

## **English series 9**

### **Section writing**

#### **My School**

I like my school because teachers are very helpful and affectionate. We talk about different issues in our classroom. They ask us interesting questions and we use our experiences to answer them. They give us handouts and other reference materials. We work in groups and pairs. They encourage us to do things on our own. We are always active in class. Education is based on practice and relevancy to our real life. We take part in different extra and co-curricular activities. We do a lot of project works. I am always busy doing so many things and learning a lot of things everyday. Well experienced teachers, its infrastructures and other facilities make our school a perfect place for learning and getting education.

#### **Corruption**

Many forms of corruption are prevalent in our society at different levels starting from a ruler to a layman. The first type is 'speed money' which is used to move the file quickly and to avoid harassment or delay. At some government offices, the process of doing any work is so slow that people suffer from visiting those offices again and again for a long time. In that situation, people offer money to get their work done quickly and on time. The second type is 'collusive corruption'. It means changing existing laws and regulations secretly to gain benefits from certain people. Non-payment of taxes is the third category. Businessmen, industrialists, importers and exporters take full advantage of this type. They give bribes to tax officials and evade the payment of full taxes. The fourth type is sanctioning heavy loans by the banking authorities without proper or any analysis. Besides these types, there are other forms of corruption like smuggling, drug-trafficking, allotment of lands and issuing licenses illegally, political corruption, etc in our society.

#### **Public Parks**

Public parks have been one of most desirable things for people living in big cities. Population in big cities is growing very fast. So the cities are becoming crowded day by day. But the land is limited. We cannot get a place to rest and wait for someone for some time. When people have a little free time they want to spend it in peace. We students don't get a place to enjoy in our leisure time. If we have public parks, we can go there and enjoy meeting our friends and make our minds free. We can make appointments and meet them. Public parks also add beauty to the cities. There is a public park, named Ratnapark in Kathmandu. We feel fresh and peaceful when we enter it from the roadside. Although it is small and crowded, it is a little relief to the people of Kathmandu. Therefore public parks should be set up in big cities like Kathmandu.

### **Importance of School Uniform**

School uniform for students is important because of many reasons. One important thing is that it abides students with their school's rules and regulations. When there is a particular school uniform, students cannot wear whatever they like. Sometimes students wear some dresses which look odd and vulgar on them. In school uniforms, they are not allowed to do any undisciplined activities both in and outside their school. Another importance of school uniform is that students look smart and it gives the sense of equality and no discrimination. Nobody can show their superiority or inferiority. All of them look similar in their uniform. In addition, school uniform gives identity to students and their school. It helps them to build up their personality and reminds them of their duties and responsibilities. Thus, it is rightly said that a uniform itself is a great strength for a person who wears it.

### **Mahendra Highway**

Mahendra Highway is the longest highway in Nepal and connects many parts of Terai districts. Its length is about 1000 km and runs from Mechi to Mahakali. It runs through the various parts of the Terai crossing the bridges over the three main rivers of Nepal- Gandaki, Koshi and Karnali. Though the highway was built with the assistance from many countries, the major assistance in the construction was made mainly by India. Since the construction of the Mahendra Highway during the period of King Mahendra, it has contributed a lot in national integrity and development. The highway has proved to be a milestone in the field of national development as it has been accessible for people from Mechi to Mahakali for various kinds of activities like travelling, trade, irrigation, and many more.

### **Chhath**

In, one or the other way people have been worshipping the sun from the earliest time. The sun is worshipped at Chhath too. It is the biggest and the oldest festival of Mithilanchal. This is mainly a religious ceremony. It is celebrated twice a year in Kartik and Chaitra. Often the eldest woman in the family has the total control over the celebration. Women go complete fasting for three days during the festival. On the first day, women take a bath in rivers or ponds and offer pure water to the sun. They eat only one meal on that day. On the second day they prepare rice pudding and special bread and hold a sacred puja. On the third evening they offer special worship to the setting sun. On the fourth morning the rising sun is offered puja which indicates the end of worship. Chhath is celebrated for health, happiness and prosperity of all the members of the family. The festival has gained a lot of faith from the Terai people and its celebrations have been extended to the people of other communities recently as well.

### **Life in My Village**

I live in a small village that lies in Saptari. People in my village have different lifestyles. Most of the people in my village are farmers. Some are also traders and officers. The farmers are very hardworking and thus busy growing crops of their needs. They often get up early in the morning and spend their whole day in the field. They even visit their field at night to see if there is something wrong with their crops. They enjoy various festivals as many groups of people live there. Most of them like to celebrate the festivals related with farming and harvesting like Maghe Sankranti, Hathiya, etc. There is a primary school in our village where children go for studies. Our village lacks modern facilities like telephones, computer, concrete road, market, etc. Recently the young people have started going to foreign countries to make money. So life of people in village is very simple but they live together in harmony.

