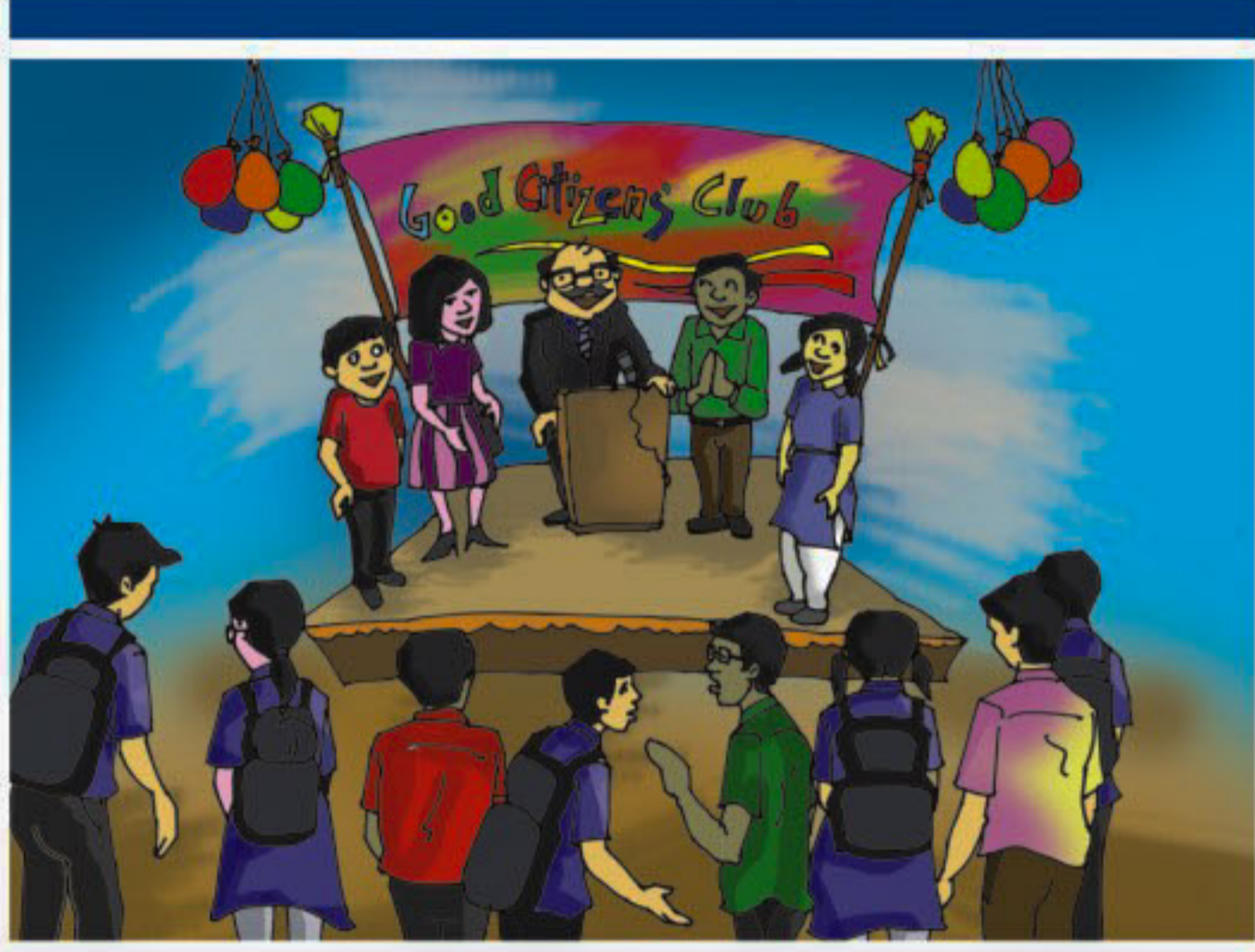


Class: IX-X

Good Citizen

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Dear Learners, we hope you are doing well and getting along with your studies smoothly. In our today's page we will look at some of the qualities of a good citizen.



