

Class -6 th

Writing Section ( Essay writing)

Q.2. Write short essays on these topics.

(a) The Taj Mahal

(b) My Hobby

Ans. (a) Essay "The Taj Mahal"

The Taj Mahal is widely considered as one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. It is located in Agra, Uttar Pradesh. 'The Mahal' literally means 'crown of buildings'. The Taj is a mausoleum, or tomb, built by the Mughal emperor Shah Janha in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal.

Shah Janha was extremely fond of Mumtaz. They had fourteen children. During the birth of their fourteenth child, Mumtaz died. The emperor grew very sad. According to a legend his hair turned white overnight. He ordered the construction of Taj Mahal as a tribute to their love.

The construction began in 1632, and it took more than 20 years to build. Twenty thousand labourers were required to complete the tomb. The chief designer of the Taj was Ustad Ahmad Lahauri. The architecture combines Indian and Persian styles.

The tomb is made of white marble and stands on a square base. There are four towers, called minarets, standing at each corner of the building. The minarets tilt slightly away from the buildings. This is to ensure that they won't fall on the building if there is an earthquake. The main building is a cubical structure with a giant dome on top.

Several colourful semi-precious stones were used to decorate the outer walls. Holy verses were inscribed on the wall in calligraphic style. A long water pool was built outside the building and lined with trees and flowers. At certain times of the day, the colours of the tomb change at various times of the day. They are pinkish in the morning, white in the evening and golden colours when the moon shines.

The Taj Mahal attracts millions of visitors every year, many of them foreign tourists. Some people call it the 'eighth wonder of the world'.

Ans. 'b'. "My Hobby"

(i) **Introduction-** Hobby means an activity that we enjoy doing in our free time.

When a man gets time after completing his routine work, he wants to enjoy. At this time if he does some different work, it is called his hobby.

(ii) **My Hobby-** My hobby is gardening. I think it is the best hobby. Plants and trees are very

useful in our life. They not only provide us food to eat, but also serve us in many ways. They make the air fresh and cool for us. Trees give us fruits to eat and wood to burn. So I like trees and plants very much.

(iii) **My Garden- There** is no ground around our house. So I have planted several kinds of flowering plants in flower- pots. I love flowers very much. I water the plants and care for them. I bring small plants from the nursery, prepare the flower pots and then cultivate the plants.

(iv) **Conclusion-** Sometimes I sit in our small garden and so my homework or take tea and breakfast. It gives me great joy. My mind becomes sharper and my memory is increased in the company of flowers. Sometimes I see flowers in my dream and my heart is filled with pleasure.