### **Technology and Education**

Modern technology has made education more exciting and effective. When we talk about technology in the field of education, naturally the things that come into our mind are computers, televisions, radios and various educational programmes. Nowadays we can purchase educational software and other similar educational products for interactive learning. Students find such educational products more entertaining and the learning, of course, is impressive and inspiring. Such software displays a reading material with colourful images and plenty tips, action and information. Along with such software, schools and colleges are conducting various audio and visual classes with the help of modern means of technology. In the classroom, students can record their voice and listen to and watch various rhymes, tales, plays and complicated science and math project work. In short, we can say a successful country or a school is the one where students use such technology in their learning process.

### **Practice questions:**

1. Write a paragraph to justify the statement 'Health is Wealth' using the following clues:  
*Introduction..... Importance ..... types of health..... examples..... Disadvantages of poor health..... Advantages of good health..... Conclusion.*
2. Write a couple of paragraphs on 'The Use of Radios' by using the given clues.  
*Part of our life - means of communication - advantages - disadvantages - conclusion*
3. Write a paragraph on 'Tribhuvan Highway' with the help of given outlines:  
*Birgunj - Kathmandu - 179 km. - Terai - Siwalik Hills - Mahabharat range - Highest point 2,500 m - 1953 to 1956 - black topped - King Tribhuvan - assistance – India*
4. Do you live in a town or village? Write about life in your town or village, using the following clues:

Town : facilities, entertainment, opportunities, noise, pollution, rush.

Village : peace, co-operation, leisurely life, illiteracy, poverty, lack of facilities.

5. Write a short paragraph about how you will spend your holidays. You may take the help of the clues given below or add your idea also.

When holidays begin? - what do you do? - where do you go? - whom do you go with? - how long? - how much do you spend?, etc.

6. Write a couple of paragraphs about your teacher, use the clues:  
Name and age:

Physical Features: height, colour of eyes, etc.

Other attributes: intelligent, hopeful, liking and disliking in him/her.

### 7. Letter Writing

Letter writing in the SLC Examination is of free writing type. There are two types of letters - formal and informal.

Parts of an informal letter	Parts of a formal letter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sender's address and date</li><li>• Greeting or salutation</li><li>• Body (first paragraph/ main body/final paragraph)</li><li>• Closing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sender's address and date</li><li>• Inside address</li><li>• Greeting or salutation</li><li>• Body (first paragraph/ main body/final paragraph)</li><li>• Closing remark</li></ul>

**Now read these sample letters:**

- a. Write a letter to your aunt who lives in a village suggesting her to send her daughter to school.

Narayangarh, Chitwan

May 10, 2011

Dear Aunt,

How are you, Aunt? And how's my cute sis Arunima? We're fine and hope you all for the same. It's too long we have not met. So I'm writing to you.

I think, Arunima is now about five years old. The girls and boys of five years go to school from my locality. They sing songs, dance, and learn to read and write. What about Arunima? Have you sent her to school?

Nearly a week ago, a relative from a village came to ours and stayed a night. My parents and he talked for a long time. Their talk was so conservative that it captured my interest. They were saying that sending girls to schools is useless as they have to go to look after goats, buffaloes and cows. They have to help mothers at home. When they grow, they need to get married. And they have to bear babies. What's the use of learning? Will they go to any office? Will they earn money by learning?

Have you heard such people? I have seen so many uneducated women in my society. They can't earn and their lives are very difficult. But there are also some educated women who have very easy and civilized lives. Some of them work in offices and earn for themselves and for their

families, too. They don't have to depend upon their husbands. There is no difference between male and female. We have seen here, educated women can do what educated men can.

Education is very important aunt. It gives knowledge, skills and ideas. It empowers a person. If you educate Arunima, she will be like the educated women of my place. It may be that she can be like Parijat, Indira Gandhi, Florence Nightingale, and Mother Teresa etc. So please send her to school, ok?

Aunt, it's too long now. Please write to me soon.

Yours,  
Kabita

b. Write a letter to a friend living in a village pleading 'Village Life is better than a city life.'

Ghattekulo, Kathmandu

May 10, 2011

Dear Akash

I'm glad to receive your letter after a long time. How can I delay to write you? We're fine and hope for the same to you all.

I read you aren't happy while living in a village. You're quite right to some extent. There are not modern facilities which are found in a city. But the people are fed up with the city life.

