**English Article Writing**

An article is a piece of writing usually intended for publication in a newspaper or a magazine. It is written for a wide audience, so it should be written in an interesting manner so as to hold the reader’s attention.
It may include descriptions, quotations and even amusing stories. It should give opinions, thoughts and facts.
Before writing the article it is important to consider the following facts

1.    Where is the article going to appear.
2.    Who are the intended readers-Target Audience (children, teenagers or general public)
3.    What is the aim of the article.
4.    The style, language and level of the article should be kept in mind.
5.    Ideas should be carefully organized into paragraphs.
6.    Appropriate vocabulary and language should be used.

**Purposes of Writing an Article**
The main purposes of writing an article are as follows

1.    To express personal opinion.
2.    To provide information on a variety of themes.

**An article consists of**

1. An introduction which clearly defines the topic and keeps the reader’s attention at the same time. It can include a slogan, a question, an amazing fact, a figure or a statement.
2. The main body which can have two or more paragraphs. Causes, effects and present state of affairs can be included in the main body.
3. The conclusion which should summarize and close the topic. It should include solutions and conclusions.

### ****Solved Questions****

**Question 1:**
**You read in the newspaper about a baby girl found abandoned at the railway station. You are touched by the fact that people consider the girl child as a burden and not as an asset. Write an article for a magazine on ‘Saving the Girl Child’. Take help from the hints provided. You are Neeraj Bhardwaj / Neeraja Bhardwaj.**

**Hints**

* Value and worth of girl child
* Female foeticide
* One million girls killed every year
* Boy-girl ratio getting imbalanced
* Girls will simply vanish from the face of the Earth
* Create awareness in society to put an end to this social evil

**Killing the Princess**
By Neeraj Bhardwaj /Neeraja Bhardwaj

A girl child is like a princess who is born into a family to liberate them. She is also like a Goddess, through whom next generation springs up. A girl child can be compared to many great things, but our society does not believe that a girl gives birth to a prosperous nation. People prefer to have a male child born in their family. Some of the people in the urban areas get female foetus aborted while in the rural areas, where people do not have the facility of ultrasound, people kill the girl child after birth. It’s a very cruel act and hard to believe, but it is happening in our country, in a larger magnitude than we can imagine.
Equality is a Fundamental Right, but where is the gender equality when one million girls are killed every year before birth itself. It’s high time that we all get together and save the girl child in India as time is running out. The disastrous consequences of the disturbed boy-girl ratio, is very much round the corner. Soon a time will come when boys will not find girls to get married. Girls will simply vanish from sight. To prevent this from happening, we must put an end to this social evil of killing the girl child whether in the womb or outside. A small step taken today will definitely become a giant leap tomorrow. We have to create an awareness in the society about the sad state of girls in the Indian society. We can also highlight the achievements of the successful Indian women in different fields. This might change the attitude of the society, against women.