

WRITING SKILLS SOLUTIONS - QUESTION 9

Q9 (A). Write a narrative essay in about 150-180 words based on the following beginning:

"As I reached the school gate for an important competition, I suddenly realised that the folder containing all my preparation notes was missing..."

Develop the story describing what happened next, how you dealt with the situation, and what you learnt from the experience. (Word Limit: 150-180 words)

A LESSON IN PRESENCE OF MIND

As I reached the school gate for an important competition, I suddenly realised that the folder containing all my preparation notes was missing. My heart started beating fast and panic set in. The inter-school debate contest was scheduled to begin in just fifteen minutes.

I took a deep breath and told myself to stay calm. I immediately called my father from the school office phone. Luckily, he found the folder on the study table. Since there was no time for him to reach school, he quickly scanned the main points and sent pictures to my teacher's mobile phone.

While waiting, I closed my eyes and revised key points from memory. My teacher printed the sheets just in time. When my turn arrived, I delivered my speech confidently and won the second prize.

This incident taught me two valuable lessons. First, we must always double-check our bags before leaving home. Second, remaining calm and thinking quickly can solve any difficult situation.

Q9 (B). During a class picnic at a nature park, one student suddenly got separated from the group. The incident created concern and required everyone to act responsibly and remain calm. Write a narrative essay describing what happened, how the situation was handled, and what you learnt from the experience. (Word Limit: 150-180 words)

THE PICNIC ADVENTURE

Last month, our class went for an enjoyable picnic to a big nature park. Everyone was laughing, playing games, and exploring the green surroundings. Suddenly, during lunch time, our teacher noticed that my friend Rahul was missing from the group.

A wave of worry spread among all students. Our teacher asked us to sit together calmly near the main pavilion. She instructed two senior student leaders to stay with us while she informed the park security guards. Security officers immediately started searching near the main walking trails.

After twenty tense minutes, a guard found Rahul near a flower nursery. He had stopped to photograph a rare butterfly and lost track of the path. Everyone felt relieved when he returned safely.

This experience taught us the importance of discipline during school outings. We learnt that we should never wander away alone from a group and must follow safety instructions carefully.