The Headmaster of Nobodoot Ideal School is very happy to inaugurate the **Good Citizens' Club** in the school. The programme features sharing ideas about careless attitudes around the school and the ways to minimize those. In his speech Mr. Talat, the English teacher and the director of the club, talks about the different activities the club will carry out. He says that the purpose of this club is to make people aware of the basic rules to live like responsible human beings to ensure a better future.

### A. Everyone has a Story to Tell

When the students were asked to share their observations on "Careless Attitudes" around them, they told the following stories.

- Zahin's uncle, Mr. Walid, is disturbed with some of his colleagues' irresponsibilities at his office. It happens almost every day that when they go out for lunch or for some other work, they leave the lights, fans and computers on.
- Shawon's neighbour, Mrs. Sharmin, never turns off the gas burner. According to Shawon, she probably does that to save a match-stick.
- Maliha's best friend, Fatima, has a bad habit. She throws around things, like torn papers, run-out pens, tissue papers, etc., although there are waste basket or paper bins in the classroom.
- Helal says that some of his friends tend to walk across the busy street near their school, where there is a foot over-bridge.
- Keya notices that some naughty students write on the school benches and walls. When she asks them for the reason, they tell her to mind her own business.
- Yesterday, Rashed saw an old woman trying to get across the street but the people around did not help her.
- Sabbir's neighbours are angry with his brother, who plays music very loudly. This disturbs the neighbourhood.

Attitudes like these need to be changed. Complete the following suggestions by adding the results. One example is given for you.

- Mr. Walid's colleagues should put off the lights, fans and computers **so that** they can save electricity for the country.
- 1) Mrs. Sharmin should turn off the gas burner after the cooking is done **so that** .....
  - 2) Fatima should throw the waste materials into the waste basket or paper bins **so that** .....
  - 3) Helal's friends should use the foot over-bridge **so that** .....
  - 4) Students should not write on the school benches and walls **so that** .....
  - 5) Everyone should help the old or physically challenged people **so that** .....
  - 6) Sabbir's brother shouldn't play the music loudly **so that** .....

### B. Characteristics of a Good Citizen

Mr. Talat tells his students that a good citizen is someone who respects others and their property. Read some of the characteristics of a good citizen and write the examples from real life.

Characteristics of a Good Citizen	Examples from Real Life
A good citizen is helpful and considerate.	
He/she listens to and respects the views of others.	
He/she respects and cares about the environment and does not damage it in anyway.	
He/she is well mannered.	
He/she learns from the mistakes and works hard to make the world a better place than before.	

### C. Making a Difference

If all of us are conscious about the wrongs and inhumanities done around us and actively try to change them, we can make a difference. Read the story and write what you have learnt from the story.



Once upon a time, there was a man, who used to go near the sea to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance in the day, and so, he walked down to him.

As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the sea.

He came closer still and called out "Good morning! May I ask what you are doing?"

The young man paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the sea."

"I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the sea?" asked the somewhat startled writer.

To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they will die."

Upon hearing this, the writer commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can not possibly make a difference!"

At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the sea. As it met the water, he said, "It made a difference for that one!"

The Lesson is: .....

Now, write a few more rules that you follow to be a good human being, like-

1. We should not look down upon the poor.
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....

### D. Match the following words with their meanings

Words	Meanings
1. Inaugurate	a. An inhuman or cruel act
2. Responsible	b. Surprised suddenly
3. Deserve	c. To formally begin something
4. Inhumanity	d. Liable to be required to give explanation, as of one's actions
5. Startled	e. To be worthy of

Answer Keys: (1+c), (2+d), (3+e), (4+a), (5+b),

Learning Objectives | Critical thinking, Sentence structure, Vocabulary

## THE SEASONS OF BANGLADESH

Summer, Monsoon, Autumn, Late Autumn, Winter and Spring. These are the six seasons in Bangladesh. One may give rain, another may bring sunshine but each is unique, setting different moods and giving different occasions to celebrate.