitching a tent. In peace and emergencies a boy scout shows courage, responsibility and self confidence.

*In Scouting, a boy is encouraged to educate himself instead of being instructed.*

The Boy Scouts grow into loyal and useful citizens. They are trained in habits of obedience, cleanliness and truthfulness. They are taught to be always active and ready for any useful service which may be required of them, and for which they may be fit. All scouts are equal, and are brothers and have to take a pledge before they become a scout to obey a scout law, and to be loyal to the country. A Scout's word is always to be believed.

*If you make listening and observation your occupation you will gain much more than you can by talk.*

A Scout looks very smart in his uniform. He always carries a rope and a handkerchief and a long stick is always with him for use in emergencies. Scouts salute by raising the first two fingers of the right hand to the forehead. In several schools, scout troops have bands of their own. The scouts render very useful service on great fairs. In short, the Boys Scouts movement proves useful for the suffering humanity. It creates a zeal for service and cooperation among boys and youths.



## 16. MY AMBITION

### (MY AIM IN LIFE)

The aim if reached or not makes great the life

(Robert Browning)

A man without any ambition cannot progress in this world. He achieves nothing in life. He has no goal or destination. He does not have any desire to make a start. He is tossed about like a straw in the wind. So every young person should have an ambition for his career.

It is a fact that progress, peace and prosperity are the result of human ambitions. It is ambition that urges us forward. But simply having an ambition is not enough. Ambition must be backed up by continuous efforts to achieve it. If a man sets an ambition before him, but does nothing to achieve it, he will never achieve anything. His ambition is no more than an unreal dream.

*A life without aim is the a word without meanings, eyes without sight and a boat with out oars.*

There are as many aims as men. The nature of ambition is different from man to man. It depends upon his family background, upbringing, economic position and social status. Some people want to be doctors, others to be engineers or civil and military officers. The ambition of some other persons is to earn wealth and fame so that even after their death their name lives on. Thus, we find people striving to become top sportsmen, poets, novelists, artists, educationists, film stars, etc.

As for myself, the sole object of my life is to lead a life of simplicity and goodness. Therefore, my ambition in life is to become a teacher. I have my own reasons for this. First, about seventy per cent of people in my country are illiterate. They are all in ignorance. By becoming a teacher, I will be able to remove illiteracy and ignorance. Secondly, though teaching is not a paying profession, yet it is one of the noblest professions. The best people in the world are those who learn and teach others. Our Holy Prophet (PBUH) was the greatest teacher of mankind. Thus, this profession will enable me to translate into my life the Islamic Principle of simple living and high thinking. I hope to perform this stupendous task. Thirdly, this profession calls for a sense of dedication and a missionary zeal. I possess both the qualities beyond measure. Fourthly, I will serve my country by producing better citizens. The students of today are the citizens of tomorrow. By being a teacher, I will be able to make my humble contribution in the building of my nation. I will also be able to include a sense of patriotism, nationalism and responsibility in my students.

In the light of above mentioned reasons, I am convinced that my decision is right. I will, therefore, leave no stone unturned to achieve this ambition of my life.

*Dreams are like stars you many never touch them but if you follow them they will lead you your destinations.*



"Hobby is an activity that you do please when you are not working."

Leisure time reveals what kind of person we are.

## 17. MY HOBBY

Hobby or Pastime is an activity which a person performs in his spare or leisure time. It is pursued for relaxation and pleasure and not as a main occupation. They bring a feeling of joy and satisfaction to man. Hobbies help us to pass our free time happily as when man has nothing to do, his mind is like devil's one.

**"Idle Brain is a devil's works hop."**

And hobbies make us busy. They add zest to dull and monotonous life. They stimulate the mind and leave an imprint upon character. Hobbies enhance creativity and develop our skill, refresh our minds. These are a source of recreation for retired people as well.

Hobbies indicate the versatility of the individual. Great men were well known for their hobbies. Samuel Johnson, the famous eighteenth century suit and lexicographer loved cats. George Lewis studied longevity. Gladstone, the Prime Minister of England often dived into Mathematics. Sir James Jeans was fond of music and Sir Winston Churchill was fond of painting.

