**INTRODUCTION**

**Learn Story Writing –**
Creative, imaginative and effective short story writing in English is no doubt an artful task that’s why students are generally engrossed in with the questions like how to write a good and interesting short story plot, how to write a story plan, how to write a creative story and generally ask tips on how to write a good short story. Writing a good short story requires a lot of techniques and planning. If you are searching for a place to get how to get better at writing stories. Fortunately, you are on the right platform. Here is mantra-creative writing help for you to get enriched in this art. These creative writing techniques will enable you to make your own short stories and become a great short story writer. Especially these are the tips of story writers for beginners. Even then I would like to say that writing skills are something that rises from the innermost fold of your heart.

**How to Write a Story Step by Step-**
1. Remember that the whole literature is based on Illusion, Pleasure and Truth (IPT)Decide what feelings you want to arouse in the reader’s mind.
2. The first paragraph should be catchy which attracts the reader’s interest with something unusual and unexpected. Don’t insert too much of your own feeling s but target the reader and let them think.
3. Always introduce lively and multi-faceted characters but remember to give them qualities according to your plot.
4. As a writer, you have to decide who is going to narrate the story because the story is the one which has a narrator. It is much different from a novel.
5. Include some meaningful dialogues. Let your readers understand the personality of your characters and flow with them.
6. Set up the plot it is how you set up the situation, where the turning points of the story are, and what the characters do at the end of the story.
“A plot is a series of events deliberately arranged so as to reveal their dramatic, thematic, and emotional significance.” –Jane Burroway
7. Create conflict and tense atmosphere. According to Janet Burroway-
“Conflict is the fundamental element of fiction because in literature only trouble is interesting. It takes the trouble to turn the great themes of life into a story: birth, love, work, and death. ”
8. Build a climax. The main character understands what hasn’t been seen before, and realizes what must be done, or finally decides to do it.
9. Conclusion- The central character may win or may lose exposing the reality of society’s reality.

**The format of Story Writing-**

**Beginning-** Interesting phrases like- “Adam was in a fix”, “The day was departing”, “The breeze was messaging his face”, “Every morning I used to walk there but that day was different”
**Character Introduction-** A few dialogues can reveal the characters in a well way but remember to keep them limited otherwise the story will look like a one-act play.
**Plot-** Description of happenings in their best order.
**Conclusion-** End of the story

### ****Marking Scheme (CBSE Board) (12 marks)****

### ****Title- 1 Mark****

### ****Fluency-**** 2 marks

### ****Accuracy-**** 2 marks

### ****Content-**** 7 marks

 **Sample story**

**1. Write a story in about 150-200 words with the following beginning and give a suitable title to it.**
Rahul was alone at home. Suddenly the phone rang …………………….

### ****Rahul’s Presence of Mind****

Rahul was alone at home. Suddenly the phone rang. He hesitated for a moment but then picked up the receiver. Though he said ‘Hello’, there was no response from the other side. He repeated ‘Hello’ but still no one replied from the other end. The phone rang again but this time somebody asked if his father was at home. When Rahul asked who was calling, the caller refused to identify himself and kept on asking his parents’ whereabouts. When Rahul refused to answer, the line was disconnected.
After some time, the doorbell rang. As Rahul peeped through the keyhole, he found a tall man with a beard outside the door. Rahul got scared and quickly ran towards the phone and called up his father’s friend who lived in their colony and told him about the incident. His uncle asked him not to worry as he would reach soon. He quickly collected some other men from the neighbourhood, and with his pet dog, reached Rahul’s home. The tall man was looking for a way to get into the house when Rahul’s uncle’s dog held his leg with its teeth. The man panicked and tried to run away but was overpowered by all the men.
Soon, the police reached Rahul’s home and his parents also returned and thanked the neighbours. Everyone praised Rahul’s presence of mind which saved his life.

**2. Read the given line and complete the story in 150-200 words. Give a suitable title to your story. (10)**
Last Sunday, I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside………….
Solution

### A Spaceship on Earth!

Last Sunday, I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside. It was about 10:30 p.m. As I opened my door, bright lights from outside dazzled my eyes. I went outside towards the place where a large crowd had gathered outside our colony park. There was a huge spaceship that had landed in the park. It had a thousand lights blinking and from the windows, one could see a few strange figures peeping out. I was surprised to see the aliens. Meanwhile, the police had also reached the park. People were shouting and asking the police to take the aliens out of the ship. They were very excited to see them. By this time, few scientists and researchers had also reached the spot. They had brought some instruments along with them.
As they started moving towards the spaceship, the sirens that were installed in it started blowing. We could notice the strange figures hurriedly moving inside the spaceship. Then, as if understanding the intentions of the scientists that they probably wanted to capture them, they started blowing green-coloured dust from their spaceship. Its wheels started moving like a blower and the spaceship started moving upwards. The scientists rushed out of the park. People tried to click pictures of the spaceship but their cameras showed only a black screen. The spaceship safely moved out of the hands of the humans who would have otherwise captured the aliens and started a study on them. I thanked God for saving their lives from the clutches of the inhuman humans.