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English Core

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Article-Writing

(Note down the Format. Write down the solved example given below in the copy followed by the unsolved question assigned to you as homework. No need of copying down anything else in the copy.)

An article is a written work published in a print/electronic medium. It may be for the purpose of propagating news, researching results, academic analysis, or debate. Generally, it is a piece of writing that is published in a newspaper or Magazine. It is usually non-fiction and informative in nature. The name of the writer is always mentioned with the article.

Format:

- Title: Eye-catching
- Introduction: Put the topic in perspective
: Catch the reader's attention
- Exposition of topic: Merits/demerits, causes-results, effects, etc
- Winding up: Your comments, opinion, criticism, etc
- Conclusion: A hope, warning, an appeal or a call for action
- Name of the writer: It can be placed just after the heading or at the end of the article

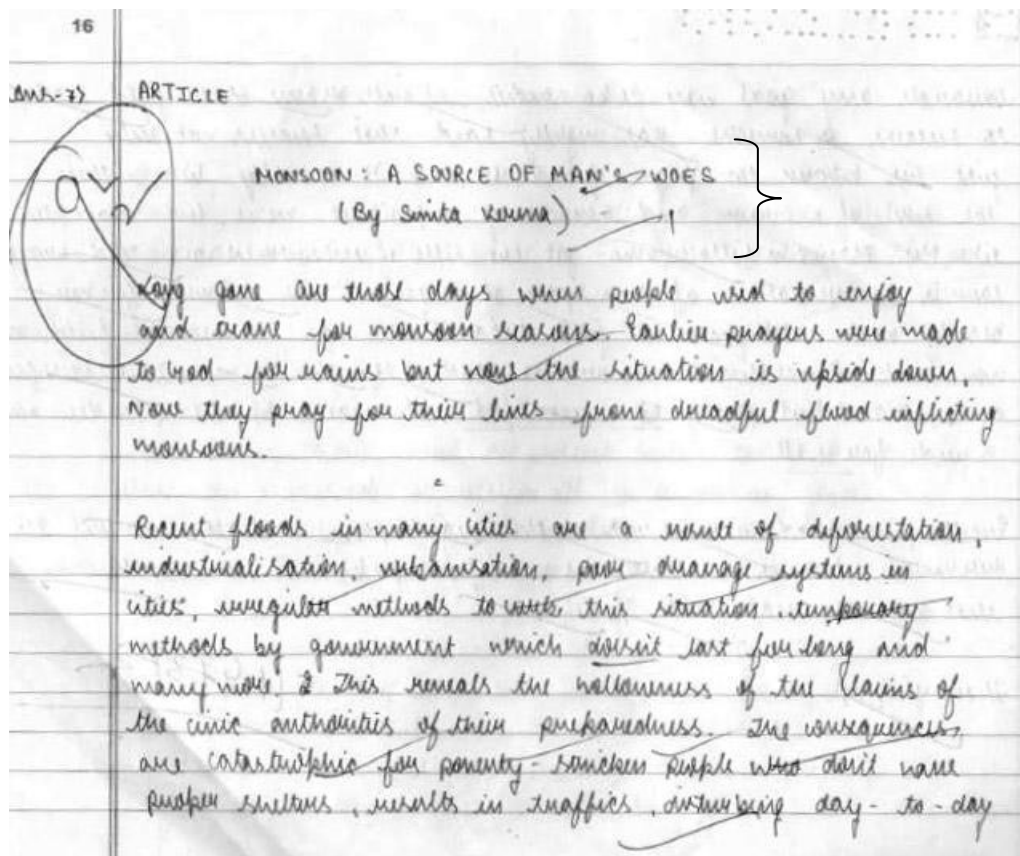
Points to remember:

- The purpose of writing the article should be clear.
- The title can be a single word, a phrase or even a sentence, which is catchy.
- The body of the article follows a structured approach.
- Think of the kind of readers expected to read the article and then attempt to write it.
- The vocabulary and grammar has to be specific to the topic and use of difficult and bombastic language should be avoided.
- The visual/verbal input should be used to the optimum and interpreted as per the needs of the article.
- The points, quotations, etc in the article have to be planned out.
- Quotations should be added only when absolutely essential. Do not overdo the use of quotations.

