

CLASS VIII
ENGLISH

1. Read the passage and answer.

RHYTHMIC ESCAPE

Music is something which everyone likes to talk about. It's a universal language. People listen to music all the time, from students who listen to it while studying, to adults who listen to music on their way to work. Infact I've my I-pod on and ear plugs intact while I am writing this. Mostly youngsters feel a need of music in every situation, poses a question of how does music affects their minds and their life in turn?

When we talk about music, everyone has a different taste and different type of music leaves impact on their lives in many ways. Some of you like to identify yourselves through music. Youngster mostly follow the young icons like Justin Beaver, Selena Gomes, Miley Cyrus, Tayler Swift and so on... they does not just follow their music, but their fashion and their style as well. In some cases people can use music to express themselves in a way, it can't be expressed through any other medium like art or behaviour or simple talk.

Karan Thakur from Bhopal says, I can't focus without songs in my ear. Whenever I have to do some serious work, my mp3 is on and it can give tremendous energy to me. Nave you ever heard the saying, "Music soothes the savage beast?" It's true. Delhi based Karuk Sapre who is busy almost 18 hrs a day says, I listen to music when I want to unwind after a long day at work. It makes me feel relax. I also like to listen to music when I am happy or sad.

You'll be surprised to know music is one of the few activities that engross using the whole brain. Pythagoras, Plato and Aristotle, all were aware of therapeutic powers of music. Einstein himself said that the reason he was so smart is because he played the violin.

Many experts also believe that the rhythm or the beat of the music has the calming effect on us although we may not be very aware about it.

In general, responses to music defer with genres. Here are few common genres of music like : Classical music has been found to reduce stress and enhance specific types of intelligence such as verbal ability and spatial-temporal reasoning while Hip Hop music has had many different effects on youth.

On one side, it is found to promote negative feelings and on the other, it is so energetic that it makes you want to stand up and dance. But music sometimes has a negative effect on mind as well. Youngster listening to music a lot tend to feel depress, also songs with negative lyrics and bad words are said to have adverse effect on mind. The key is, music can give you what you want, just be clever in your choices. So next time you are listening to a particular genre of music, make sure it's the right one as the effects are profound.

1(A). Answer the following questions after reading the passage.

i. Do you think music plays an important role in your life?

ii. How can you prove music is a kind of medicine?

iii. Justify the statement 'music is the language of god'.

iv. While studying many students listen to music. Do you think it is right to do so?

v. How does music help to express ones emotions?

1(B). Pick five verbs, adverbs, adjectives from the passage.

Verb

Adverb

Adjective

1(C). Can you explain the saying "Music soothes the savage heart".

1(D). Fill in the blanks:

- Many experts also believe that the _____ or the beat of music has the _____ effect on us.
- Music is one of the few activities that _____ using the whole brain.
- When we talk about music everyone has a different _____

2. Make a Classroom Newspaper

Include-editorial, campus new, class-room activities, sports news, Cut and paste environmental news from news paper, weather report, medical news, science news, comic story, travel news, book review, city, restaurants in the city, movie review etc. from the news paper you read. From your daily news paper collect more ideas.