

Writing and Grammar

Section B

EXAM DRILL

ANSWERS

WRITING

DESCRIPTIVE PARAGRAPH

1. Born on 30th October, 1998, Madhya Pradesh, Manek Singh spent his early days practising wrestling in the village akhara either at the primary school or at local stadiums.

Selected by coach Dara Singh in 2005, Manek Singh went on to win National Championships. In 2008 Beijing Olympics, wrestler Manek Singh defeated Charles, who was the reigning champion at that time. He won the first ever bronze in wrestling for India.

Manek Singh also participated in 2010 Common Wealth Games and made India proud by winning bronze in wrestling. In 2011, Manek Singh was awarded the Khel Ratna Award, India's highest sporting honour. However, his ultimate dream is to win gold at 2016 Olympics.

2. Description of a Hostel

The school hostel where my friend stays is indeed an ideal and dream hostel to live in. The hostel has two divisions one for boys and another for girls. Each division has six big spacious and well ventilated rooms. The rooms are all well set up with four beds, two cupboards and four study tables in every room. Apart from this, there is a huge common dining area. The food provided there is extremely nutritious and delicious. There is an excellent gym for exercise, a library, a TV room, basketball court, volleyball court, badminton court too, which provide enough space to the students to indulge themselves in sports and physical activities. Above all, it is a very homely and comfortable accommodation for the students.

3. Morning Hours at the Park

The morning scene at the park in front of my house is indeed a scene not to be missed. There is a lot of hustle and bustle in the park during the morning hours. Some people come alone for their morning walks while others come in groups.

Chatting and morning walk go together. People are all dressed up in comfortable tracksuits and sports shoes. People are seen doing their exercises, yoga, skipping, jogging, etc. Kids too bring their sports equipments to enjoy themselves in the cool and pleasant weather while they wait for their school buses to arrive. Outside the park there are vegetable and fruit sellers selling, fresh fruits and vegetables as early as 7:00 a.m. Everybody looks so happy and energetic that it motivates me to step out of my house in the morning and spend some time with the nature. It is indeed a healthy and refreshing habit.

4. New Multistoreyed Shopping Mall

A new multistoreyed shopping mall was inaugurated on June 16, 20xx in Rajouri Garden by the name 3C's Mall. It covers a huge land area and is three floors high. All the floors are inter connected with escalators and elevators too. While the first floor has all the branded fashion attire and jewellery showrooms, the second floor has electrical appliances, furnishings and home decor showrooms. The third floor has many restaurants along with a big food court. There is also ATM facility. The entire ground floor is Kids Zone with showrooms catering to kids products, such as children's attire, furniture, utility items for school, toys and games, etc. There is also a play area for kids to have unlimited fun time. In addition, there is also a book store, coffee shop and ice cream parlour for families to enjoy. The 3C's Mall is indeed a boon for the people living nearby who can buy many things under one roof.

5. Sunday, 10 August 20XX

9:00 pm

Dear diary,

I am in shock. Today I just witnessed a theft at the mall. I went to a supermarket to buy few things I needed. I went there with Riya. After buying all the items we queued up at the billing

counter to pay our bills. Suddenly I noticed that a young girl was shoplifting few items. The young girl was shoplifting few items. She took a packet of chocolates, few toys, some snacks and kept all the items in her bag without telling anybody and without paying for it.

I was amazed to see that how cleverly she had done all this. She slightly picked up the things one by one in a way as if she was just looking them. She then opened her bag and slipped all the things in her bag while nobody was looking. Slowly she headed towards the exit and left unnoticed. I wondered why she was doing this crime at this very young age. Then I thought that she might not done all this purposely she might be helpless or hungry or had nothing to eat. Her parents might be poor that they cannot provide her all these things. Whatever the reason might be. I felt very bad for all this. My heart ached to see that but at the same time I felt pity for the girl. I thought that I could have stopped her, asked her the reason and helped her. I would have told her that how bad stealing is and could have helped her in mending her ways. The moment I witnessed the incident my heart is restless since then. I wish I could meet her some other time also and could do something for her.

Riti

WRITING

SHORT STORY WRITING

1. It was sunday evening I was going to the society park to play with my friends. I called my friends and together we went to the park. We started playing badminton. We were four friends me, Ashu, Priya and Rohit. As we were four, so we divided, ourselves into two teams. Priya and Ashu were in team A and me and Rohit were in team B.