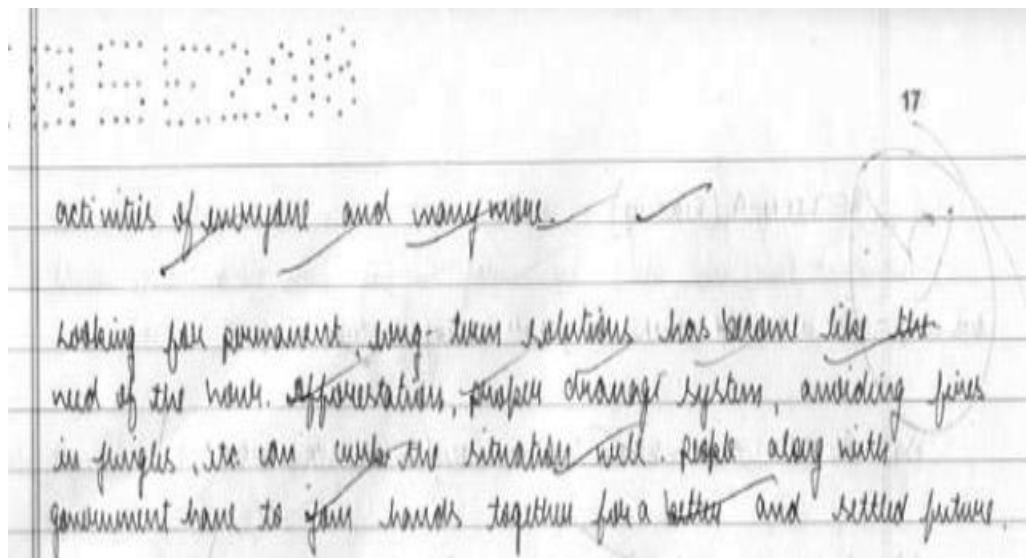
Example

Q1. Recent floods in many metropolitan cities of the country during the monsoon season laid bare the hollowness of the claims of the civic authorities of their preparedness. The poor had to bear the brunt of the problem while no one was ever held accountable. Write an article in 150 – 200 words on the common man's woes during the monsoons and the need for accountability of the officials concerned. You are Sumit/Smita Verma.

Ans –



Title at the centre followed by the author's name as mentioned in the question.



If you looked at the given example you can understand the format. There is a suitable title followed by the name. The article is properly divided into a proper introduction followed by a suitable body and a concise conclusion.

Solved Question

Question 6:

Owning a car has become a status symbol these days. However, increase in the number of cars has added to various types of pollution and other problems. Write an article in not more than 200 words highlighting the urgent need for reducing these man-made problems, giving suitable suggestions. You are Vinod/Vidhi.

Answer-

Reducing Pollution

(By Vinod)

Delhi has become one of the most polluted cities in the country closely followed by Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai. This is because of the millions of vehicles that ply on the roads of Delhi. Owning a car has become a status symbol. As a result the number of cars on the roads has become manifold. This has resulted in numerous problems. The primary one is of traffic congestion, traffic snarls and traffic-jams. Driving on the roads of Delhi has become a nightmare and a health hazard.

Vehicles emit fumes and poisonous gases which is a serious health hazard. Delhi has witnessed an increasing number of deaths among young children due to respiratory diseases caused presumably due to pollution. Man-made traffic hazards are creating havoc for the populace. The number of fatal accidents has also increased alarmingly.

The Delhi Government has taken measures to bring down the pollution level such as use of CNG buses and auto rickshaws. The need of the hour is to support the government with public cooperation. Carpools should become the norm rather than the exception. Improved public transport system, use of lead free fuel and catalytic one converter will go a long way in easing the situation and creating a healthy city. Every open space should be covered with green trees to create lungs in the city and help in bringing back its glory.

Homework

Q. Find out details of the life of Mother Teresa and write a short biography-based article in 150–200 words for your school magazine. Give your article an appropriate title.