

Class: IX-X

Reading Habit

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A.

Dear learners, we hope you are doing very well with your studies. In today's page you will read about reading habit.

Durjoy is a student of class IX of Pirojpur Government Secondary School. He loves to read. Sometimes he is confused about what to read and what not to read. That is why he writes a letter to his favourite writer asking for some advice.

The Reply

Dear Durjoy,

I am pleased to know that you love reading and like my writings. Since you asked me, I feel I should tell you that reading books on literature, philosophy and history can teach you a lot of things in a pleasant way and broaden your mind, too. I shall give you some details about what you should do.



Read the remaining part of the letter and take marginal notes. First one is given for you.

N.B. - The notes that are taken in the margin of a text while reading is called **marginal notes**.

Marginal Notes

Reading literature helps understand reality, increases imagination and creativity

First, let me tell you about reading literature. Literature actually includes stories, epics, verses and classical works of the ancient and modern times. It is not just a reflection of reality; it is more than that. Great literary works extend readers' imagination and creativity.

Second, I would like to tell you about reading philosophy. Well, by understanding philosophy people can increase their ability to understand the complex issues and arguments. It improves people's power of analysis and this in turn develops their ability to make rational and ethical judgements.

Third, I want to tell you about reading history. Learning about history is important because it gives you knowledge of the past. If you do not know what happened in the days gone by, you will not truly understand the present world. Reading history of various countries can help us understand the sufferings, and joy that people have passed through over the centuries, as they experienced the difficult or amazing. You will understand the conflicts that countries have had among them. This will help you understand the present and predict what may happen in the future.

Now, write a summary with the help of the marginal notes you have taken.

B. Vocabulary: Match the words with their meanings.

Words	Meanings
Ancient	study of something in detail, in order to discover more about it
Verse	showing clear thought or reason
Rational	relating to a time early in history
Ethical	writing which is arranged in short lines with a regular rhythm
Analysis	relating to beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

Objectives: Developing reading and summarizing skills.

C.

Read the text below and complete the dialogue.



Yesterday our English teacher, Mr. Zaman, explained why people read. He told us, "I think most people read books for pleasure while some read for knowledge." We answered, "We read books to pass our leisure time." He said, "There are people who read for extending their knowledge. I used to read books for improving my writing skill." We asked him, "Why do you think students read?" "Students usually read text books for passing exams," he said, "however, the worst readers are those who read books to be able to say that they have read certain books."

Kabir : Hasan, I heard Mr. Zaman told you some interesting things about "reading" yesterday.

Hasan: Yes, he did. He said that he thinks most people read books for pleasure while some people read for knowledge.

Kabir : Well, I read to pass my leisure time. Did he say anything about that?

Hasan: Yes, he said

Kabir : Did he say why he reads?

Hasan: Sir explained

Kabir : Why do students read books?

Hasan: He thinks that

Kabir : Interesting! Who does he think are the best readers?

Hasan: Well, he didn't say who the best readers are but he mentioned that

Kabir : That's very interesting, Hasan. Thank you very much. It looks like I missed a lot yesterday.

Hasan: You are welcome.

D.

Read the given text. Now, guess from the pictures what happens next and complete the story.

Anis and Alam, students of class IX, are very excited about the book reading competition. Each wants to beat the other, as they do in the school exams. Alokortita Library, the new library in their locality, is organizing the competition, where students have to read some books in a given time and sit for a test to show what they have understood from those books. Prizes include famous books on world literature, a free trip to historical places, and free membership of the library. Their teacher tells them the sooner they enroll, the more time they will get to read the books. Alam decides to go to the library in the afternoon but Anis plans to go there even earlier.



Lira has won a free membership of a library. Imagine that you are Lira. Fill in the library membership form below.

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Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Age:
Phone:	Mobile:
Email:	
Occupation: Student <input type="checkbox"/> Educator <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Govt. Service <input type="checkbox"/> NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
Subjects of Interest : Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/culture <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Economics <input type="checkbox"/>	
Education <input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Environment <input type="checkbox"/> International Affair <input type="checkbox"/> Science/Technology <input type="checkbox"/>	
Politics/Society <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
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Academic Background : SSC <input type="checkbox"/> HSC <input type="checkbox"/> O'Level <input type="checkbox"/> A'Level <input type="checkbox"/> Honours <input type="checkbox"/>	
Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
I hereby apply for membership to the library and agree to comply with its rules and regulations.	
Signature	
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