## 1. THE PROBLEMS OF WORKING MOTHER/HOMEMAKERS

Homemaker is a person who makes a house home. We can call her a mother, a housewife, a homemaker, a working mother **OR** what you may. She plays most important role in a family. Being a mom is a tough job and it is more tough when moms also work outside home. She takes care of whole family. Her work is endless. She gets up early in the morning and starts working till late night. The working mothers have many problems in running a home and doing the job at the office. They have to reach at their office at fixed time. They have to work at office without rest during the working hours. They have many duties to perform at home. They have to take care of their children and prepare food. They do both duties. They never get holiday from their duties. Still, they do everything for family. They never complain and do all duties lovingly. It's important for society to recognize and support the efforts of working mothers. "HATS OFF TO ALL MOTHERS."

#### 2. A VISIT TO A PUBLIC LIBRARY

Last month I visited National Public Library with my friends in our city. It was silent and peaceful inside the library. There were rows of tables and chairs in the library. Many people, young and old, were sitting and reading quietly. The library had different sections for novels, books on science, history, general knowledge, children's books, etc. All the books were neatly arranged in cupboards and on shelves. There were newspaper and magazine stands in a corner. I enjoyed my time reading a book on Gujarati poets and poetry. I went home, feeling happy and relaxed. Indeed, a library is a place of pilgrimage. And, books are our best friends. I feel that libraries have positive impact on the development of our society. They open a world of books and resources of information and knowledge to people for free. We all should visit the library regularly.

# 3. MY FAVOURITE FEATHERED FRIEND/THE PEACOCK (OUR NATIONAL BIRD)

There are so many types of bird around us. But peacock is the most beautiful among all birds. It is my favourite bird. The peacock is our national bird. It is a very beautiful bird. It has a long and slender neck. It has a crest on its head. It has long, beautiful and colorful feathers. The peacock has a very charming walk. It is called the indicator of rains. We can hear its sweet call during the rainy season. It spreads out its colorful feathers like a fan and dances in the rain. The peacock is usually found in fields and forests. It feeds on grains, insects and worms. It also catches snakes and eats them up. The peacock cannot fly very high. It has a slow but graceful walk. It struts about majestically. The female peacock is called a peahen. The peahen does not have colorful feathers. The feathers of the peacock are used to make many decorative items. Children love

peacock feathers. They like to keep its feathers in their books. Lord Krishna wore a crown made of the peacock feathers. People like to watch peacock.

#### 4. MY BEST FRIEND

A true friend is one who stands at the time of difficulties. A friend in need is a friend indeed. He shares our joys and sorrows. Of all my friends, Kishan is my best friend. He is my childhood friend. He is my best friend and a jewel among all my friends. Kishan is my classmate. We sit at the same desk. We study together. We go back home together. We spend our evenings together. We are inseparable companions. Kishan comes from a good family. His father is a lawyer. His mother is the principal in a school. They own a big house and have several servants. They live in style. Kishan is the only son of his parents. Kishan is an intelligent student. He has always stood first in the class. All teachers praise him highly. I am sure he will make his mark in life. Kishan is a nice boy, on the whole. He is mild and gentle, noble and sincere. He helps others in difficulties. He is always seen by the side of his sick friends till they recover. That is why everybody likes him. Kishan is good at games. He is the captain of our cricket team and has won many matches for our school. He is a powerful speaker with pleasing manner. He is gentle in his speech and very respectful to all. His neighbours too love him and even respect him. My friend is indeed, a perfect gentleman. That is why I regard him as my best friend. Such friends are rare in this world.

## 5. VISIT TO A SCIENCE FAIR / EXHIBITION

Last week, the Science Fair of district was held in our school. It was held in our school building. The science club of our school was the in-charge of the fair. I visited it with my friends. The whole school was decorated with colourful ribbons and balloons. There were different sections in the fair like Biology, Chemistry and Physics etc. We first went to the Biology Section. Many plants and herbs were displayed there. Stuffed animals, various kinds of snakes, butterflies and insects were kept in glass bottles. Then we visited the Physics Section. There were many models and charts which showed the magic of science. We were very much surprised to see and learn the principle of force and motion. There were models of robots, a satellite and a space shuttle craft. Then we visited the Chemistry Section. Our school students showed the visitors -how soap was made. There was also a separate section of computer and technology. We learnt many new things. We were really surprised to know strange facts. How useful the Science is! We learnt a lot from it. We all liked it very much. I will never forget my visit to this Science Fair.