Hobby also provides us information and help us to solve many problems. My hobby is book reading. In my opinion, this is the best hobby. It provides us information, gives us relaxation and helps us in passing our spare time joyfully. A person who adopts this hobby, in fact, does not need any friend because.

**"Books are your best friends"**

I have this hobby since my childhood when I was quite young, only about six, seven years old. In start, I was very fond of reading colourful story books and charming poems. I had a great collection of story books.

But with passage of time, I stopped reading those books. Now I read all kinds of books, historical books, Islamic books, books on science and technology, novels and poetic books. Books of poetry have their entertainment value. Books of travel take us to unknown lands, people and customs.

**"Books enlighten our intellect and broaden our vision."**

I have a number of books. Mainly I am interested in literacy books. Urdu literature is the most interesting. Poetry also appeals me especially poetry of Iqbal has its own importance. I am also interested in study of books on latest research work in science and technology as they increase our information.

I like my all books. I like most my hobby because it is not only a source of relaxation but also a source of information. Whenever I am alone or have nothing to do, I take out any book and start reading it and my spare time passes joyfully.

In fact all hobbies make life charming and add to our happiness. They bring us new friends and make us social. But book reading is a great hobby because.

**"Books are of greatest importance in our life."**

"A man learn only in two way one by reading and other by association with eminent people"



## 18. MY BEST FRIEND

Friendship, a peculiar boon of Heaven, The noble minds delight and pride, to men and angels only given, to all the lower world denied.

Friendship is a great blessing. A man who has sincere and selfless friends is very lucky. Friendship, in fact, is a source through which one gets inspiration and wisdom to live one's life in a better way. A friend is not the person to exploit other's weakness. He is benefactor. A friend in need is not a friend indeed. A Sanskrit verse says,

Six folds are the characteristics of the friends, he gives and receives, presents, confides and is entrusted with secrets, entertains and is entertained at feasts.

I am a student of Matric class upto this stage of my life, I have come in contact with many a girl of my age, but none of them proved worthy of being a good friend. Many of them were quite attractive and engaging but they parted at an early stage of friendship.

Recently, I have found a friend in the person of \_\_\_\_\_. She is not only my class fellow but also my neighbour. Her father is a lecturer in English in Government College. She has a fair complexion and sharp features. She has dark brown eyes and curly brown hair. She possesses a cheerful deposition. A personally smile always plays upon her face.

\_\_\_\_\_ is sincere and honest. She is kind and generous. She is always well dressed. She is neat and clean in her habits also. She does not mix with bad class fellows and avoids their company. She has a sound health, and she is intelligent as well.

She is very hardworking and helps me a lot. She is very curious and wants to go deep into every matter. She never abuses and never quarrels. She has cool head. Gardening is her hobby. She is always helpful to the weak students.

She is a very good student. She wants to become doctor. Teachers are all praise for her. Her father is also a source of encouragement for her. She is trying to get best grades in coming Matric Examination.

But all this does not mean that she is a book worm. She takes part in school activities. She is an active student of school. She is an impressive debator. She speaks with confidence. She is a very good painter. Not only this, she is a very good player of Tennis. She plays very well and has won many prizes in Tennis tournaments.

These are all her apparent qualities. But infact she has a golden heart. She loves every one. She is very kind to the poor and younger ones. She always respects her elders and teachers.

Friendships need the basis of mutual understanding and that we have given. Given a proper nourishment, a friendship such ours, can prove a boon for society. In my view,

**“Individual friendship should pave the way for friendships at large.**



## 19. MY FAVOURITE POET

**Poet is born not made**

Allama Iqbal is our national poet. He was born at Sialkot on November 9, 1877. He belonged to a respectable Kashmiri family. One of his forefathers left Kashmir and settled in Sialkot. His father Sheikh Nur Muhammad was a very pious and religious man. Allama Iqbal inherited mysticism and deep love of his religion from his parents.

Allama Iqbal received his early education from Mission High School, Sialkot and passed Intermediate examination from Murray College. His teacher Molvi Syed Mir Hassan was one of the most learned and pious man of his time. Iqbal had the good fortune of studying Arabic, Persian and Islamiyat under the inspiring guidance of his teacher. In one of his poems, he applauded the love affection and care of his teacher bestowed upon him. Then he went to Lahore and passed his M.A examination from Government College, Lahore. He joined the teaching staff of the Govt. College Lahore and served there for some time.

