

ARTICLE | WRITING SKILLS
LONG COMPOSITIONS

What is an article?

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.

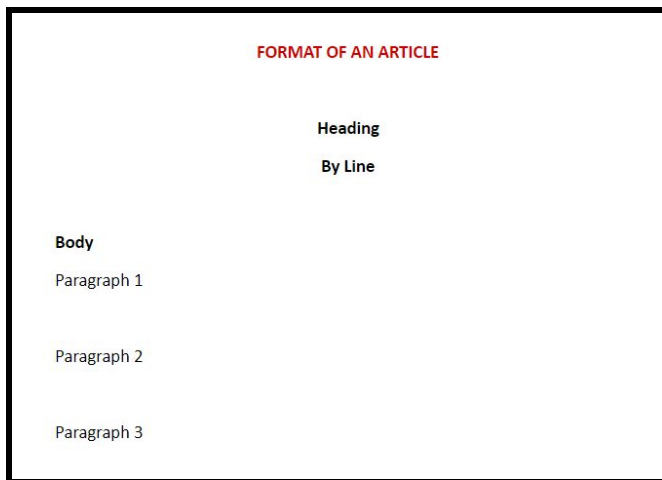
What is Article writing format?

When a student has to attempt a question on Article writing, he has to follow the article writing format by CBSE. Here you can see how to write article writing formats in detail.

The format of an article consist of the following parts –

- Heading,
 - By line, and
 - Body
1. **HEADING-** The heading should be catchy and in not more than 5-6 words. You can go as creative as you want with this one just make sure you do not devote too much time on it in the exam.
 2. **BY LINE-** It refers to the name of the person writing the article. It is generally given in the question. If not given, then do not write your personal details. (NOTE- You are not supposed to mention any of your personal details while attempting the answers in the exam.)
 3. **BODY-** It is the main part of your writing piece. It generally consists of 3-4 paragraphs.
 - **PARAGRAPH 1:** It is always prescribed that you begin with a short introduction of the topic; it's meaning to be precise. Briefly tell what the article is about giving some quotations or startling facts to arouse the interest of the readers.
 - **PARAGRAPH 2 or PARAGRAPH 2&3:** Now this part can be written in either one or two paragraphs. You are required to do a complete analysis of the subject matter in question. It may include-
 - **TYPES** - In how many forms does the problem exist? You are required to mention the various possible types (if it exists).
 - **CURRENT SCENARIO** - Then you need to explain the current situation, the problems (if any) and whether after any corrective actions, betterment in the situation has been observed or not.

- It may include advantages/ disadvantages depending upon the topic in question.
- **CAUSE AND EFFECT RELATIONSHIP-** Develop the cause and effect relationship by supporting it with facts or data. You may also write the consequences. Any other relevant and related information.
- **PARAGRAPH 3 or PARAGRAPH 4:** The conclusion. It is the concluding paragraph. It is important to conclude what you've started. Never leave an article open-ended. Now, it is to be remembered that wherever you elaborate a problem, you always have to mention the steps being taken to improvise the situation and suggest a few solutions as well. Predictions and personal problems may be included. This paragraph needs to be short and precise. Here also, you could add some glitter to your art piece with some quotes.



(Note: Don't put an article in a box)

Marking Scheme

Format (Heading and Writer's name)	01 mark
Content	04 marks
<u>Expression</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Grammatical accuracy, appropriate words and spellings.▪ Coherence and relevance of ideas and style.	<u>05 marks :-</u> 2.5 2.5
Total	10 marks

Solved Questions:

Q1. 'Grow more trees to reduce pollution.' Write an article in 150-200 words on the topic given above for your school magazine.
(SOURCE- CBSE compartment 2018)

Answer:

Grow More Trees to Reduce Pollution
-by Radhika

"Trees are poems the earth writes upon the sky."

Trees and plants are one of the main reasons why mankind came into existence. The importance of planting trees has been emphasized time and again. This is because of the numerous benefits they offer.

They make the world a better place to live in. They exhale oxygen and inhale carbon dioxide to maintain the ecological balance in the environment. They also absorb all the harmful gases and give us fresh air to breathe.

Trees build a sheet to protect us from the harmful ultraviolet rays. Not only this, they serve as a habitat for birds and various species of animals. This is not it. Trees help in controlling water pollution and preventing soil erosion.

The places inhabited by large numbers of trees are quite cooler compared to the concrete jungles that cannot do without air conditioners. Unfortunately, urbanisation is leading to clearing of forests and parks despite the numerous benefits they offer. People come here for morning walks, evening strolls, yoga sessions and laughter therapy. These also serve as a safe place for the kids to play and socialise. The only way left to preserve them and reap these benefits is by growing them at a faster rate.

As a Chinese proverb states, "***The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.***" So do your bit and make this place more beautiful.

Thank you.

Q2. Our performance in the Rio Olympics has told us that we do not pay enough attention to athletics and outdoor games. It is time we revised our attitude. Sports should be an important part of school's daily routine. Write an article in 150-200 words in 'Importance of Outdoor Games'. You are Sreeja/Thomas. (SOURCE- CBSE 2017)

Answer:

IMPORTANCE OF OUTDOOR GAMES

- By Sreeja/ Thomas

Sports occupy a prominent place in the life of a nation. It not only helps keep you healthy and fit but also plays an important part as a recreational event. Unfortunately, in our country, the trend is such that it focuses only on the academic front. To grow a tree, we have to water it's roots; just like that, to prepare athletes that could play for the country, we need to inculcate the concept of sports at the primary level, i.e., the school level. What we are missing out is that sports play a vital role in imparting complete education.

Clearly, things did not go well in the Rio Olympics, and as everyone gets down to doing the post-mortem of our performances, often breathless, blame the quality of attention being given to athletics.

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The benefits of playing sports are several, as it leads to balanced mental growth. It teaches the children life skills like team efforts, leadership, patience and social skills. It inculcates confidence, discipline and playing without crossing the rules.

Thus, it becomes all the more important to change the attitude of schools towards sports. It should be made a compulsory activity. It has been rightly said,

“Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play, they learn how to learn.”

Thank you.