## 6. MY FAVOURITE FESTIVAL/ HOLI

We celebrate many festivals in India. Holi, Diwali, Navratri, Rakshabandhan, etc. But Holi is my favourite festival. Holi is one of the colourful festivals of the Hindus. It is celebrated with great joy all over India. Holi is a religious festival. It comes on the full moon day of Phalgun. It is celebrated in honour of Victory of good over evil, Prahlad's victory over Hiranya Kashyap. Prahlad worshipped Lord Vishnu. But his father did not like that. So Hiranya Kashyap asked his sister Holika to burn Prahlad. But instead of Prahlad, Holika got burned. So it is also celebrated as the victory of Prahlad over Holika. On the day of Holi, a big fire is lighted in the evening. People worship the Holi fire with flowers and coconuts. Some people observe fast on that day. The next day is celebrated as 'DHULETI'. It is a festival of colours. Men, Women and Children throw sprinkle - coloured water and gulal at their relatives, neighbours and friends. The children throw water balloons and coloured water from a squirl. People dance and sing to the beat of the drums. The rich and the poor, the young and the old all take part in this festival and have a lot of fun. So, it is my favourite festival and I like it most.

#### 7. VISIT TO THE BIRD SANCTUARY

In Last winter I visited Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary with my family. It is located in Jamnagar district of Gujarat. It is about 12 km away from Jamnagar city. We Went there by our car. We reached there at 6.30 a.m. First of all, we bought tickets for entry. We had hired a guide. The atmosphere was very pleasant. About 300 species of migratory birds are found here. It was declared as a sanctuary on 6 November 1982. It is the biggest bird sanctuary in Gujarat. It is spread in  $6.05 \, km^2$  area. We entered the sanctuary at 6-45 a.m. It is divided in 2 major parts: Part-1 and part 2. Fresh water and salt water. The chirping of birds made the atmosphere very live and pleasant. We saw many varieties of Indian and migratory birds. We saw black-necked stork, Indian spotted eagle, black tailed godwit, cranes, shoveler, pale harrier, ducks, black winged kites and many other types of birds. The guide showed us birds with his binocular. It was really amazing to watch birds doing their routine through binocular. We were surprised to see all these colourful birds. Big white pelicans were centre of attractions. We clicked beautiful photographs of birds and sunrise. We recorded about 23 species of birds. Many bird – lovers from all over the country were there to watch birds. We Could not understand how 4 hours passed in watching birds. We decided to visit it every year in winter. We felt that birds are so innocent and peaceful. They are so happy in their natural surroundings. We should not tease or harass them. I will never forget my wonderful visit to this bird sanctuary.

## 8. SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT/POLLUTION

Today our environment is in danger because of pollution. There is air, water and noise pollution. Air pollution is caused in life by smoke from vehicles and factories. Water pollution is caused when factories dump their chemical waste in water. People bathe and wash clothes in water. Noise pollution is caused situation by loudspeakers, microphones, loud volumes of TV set and evils an stereo, honking of vehicles, etc. We can save our environment by preventing pollution We should remove all causes of air, water and noise pollution. We should plant more trees. The with government should have special laws to save environment. As good citizens, we should do all that we can to prevent all kinds of pollution.

#### 9. 4. MY FAVOURITE TEACHER

I study in National Vidhyalaya. My school has a very good teaching staff. I like all my teachers, but. Mr. K. P. Shah is my favourite teacher. He teaches us English. He is about thirty years old. He is not very tall man, but he looks very smart. He is always well - dressed. He is always smiling and cheerful. He talks sweetly to all. His teaching method is very good. He makes English and interesting. He gives personal attention to every student. He is very Regular Sincere in his work. He never gets angry if any student asks him any question. He is patient. He understands the problems of the students and tries his best to solve them. He gives us general knowledge, too. He gives us many English books and newspapers to read. Sometimes, he tells us stories and jokes. He advises us to speak truth. But at the same time, he is strict teacher. He believes in discipline and hard work. He is always ready to solve our difficulties. But he always punished the student who neglects his studies and homework. He is our friend, philosopher and guide. He is loved and respected by all. He is my favourite teacher.