*Lives of great men teach us how to make our lives great*

In 1905, he went to Europe for higher studies in Philosophy and Law. He did his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Germany and Bar at-Law from London. He served as a professor of Arabic in London University for six months. His stay in Europe was of great importance. He was not impressed by the Western civilization. He disliked the Western civilization. That is why he criticized it in his poetry. His hatred is quite prominent in his poems. He also predicted that the materialistic civilization of the West is to lead them only towards destruction.

When he returned home, he started law practice in the Lahore High Court. But he was more interested in poetry than law. Most of his time, he devoted to poetry philosophy and religion. He aroused the Muslims through the message of his poetry. In fact, he had great love and sympathy for the Muslims of India. He wanted to help them. He wrote many poems. He asked the Muslims of the whole world to unite.

*Those are slaves who fear to speak for the faller and the weak.*

Iqbal presided over the Allahabad Session of the All-India Muslim League in 1930. Here, he gave us the idea of Pakistan. He said that the only solution of the problems of the Indian Muslims was a separate Muslim State. He preached that slavery was greatest curse. The Muslims should break the chains of slavery. He pointed out the main causes of the degradation and humiliation of the Muslims in his poems "Shikwa" and "Jawab-e-Shikwa".

*Poetry is truth dwelling in the beauty.*

Allama Muhammad Iqbal was a great poet of Urdu and Persian. He was an inspired and creative poet. He dreamt of a separate homeland for the Muslims of the Sub-Continent. But he could not live long to see his dream materialize in the shape of Pakistan in 1947. He died on the 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1938. His death was a great loss for the Muslims. He was buried near the gate of Shahi Masjid, Lahore. Every year Iqbal Day is celebrated to pay him homage. May his soul rest in peace.

He wrote many books such as Bangi-i-Dara, Bal-e-Jabreel, Zarb-e-Kalim, Israr-e-Khudi, Ramuz-e-Bekhudi, Javaid Nama, etc.



## 20. A VISIT TO A HILL STATION

**"The best part of the beauty is that which no picture can describe".**

My love of adventure is natural to me of course, the degree of love varies from person to person. My adventuresome nature promoted me and a cousin of mine suggested to visit Murree Hills. Murree, a beautiful valley situated between the huge mountains of Himaliya range.

It was almost mid of July when we all cousins left for Murree. We enjoyed the whole journey from Lahore to Rawalpindi. We reached Rawalpindi at 10 o' clock. We rested for a while in Rawalpindi and purchased many things of daily needs.

We reached Murree at 2 p.m. the same day. The weather was gusty and dusty. The huge masses of clouds appeared in the winking of an eye. An inky darkness prevailed every where. Cool wind was blowing Birds were diving up and down on the waves of cool breeze. And at that time, it seemed as if;

**"Nature is standing in front of us in all its beauty and grace".**

We put up at an old hotel "Sunny View". After having rest there for a while, we came out to have a view of Murree hills. The valley below hills looked like a great cup full of flowers and flowing streams. The beautiful flowers of eye catching colours were dancing in cool breeze and looking so beautiful, as the poet says:

**"See how the flowers as at parade, under colours stand displayed."**

Next day, we walked to Kashmir point and enjoyed ourselves with its scenic beauty. When it was dark, we made for our hotel. A gentle shower of rain began to fall. When it started tipping it down, it also created a musical sound and that was the beauty and music of nature. After a while, it started raining cats and dogs and continued till late at night, but when it was dawn, the rain stopped.

After our breakfast, we went out to see Salmi Sanitorium. Salmi is a beautiful spot situated in a fine valley. There are fruit garden on slopes. On our way back, we crossed two fast moving streams. Their silvery water was clear and cool. The number of glowing colours looked as much beautiful as:

**"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with heart."** (Hellen Keller)

Next day, we went to Patriata, early in the morning. We enjoyed to have a ride of chair-lift. It was an interesting experience. Running clouds, blowing breeze and bird eye view of Murree Hills, it seemed like a dream.

