

DESCRIPTIVE PARAGRAPH

(Person/Place/Event)

(For Class IX) Question No. 3 : 8 marks

Descriptive paragraph of a person, place or event written is a brief description of the given topic. The important incidents and events related to the topic are given in the form of notes. Write a short paragraph of about 100-150 words with the help of these notes.

Guiding tips

1. Read the notes carefully.
2. Paragraph should be written in the past tense and tense should remain same throughout the paragraph.
3. Use all the given notes and remember not to add additional information.
4. The information should follow a logical sequence.
5. Avoid grammatical errors, spelling mistakes, and errors related to punctuation marks.
6. Do not exceed the word limit.

SOLVED EXAMPLES

1. **Lata Mangeshkar is called the 'Nightingale of India' for her singing talent. Write a short biography of her to be put in the 'Inspirational Personality' column of your school magazine.** (Word limit: 100-150)

Birth : September 28, 1929 in Indore, India

Parentage : father Dinanath Mangeshkar, a renowned classical singer

Career : debuted as playback singer in a Marathi film; first playback - film *Aap ke Sewa Main* (1947); more than 30,000 solo, duet and chorus backed songs in 20 different languages since 1948; also acted in as many as 8 films from 1942 to 1948

Awards : the only second singer in the non-classical category in India to receive the highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna; three national awards and eight Filmfare awards



Ans.

LATA MANGESHKAR

Lata Mangeshkar is one of the best singers of the Hindi film industry. She was born on 28th September, 1929 in Indore, India. Her father Dinanath Mangeshkar was a renowned classical singer. She debuted as playback singer in a Marathi film 'Aap ke Sewa Main' (1947). It is estimated that she has more than 30,000 solo, duet, and chorus backed songs in 20 different languages from 1948 to 1987. She also acted in as many as 8 films from 1942 to 1948. Lata Mangeshkar has been honoured with innumerable awards but the one that truly deserves a special mention is that she is the only second singer in the non-classical category in India to have received the highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna. She has also received three national awards and eight Filmfare awards.

2. Given below is a profile of Mr. Ram Bharose, a gardener. Write a short bio-sketch of Mr. Gopal Ram. You could take the help of the clues given below:

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| • Age | – | around 50 years |
| • Height/weight | – | six feet, solid build |
| • Family | – | two children (one boy and one girl) |
| • Profession | – | gardener at a school in Delhi |
| • His likes | – | loves taking care of plants |
| • Why he is popular | – | prepares bio-manure and caretaker of plants |

Ans. Mr. Gopal Ram is a middle-aged gardener of 50 years. He is of about six feet tall and has a solid built. He is a hard-working person with an experience of nearly twenty seven years or more working as a gardener in a school in Delhi. Since his childhood he has had a love for plants. He has a small family of wife and two children.

He prepares bio-manure very efficiently and believes that only bio-manure can provide the true nutrition to plants. He takes care of his plants like a father does for his children.

3. Write a paragraph on 'Television—An Illusion' in the answer sheet given to you. Make use of the hints given below. (Word limit: 100-150)

- irresistible charm
- universal appeal
- revolutionized the way of spending leisure time
- cause of anxiety
- read books and play outdoor games instead
- depiction of harsh realities

Ans. TELEVISION—AN ILLUSION

'Television' has an irresistible charm. Entering an empty room the first thing we do is switch on the television and the talking faces flare into being. The television has the universal appeal and its presence is constantly being ratified in every aspect of our life namely music, art and movies. Television has revolutionized the way we spend our leisure time.

A world of illusions is created with the changing array of sounds and sights, illustrating the undeniable truth that one is simply watching TV and not analysing or even attempting to correlate these visionary images with practical events.

Television is the common cause of anxiety in our home and schools. Parents and teachers often say, "Spend more time reading books or playing outdoor games rather than watching television." The child's perception of reality is distorted by a steady exposure to the world of make-believe like the serial 'Shaktiman' which was taken off air as the children wanted to be Shaktiman themselves.

At times there is too much depiction of the harsh facts of life on screen. Series like 'India's Most Wanted' make you feel scared, helpless and at times angry!

4. You are to write a biography of 'Florence Nightingale' for your humanity column of the school newspaper. Use the information to write the biography in about 100-150 words.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

- 1820—born to wealthy English parents
- 1837—heard call of God
- 1854—Crimean War broke out, she led three dozen of nurses to serve British military hospitals
- 1856—war ends, returns to London
- 1883—awarded Royal Red Cross by Queen Victoria
- 1907—first woman to receive Order of Merit



Ans.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

Florence Nightingale was born in a wealthy English family. In 1837 she felt she heard a call from God. When the Crimean War broke out in 1854, she led a group of three dozen nurses to serve British military hospitals there. When the war ended in 1856 she returned to London. Florence Nightingale was awarded the Royal Red Cross by Queen Victoria in 1883. In 1907 she became the first woman to receive the Order of Merit.

5. Write a Biosketch of Bill Gates with the help of Notes provided below in about 100-150 words.

- Name : William Henry Gates — Bill Gates
- Birth : 28 Oct. 1955 U.S.A.
- Lives : U.S.A.
- Achievements : Formed Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Founder of Microsoft Corporation in 1975 with his friend Paul Allen.
- Award : Awarded as person of the year 2005
- Hobbies : Travelling and Music
- Income : \$ 90 Billion in 2018. Bill Gates is one of the richest men in the world.