As you walk around in the city, you cannot find a place where you can have fresh air to breathe. You'll find dirty smell everywhere. You cannot find a place where you can have a peaceful rest. You'll hear find noise, horror and rush. You cannot talk with your friends for a while in a calm mood. They are always busy and restless. You may blame them that they have ignored you, but it is not true. It is their compulsion. They must be busy to earn for a living.

Akash, you'll be fed up very soon if you become an inhabitant of a city. It is often said, 'You must die to see the heaven.' These proverbs are not jokes. These have bitter truths. If you believe, Akash, I'll come back to my own village to enjoy my life peacefully. Oh Heaven! How can I forget the beauty of nature and the harmony of people in my village?

Akash, how are Bimal, Maina and Thule? Please write to me about them, ok? I'll come to accompany you while singing Maruni at the coming Dashain.

Ever yours,  
Ishan

c. Write a letter to your father asking for his permission to go on an educational tour organized by your school:

Kathmandu  
August 15

Dear Dad,

I'm fine here and hope all of you are in sound health. I always look at my family album and miss you, mum and sister Jenny a lot.

Dad! You might be wondering why I've written this letter to you because I come home

every winter vacation which is very near. But not in this winter vacation, as our school has organized an educational tour for Grade X students to major cities of Nepal. We're being accompanied by our geography teacher and the hostel superintendent. It is a ten day tour, and the school is charging Rs. 5, 0000/- for it.

A few of my friends have already given their names for the tour. I do not wish to miss the tour too, and see some famous places in Nepal. Such tours, as you know, form an important part of education. But I do not wish to enlist my name until I have your permission.

I, therefore, request you to permit me to go on this tour. If you think I should join the tour, please send me the required money. Say my namaste to Mum and best wishes to Jenny.

Your loving son,  
Karun

d. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper explaining the problem caused by rubbish.

Kathmandu  
2009-12-10

The Editor,  
The Kathmandu Post,  
Kathmandu.

We would like to draw attention of the authorities through your popular newspaper about a serious problem that we are facing because of the rubbish thrown every where in the city.

Because of some facilities, the population is growing very fast. The number of people doesn't grow alone. The traffic and the dirt are grown too. Due to unmanaged disposal of dirt and garbage, we cannot walk around the city with our nose open. The dirt remains on the roadsides for weeks and sometimes more than that. The environment is full of stink. The street dogs are roaming out of control. They may pass on rabies to the people.

We wonder when the authority will take care of it. I think the municipality can do launch some awareness programmes for the remedy. They should convince people for making fertilizes from the waste material coming from the kitchen, recycling plastic and metal pieces, setting up biogas projects and replace LP gas and many more.

We can very often read these kinds of views in the newspapers, but they remain only in the seminars and workshops. Please bring them into practice. It is too late to think over it. Our life depends on us. Let's think before it is too late to control. It is said, "A stitch in time saves nine." Let's do something and show we are civilized.

Purna Karki  
Teku, Kathmandu

## **5. Letter of application for the post of a teacher:**

Jawlakhel, Lalitpur.  
May 10, 2010.

The Principal,  
Sunshine Secondary Boarding School,  
Kathmandu.

**Sub: Application for the post of an English teacher.**

Dear Sir/Madam

I read your vacancy announcement that appeared in the 'Himalayan Times' yesterday. I wish to apply for the vacant post of an English teacher.

I am a young man of 25 years with a robust health. As regard to my qualification, I beg to state that I have passed my B.A. with major in English in the first division in 2005. I then took the B. Ed. course, and passed the examination in 2008 in the first division. I obtained both these degrees from Tribhuvan University.

I might add that I have about four years' experience as an English teacher at Trinity Academy, Lagankhel. I am also a good sportsman, and take a keen interest in games. I was in fact in-charge of games in my previous school and have sound knowledge about extra-curricular activities.

My academic transcripts and my bio-data are attached herewith this application for your kind consideration. I assure you of my best service if I am selected for the post.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,  
Kanchan Sharma

**Practice Questions:**

- a. Write a letter to a friend whom you haven't seen or spoken to for a long time. Tell him about what you have been doing and ask him how he is and what he has been up to recently.
- b. Write a letter to a friend who has been having some problems. Ask him/her how she/he is doing and if you can help.
- c. Suppose you are Muna Rai from Bandipur-3, Illam and you feel quite upset about the hopeless condition of wild lives in Nepal and about the careless human activities to conserve them. Now write a letter to the editor of newspaper showing the importance of wildlife conservation.
- d. Suppose you are Rima Pradhan from Keshavtar-9, Tanahun, and you feel terribly sad about the common domestic walls and dead habits of Nepalese societies which are always obstacles of unity and prosperity. Now write a letter to the editor of a newspaper showing the importance of national unity.