In our ten days visit of Murree Hills, we enjoyed hiking, and did a lot of shopping from Murree Mall. These moments are unforgettable for me. Those days were most well-spent days of my life.

Beauty of Murree Hills left a lasting imprint on screen of my mind. It will be commemorating me of the enchanting beauty of Murree forever, because;

**"A thing of beauty is a joy forever."**

(John Keats)



## 21. A ROAD ACCIDENT

**“An accident is something that happens unexpectedly to hurt a person.”**

Accidents are so common these days that we seldom pay attention to them. Almost every day, there are more than one news about accidents taking place in different parts of the country. In Pakistan the number of accidents that are daily reported in press or on T.V and radio, is enough to convince us that our roads have become veritable death trap for us. When we venture to step out of our houses, we are not sure whether, we will be able to reach our destination safely or not.

Most of the accidents are caused by negligence of traffic rules, carelessness of drivers, love for over speeding and narrowness of roads. Here I shall describe a breath taking accident, which I saw last year.

Last year, we all were going to Multan by road. There was a great traffic on Highway and all were in a great hurry. My father was going on with a normal speed. Suddenly, a bus overtook our car with a great speed. The bus was overloaded with passengers. After a few minutes, another fast moving bus overtook our car. The situation of passengers was not different from the first one. The bus was an old model also.

We had not traveled far when we saw both the buses on the road moving in a great speed. It seemed that they were racing together. Their speed was very dangerous. Suddenly, one bus overtook the other one. This engaged the bus driver and he accelerated speed of bus to go ahead. In the mean while, the tie rod of that bus gave way, since it was moving at a top speed, it soon went out and slipped to the left side of the road.

Other bus kept on moving. The whole traffic on the road stopped immediately. But the bus was out of control. It had a head on collision against a tree, which was uprooted by the bus. The bus went deep into the thick growth of trees before it came to a stop.

There was a great hue and cry raised by the passengers. The bus received such terrible jolts that almost all passengers were thrown away from their seats. Almost every passenger was injured. Some of them were very seriously injured especially the bus driver and front seated passengers.

Soon the help arrived there. Injured were taken to the hospital and first aid was given. The traffic continued after a half an hour and we went ahead.

I still remember this incident and feel sorry, that just for the sake of entertainment, these bus drivers put the lives of many passengers in danger. This should be avoided Although:

**“Death keeps no calendar.”**

**But we should save the life, the gift of God Life and should not become enemy of it.**



## 22. OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN

It is an old adage that all work and no play make Jack a dull boy. We should admit that achieving knowledge is a different task which requires complete mental concentration usually ends up leaving us exhausted. As a student the time that one cherishes most during the daily study routine is a short break between the lectures which is usually spent at a cheerful and refreshing place called the school canteen. For most of the students it is perhaps the best time of their day because it offers them an opportunity to socialize, to play and get some physical exercise and most of all to relax their exhausting minds. The canteen is a place of rest and refreshment.

Our school has a neat and clean canteen. It is a place of attraction. It is in a corner of the school. Aslam, a neat and tidy young man runs it. He keeps all sorts of things for us. He deals in sweets, fruits, milk, tea, biscuits, toffees, cold drinks, buns and butter. Sometimes Nan and Kababs are also available. All the things are sold at controlled prices at the canteen.

Aslam keeps all the things in order. He has two servants to help him. The sweets are kept in cases with glass pane to keep the flies off. He uses pure ghee. His sweets are fresh and wholesome. His tea is superior. His samosas are a great attraction. We buy and eat with great relish. Some teachers also visit this canteen.

Aslam is very polite and honest. He receives his customers with a smiling face. His rates are reasonable. He gives right measures. He does not try to cheat anybody. He does not sell on credit. He avoids selling stale goods. He keeps his canteen in a sanitary condition. All the things for sale are regularly inspected by the Headmaster. He issues instructions for its improvement.

There is a great rush at his shop during the recess period. Some buy sweet, other fruit and so on. There are some iron chairs, table and two benches in front of the shop for customers to sit on. There is a big basket near his canteen for putting the rubbish in.

As no other shopkeeper may enter the school compound, most of the boys buy things from him. He has a good sale and high profits. He suffers much during the summer vacation. He prays, I suppose, there should be no summer vacation or close days in the school.