When Priya and Ashu were playing badminton in their turn. Me and Rahul sat there watching my friends and other children playing in the park. After 15 minutes, came our turn. Me and Rahul were also gossiping while playing. We discussed about so many things and then I told him that me and my family are planning to go to Delhi this weekend. He gave me suggestion for what all markets I could visit for different things. Suddenly, he hit the shuttle-cock so hard that it went into the bushes. It was stuck in the thick bushes. I went there to fetch the shuttle cock but couldn't find that. We stopped playing and my friends went back to their houses. I stayed back at the park as I wanted to spent some more time there. While I was strolling in the park, I spotted a cobra.

I panicked but stood there like a statue. The cobra wriggled around my leg. Frightening thoughts started coming to my mind. I thought that if the snake bites me I would not be alive tomorrow. I was so lost in the also thoughts that I forgot about everything. The snake thought me to be statue that it itself uncoiled off my legs and went into the bushes. Finally, I saved my life and ran back to the house.

2. Mrs. Sharma has everything but still she always felt that something was missing. After working diligently for 35 years, she was so successful, had respect and a dignified job but her heart was not happy. It seemed to her that in spite of having everything in life she is not satisfied with her life. The money, success, and the honour she is getting from people, nothing is making her happy. Her nights became sleepless. She was restless all the time.

One day Mrs Sharma was going to her village to visit her uncle. On her way she met a poor man. The man was looking weak and pale due to hunger as he had eaten nothing from the last two days. He asked Mrs. Sharma to help him. She felt pity for him and asked him to come along with her. She took him to a restaurant and bought delicious food for him. The poor man ate to his fill and became so happy. He gave blessings to her and thanked her. That night when Mrs. Sharma went to her bed. She was so relieved and calm. She was feeling happy from within her heart, felt so satisfied and she had a good sleep. The night went peacefully and the next day Mrs. Sharma found herself to be the happiest women in the world. She understood why there was restlessness in her heart. She decided to help poor. She opened an orphanage and gave best facilities, to the orphans and also decided to open an old-age home for the old people and for those who are homeless and spent all of their life sleeping on the roadside. All such kind steps taken by her fulfilled all the missing happiness and emptiness of her heart and she decided to spend the rest of her life helping poors and needy.

3. Save me! Save me ! Help! Help! but nobody was there to help me. I was stuck in a dense forest. The forest was so dense that a single ray of sunlight was not able to enter the jungle and reach the ground. Because of no sunlight it was so dark throughout the day. Anyone living inside the jungle would not be able to guess, whether it is the day time or the sun has downed and night spread its wings all over the jungle. At the beginning I was enjoying the beauty, the peaceful environment, the glittering stream flowing through

the jungle and the melodious chirping of birds in the morning. The beautiful flowers which I have never seen before. But it started getting harder for me as two days passed and I hadn't not eaten proper food in these two days. I started searching for food. Then I reached near a hut from where some smoke was coming out. I felt so happy to find that somebody must living here. But nobody was there inside. I turned back and was afraid to see a full-blooded cobra in front of me. I tried to hit it but before I could shoo it or kill it, the snake bit on my right leg. I fell there due to pain and started shouting for help. Then I saw a man coming towards me. He tried to calm me and told me that I need not worry as she had so many medicines and she could treat me and my life could be saved. There is nothing to worry. Then I noticed his appearance and was frightened to see that the doctor was not a human being, she was a witch. I gathered all my courage and ran from there. I was running and running fast to save my dear life because the witch doctor and his worshippers were drawing closer and closer to me. I was so tired and fell on the ground lacking all the energy to run. I accepted my death and believed that it was my last day. Suddenly frightened I woke up from the sleep. I was shivering, breathing fast. My heartbeat was running so fast but I was so relaxed to learn that it was but all a dream.

4. Rohan was a young boy. His father was very poor. He was a rickshaw driver and drove to different parts of Sultanpur village. Rohan though poor had a very helping nature. Rohan's mother does farming and they had some cattles too to earn their livelihood. One day, Rohan was grazing the cattle along the railway track. Suddenly he saw that something was lying on the track. He went there and found that it was a bag. He thought that somebody might have lost the bag so the thought came to his mind that he should pick it up and take it to the control room. So that the owner of the lost bag could be informed. As soon as he tried to pick the bag he realised that it was so heavy. He grew suspicious and opened the bag and was surprised and scared to find that there was a bomb inside it. He took it as a sabotage effort of the miscreants. He could also picture the devastation caused by such sabotage. So, he started looking around for help. But nobody was there. In the meantime, he could hear the whistle of an advancing train. He became restless at this. He did not know what to do. "How can I warn the driver of the train about the impending danger". There must be a way out he thought. Suddenly his attention was

attracted by his red shirt. He took the shirt off and then stood at the track started moving his red shirt from a distance. The driver saw him and understood that there is some danger. He stopped the train and informed to the control room. The police came and checked everything. They were lucky enough as they succeeded in finding the bomb before it would have exploded. They diffused the bomb. All of them were astonished at the young boy's wit and his timely action. They praised him and thanked him for saving so many lives.