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Ans. One of the richest person's of the world is Bill Gates. His full name is William Henry Gates. But Bill Gates children, Phoebe, Jennifer and Rory, enjoy teasing their father with Travis McCoy and Bruno Mars' song "Billionaire". He was born in USA on 28 Oct., 1955. When he was 20 years old he formed 'Microsoft Inc' world's largest Software Company with his friend Paul Allen in 1975, he also formed 'Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation'. He was named The Person of the Year 2005 and has been counted one of the five richest man of the World. Bill Gates earns nearly 7.2 billion dollars yearly. He loves travelling and visits India almost every year for the upliftment of the poor.

6. Enumerate a day at the book fair and write a paragraph in about 100-150 words describing the place using the following notes.

- When was it organised
- Purpose of the fair
- Who all participated
- What was special about it
- Where was it organised
- Arrangements
- How many people attended the fair

Ans. Book fair is organised in Pragati Maidan, Delhi every year. This year it was organised in the month of August. It was a very big affair as publishers from all over India exhibited their books. One could see and buy good books on practically any subject and topic that one could think of. People from Delhi and neighbouring areas came to attend this fair. It was a rare opportunity for book lovers and library owners as there was a variety of books from different publishers, all under one roof. The main attraction of the fair was availability of some special books and teaching aids which are not easily available in book shops.

7. Enumerate your visit to the Taj Mahal during your School Educational Trip. Describe the monument and the city in about 100-150 words using the hints given below:

- Situated in the city of Agra
- Built by Shah Jahan
- Fine Mughal architecture
- Completed in 16 years
- Jewel of Muslim art
- Made of white marble
- UNESCO World Heritage Site

Ans.

THE TAJ MAHAL

The Taj Mahal is located in Agra, in the state of Uttar Pradesh. It is popularly known as 'the Jewel of Muslim Art in India'. It was built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his third wife Mumtaz Mahal. It is a fine example of Mughal Architecture. In 1983, the Taj Mahal became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It took 16 long years to build this beautiful monument. It is made up of white marble inlaid with semi-precious stones. It attracts many tourists every year. It is so beautiful that nobody should miss seeing its beauty.

EXERCISE

1. You must have heard the name of Nelson Mandela, the hero who fought against racism. In today's world, we all need equality yet we see that differences between all communities have not ended. To lay stress on need of giving equal treatment to all, write a biography of Nelson Mandela taking hints from the given clues. (Word limit: 100-150)

- **Birth** : July 18, 1918 in village near Umtata in the Transkei
- **Education** : Matriculated at Healdtown Methodist Boarding School – BA degree at Fort Hare – LLB at the University of the Witwatersrand
- **Political Career** : Entered politics in 1942 by joining the African National Congress
 - fought against apartheid and racism in South Africa
 - in 1952 opened first black firm in the country
 - left the country unlawfully for military training in Algeria in 1962
 - arrested after the return – jailed for 5 years
 - released on 11 February, 1990
 - brought democracy in South Africa-national hero
- **Award** : First elected President of democratic South Africa 10 May 1994 – June 1999
 - Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 on behalf of all South Africans



2. Who doesn't admire the creator of animation cartoon - Walt Disney? Your school is organising a two day workshop on animation. Write a biography of Walt Disney to be presented at the opening of this workshop. You may take hints from the given clues. (Word limit: 100-150)

- **Birth** : December 5, 1901 in Chicago
- **Education** : Drawing at an early age – sold his first sketch to neighbour when he was 7
 - attended Academy of Fine Arts at night
- **Career** : An advertising cartoonist in 1920 in Kansas City
 - went for Hollywood and did the first 'Alice Comedy' feature
 - created Mickey Mouse in 1928



- Mickey made his screen debut - "Steamboat Willie" on November 18, 1928
- "Flowers and Trees" - first Academy Award
- The Old Mill - Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs - Pinocchio
- Fantasia - Dumbo - Bambi - total 81 features
- launced Disneyland in 1955
- planned Walt Disney World opened on October 1, 1982
- established California Institute of Arts in 1961

• *Death* : December 15, 1966

3. Shahrukh Khan is a world famous star. Below are some notes about his personal life. Taking hints from the notes, write a short biography of Shahrukh Khan.

(Word limit: 100-150)

- *Birth* : November 2, 1965 in Delhi
- *Education* : St. Columbus School, awarded the 'Sword of honour' for the best student
- *Career* : TV serial called 'Fauji' in 1988, another soap called 'Circus' in 1989
- *Film career* : Debut with commercially successful 'Deewana' (1992), Superhit movies - Darr (1993), Bazigar (1993), Anjaam (1994), Kuch Kuch Hota Hai (1998), Om Shanti Om (2007), Chak De India (2007), My Name is Khan (2010), etc.
- *Marriage* : Married to Gauri Chibba on October 25, 1991, two children, son Aryan Khan (b.1997) and daughter Suhana (b. 2000)
- *Awards* : Seven Filmfare awards for the best actor



*4. Sania Mirza took Indian tennis to new heights. Diya decides to write her biography to be published in school magazine to inspire budding tennis stars of her school. Write this biography for her taking help of the notes given below. (Word limit: 100-150)

- *Birth* : November 15, 1986 in Mumbai
- *Education* : Schooling from Nasr School Khairatabad and passed SSC examination with 63% marks