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ENGLISH

(Second Language)

Standard 9



PLEDGE

India is my country.

All Indians are my brothers and sisters.

I love my country and I am proud of its rich and varied heritage.

I shall always strive to be worthy of it.

I shall respect my parents, teachers and all my elders and treat everyone with courtesy.

I pledge my devotion to my country and its people.

My happiness lies in their well-being and prosperity.

રાજ્ય સરકારની વિનામૂલ્યે યોજના હેઠળનું પુસ્તક



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PREFACE

Gujarat State Board of School Textbooks has prepared a new textbook as per the new curriculum developed by the Gujarat State Secondary and Higher Secondary Board which has been sanctioned by the Education Department of the Government of Gujarat. The textbooks of Standard - 1 to 12 are in accordance with the guidelines of N.C.F. (National Curriculum Framework) and N.C.E.R.T.

A panel of experts from Universities/Colleges, Teachers Training Colleges and Schools have helped in preparing the manuscript of the subject. It is then reviewed by another panel of experts to suggest changes and filter out the mistakes, if any. The suggestions of the reviewers are considered thoroughly and necessary changes are made in the manuscript. Thus, the Textbook Board takes sufficient care in preparing an error free manuscript. The Board is vigilant even while printing the textbooks.

This is the **English (Second Language) Textbook for Standard 9**. As per the new guidelines, this textbook provides a wider exposure to the communication skills, use of language and critical thinking skills.

The Textbook Board is thankful to all those who have helped in preparing this textbook. However, we welcome suggestions in improving the quality of the textbook.

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single seater fighter plane. Take off permission received, the two pilots accelerate the runway. Their wing tips are just some centimetres apart. They lift off at 360 kph and soon climb up and get 950 kph. It is 6.45 am, 15 minutes before their time on Target.

At 6.55 am they reach their first check point a village named Mirthal down on the earth. Kukee begins to time his target. As they rise up to 450 meters Tyagi's plane rocks violently due to air bumps. "A bit bumpy here," says Tyagi on radio. "Breakfast may come up before the bomb goes down," Kukee Jokes. Two Hunters appear far to the right as "enemy" planes. They turn away and vanish.

There are clouds all around. The earth has disappeared too. The MiGs are fast approaching the target. Now both the planes dive below the clouds, their planes are flying lower. Kukee sees the target, an "enemy" tank and he releases the bomb.

This is a perfect opportunity to rehearse attack procedures and bomb aiming. At the time of firing automatic camera captures the action. The two planes circle, then come down on another target, a bridge. There is a strong wind therefore they releases the bombs earlier, but with accurate calculation. "We have got it right," they say. Visibility has become worse. "Let's go home," says Kukee.

Back at the base, they report to the army man. He admires them, "Commanders, your planes were in the right place at the right time. You have given effective support to the Army."

Like every Indian fighter pilot Kukee Suresh does several hundred hours of flying in a year. Generally, two daytime flights and one night sortie. This means that more than half of his working hours are devoted to flying, mission planning and reporting. For the rest of time, 41 year old Kukee is an attack instructor, an air combat leader and a teacher of accurate weapon delivery techniques. He also sees that all the pilots in his squadron maintain this proficiency. Every few years, a pilot is 'rested' for a year or two at a desk job.

The Wing commander of 321 squadron K. S. Suresh is proud of IAF; so is IAF.

(by Paul Watched in Readers Digest – 75 years selection articles)

Glossary

barrack a building for soldiers to live in **protractors** instrument used to form a semi circle **vanish** disappear **recognizes** to be able to identify **compass** ಓಕಿಯೆ device to find direction **releases** sets free ,goes **identification** process of identifying **procedure** order of way of doing things **hostile** showing strong dislike or enmity **ailerons** hing part of a wing of an aircraft **accurate** free from error **assigned** gave someone something to do **hydraulics** of water moving through pipes **squadron** a unit of an air-force **pneumatic** operated by air under pressure **opportunity** a chance **visibility** the distance you can see **combat** fighting between armed forces **take off** start to fly **to taxi** to move slowly along the ground before taking off or after landing **drawers** a piece of furniture like table with drawers where you sit to read, write or work **chalk out** make a sketch of **proficiency** ability to do something well because of training and practice **haze** fog(धुमस) **meteorology** ಛವಾಢಾನ್ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ **meteorological officer** ಛವಾಢಾನ್ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರಾನ್ಠ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