5. Jatin has passed the written test for sub-inspector. Now, he is waiting to appear for the interview. He has prepared himself well but as soon as he entered the room he was all blank. He couldn't remember anything. Jatin became very nervous. However, he went into the room seated himself on an empty seat so that he could get some rest and could calm his mind. When the interviewer entered the room and asked everybody to settle down.

Jatin looked so nervous that the interviewer just guessed that what the matter is just by looking at his face. He came to Jatin and politely asked him why is he looking so nervous. Jatin started crying and replied that he prepared himself well for the interview but he didn't knew why it seems that he forgot everything. His mind is completely blank at the moment. He also told them that he is afraid that he might not qualify the interview and lose the job.

The interviewer was very kind and generous man. He made him calm and asked him that till his turn comes he could go outside and relax himself and could do some revision also so that he could revise and prepare himself again.

Listening that, Jatin became so happy. He went outside, got some fresh air, revised all the questions and then went back into the room. This interview went so well. He qualified it and felt so happy. He was excited to reach home and tell the story to his mom.

GRAMMAR

TENSES

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. (a)-(ii) lived, | (b)-(iii) had promised, |
| (c)-(i) asked, | (d)-(i) don't work |
| 2. (a)-(i) was, | (b)-(i) was going, |
| (c)-(ii) go, | (d)-(iv) is waiting |

GRAMMAR**MODALS**

1. (a)-(ii) can, (b)-(ii) might,
(c)-(iv) Can, (d)-(ii) must not
2. (a)-(i) Will, (b)-(ii) might,
(c)-(ii) will, (d)-(i) should

GRAMMAR**SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT**

1. (a)-(ii) girls, (b)-(ii) is,
(c)-(ii) was, (d)-(iii) talks
2. (a)-(iii) gives, (b)-(ii) was
(c)-(i) is, (d)-(iv) was

GRAMMAR**DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPEECH**

1. (a) The teacher said that the sun is a star.
(b) He told her that she was late.
(c) She requested the policeman to save her.
(d) Ritu bade her friends farewell.
(e) Rahul said that it might rain that night.
(f) Rama asked me my name.
(g) The lecturer asked the students to listen to him attentively.
(h) She says that she is reading a delightful story.

GRAMMAR**DETERMINERS**

1. (a)-(ii) Few, (b)-(i) many,
(c)-(iv) any, (d)-(iii) more
2. (a)-(iii) The, (b)-(iv) large,
(c)-(ii) my, (d)-(ii) Each

GRAMMAR**DIALOGUE WRITING**

1. (a) (ii) who (b) (i) from

(c) (iii) warned (d) (iv) couldn't

(e) (i) there (f) (ii) had

2. (a) (ii) need (b) (iii) as
(c) (ii) after (d) (iii) that very day

(e) (i) asked (f) (ii) told

3. (a) (ii) wanted (b) (ii) them

(c) (iii) had been (d) (iv) and

(e) (ii) in (f) (i) Then

4. (a) (iv) had been (b) (i) the previous day

(c) (i) added (d) (ii) her

(e) (iii) advised (f) (iv) his

GRAMMAR**EDITING**

1. **Error** **Correction**

(a) then than

(b) to from

(c) knows know

(d) warm warmer

(e) on in

2. **Error** **Correction**

(a) an a

(b) in on

(c) into in

(d) claims claimed

(e) at in

(f) fasten fastened

3. **Error** **Correction**

(a) upon in

(b) a an

(c) cover covers

(d) Its It

4. Error Correction

(a) provide	provides
(b) at	for
(c) a	the
(d) or	nor
(e) prevention	prevent
(f) been	being
(g) of	from
(h) off	of

GRAMMAR**INTEGRATED GRAMMAR EXERCISE**

1. (a) (iii) uses (b) (iv) drops
(c) (iii) to (d) (ii) into
2. (a) (ii) help (b) (i) it
(c) (ii) them (d) (iii) for
3. (a) (iii) who (b) (iv) each
(c) (ii) by (d) (iii) even though
4. (a) (i) may (b) (ii) can't
(c) (i) must (d) (ii) be

