

## Total words 300

### passage:

A stamp is, to many people, just a slip of paper that takes a letter from one town or country to another. They are unable to understand why we stamp collectors find so much pleasure in collecting them and how we find the time in which to indulge in our hobby. To them it seems a waste of time, a waste of effort and a waste of money.

But they do not realise that there are many who do buy stamps, many who find the effort worth-while and many who, if they did not spend their time collecting stamps, would spend it less profitably. We all seek something to do in our leisure hours and what better occupation is there to keep us out of mischief than that of collecting stamps?

An album, a packet of hinges, a new supply of stamps, and the time passes swiftly and pleasantly.

Stamp-collecting has no limits and a collection never has an end; countries are always printing and issuing new stamps to celebrate coronations, great events, anniversaries and deaths. And the fascination of collecting is trying to obtain these stamps before one's rivals. Every sphere of stamp-collecting has its fascination — receiving letters from distant countries and discovering old stamps in the leaves of dusty old books. A stamp itself has a fascination all its own. Gazing at its little picture we are transported to the wilds of Congo, the homes of the Arabs, and the endless tracks of the Sahara desert. There is a history in every stamp. The ancient Roman Empire and the Constitution of America, are all conveyed to our mind's eye by means of stamps. We see famous men, pictures, writers, scientists, soldiers, politicians and famous incidents. Stamps, so small and minute, contain knowledge that is vast and important.

Precis

104 word total = 300  $\Rightarrow$   $\frac{1}{3}$   $\Rightarrow$  100

Title: Stamp collecting: A hobby.

A stamp is a slip of paper, used for sending letters to other countries. A stamp-collector, however, considered it not a slip but a pleasurable hobby to collect them. They do not realize that it is the waste of time, money or effort rather a worthy effort than other hobbies.

The collection of stamps have no limit because there are several of new stamps printed yearly in every country, that creates curiosity among collectors to collect all before new arrival and discover new ones. The stamp encompasses many historical events or thing, and portrait of famous personalities that contains huge knowledge in a minute square.

main idea is picked and discussed

over all content is ok

avoid picking phrases from the main passage

basic grammar needs improvement

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word count is written at the end

**Total words 124-  $\frac{1}{3}$  is 41**

**passage:**

**1. There are times when the night sky glows with bands of colour. The bands may begin as cloud shapes and then spread into a great arc across the entire sky. They may fall in folds like a curtain drawn across the heavens. The lights usually grow brighter, then suddenly dim. During this time the sky glows with pale yellow, pink, green, violet, blue, and red. These lights are called the Aurora Borealis. Some people call them the Northern Lights. Scientists have been watching them for hundreds of years. They are not quite sure what causes them in ancient times people were afraid of the Lights. They imagined that they saw fiery dragons in the sky. Some even concluded that the heavens were on fire.**

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Precis 36 words.

Title: The Aurora Borealis

The Aurora Borealis or Northern light, that grows on sky as arc and reflects many colors. The cause of it was not scientifically identified. However, Ancient romors highlighted this as a fiery dragon or heaven in fire.

word count at the end  
basic grammar issues too  
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