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1. Describe a child who loves drawing/painting

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- How/when you knew him/her
- How often he/she draws/paints
- And explain why you think he/she loves drawing/painting

- I want to talk about my nephew named Rannvijay Singh.
- He is just 4 years old and he studies in Nursery class at Learning Paths School Mohali.
- We live in a joint family, so I see him every day.
- He is a very curious child and asks a lot of questions about everything.
- He also talks a lot and sometimes speaks like an adult which is very funny to hear.
- He loves to draw and colour whenever he gets free time.
- Drawing has become his favourite past time, even though he also attends football and music classes.
- His interest started when he was around 2 years old, while playing with his mother and grandmother.
- They taught him how to draw small shapes like circles and squares.
- Later he started drawing easy things like apples and bananas.
- Now he tries to draw his favourite cartoon characters like Bluey, Spider-Man and Batman.
- He usually draws after school or in the evening for at least 30 to 40 minutes.
- Recently we travelled to Indonesia and Bali and stayed at Holiday Inn Resort.
- Their restaurant had a small kids' corner with colouring sheets and crayons.
- He spent a long time colouring there and looked very relaxed and focused.
- That day I realised how stress-free and enjoyable drawing can be for kids.
- His parents and grandparents always praise him and encourage him when he draws something.
- It also helps in reducing screen time, which I feel is very important for young children.
- I think he loves drawing because he enjoys copying what he sees around him.
- I also gifted him colours recently, and he was very excited to use them.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

1. What is the right age for a child to learn drawing?
I think there is no fixed age for learning drawing, but many children start around the age of two or three. At that age they begin to hold crayons and make shapes. In my family, my nephew started drawing circles at two years old, so I feel early exposure really helps.

2. Why do most children draw more often than adults do?
According to me, children draw more because they have more free time and fewer responsibilities. Drawing is also a fun way for them to express their imagination. Adults get busy with work and daily tasks, so they often stop doing such activities.

3. Why do some people visit galleries or museums instead of viewing artworks online?
Well, many people prefer visiting museums because the experience feels more real and personal. Seeing the actual size, colour and texture of an artwork gives a different feeling that a screen cannot provide. Some also enjoy the peaceful environment there.

4. Do you think galleries and museums should be free of charge?
In my opinion, it would be great if they are free because more people, especially students, would visit and learn. However, I also understand that museums need money for maintenance, so maybe a small fee or free entry on certain days can balance both sides.

5. How do artworks inspire people?
Artworks inspire people by showing different ideas, emotions and stories. Sometimes a painting or sculpture makes us think about our own life or gives motivation. For example, I once saw a painting of a mountain climber and it made me feel more confident about facing challenges.

6. What are the differences between reading a book and visiting a museum?
Reading a book gives information through words and imagination, whereas a museum shows real objects, pictures and historical items. A book can go deeper in detail, but a museum makes the experience more visual and memorable. Both are useful, but in different ways.

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2. Describe one of your friends who learned something without a teacher

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- What he/she learned
- Why he/she learned this
- And explain whether it would be easier to learn from a teacher

- I'd like to talk about a friend of mine who taught himself stock market trading without any formal teacher or coaching.
- He works in a non-finance background, but he became interested in trading after seeing how important financial knowledge is for long-term stability.
- Instead of joining expensive courses, he started learning on his own by watching educational videos online, reading market news, and analysing charts using trading apps.
- The main reason he chose to learn independently was that he felt practical experience mattered more than theory in the stock market.
- He believed that real learning would come from observing price movements, making small trades, and learning from his mistakes.
- Over time, he developed discipline, understood risk management, and became more confident in his decisions.
- In my opinion, learning from a teacher can definitely make the process easier at the beginning, especially to avoid common beginner mistakes.
- However, trading is a skill that depends heavily on self-control and real market experience, which cannot be fully taught in a classroom.
- So although guidance is helpful, his self-learning approach worked well for him.
- Overall, this example shows that with patience and consistency, people can successfully learn complex skills like trading even without a teacher.

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Is it necessary to keep learning after graduating from school?
Yes, I believe learning breaks the monotony in life. Without learning, life would be very dull and boring. In fact, that is why, many people even end up leaving jobs, which have little room for growth or learning. Personally, I also I have learnt many things like stock market trading and playing chess. In fact, I learn new cooking recipes every month.

Should teachers make learning in their classes fun?
Yes, in fact a lot of students have negative views about schooling just because they are taught in a dull and boring manner. It is the duty of teachers to make learning fun. They should explain with examples and even take the help of documentaries and films to get their point across to the students.

Do you think there are too many subjects for students to learn?
No, I don't think there are too many subjects, but I think in some subjects, unnecessary concepts are taught which have no real-world application. Schooling is about discovering interest, so I think it is important for students to be taught a variety of subjects.

Is it better to focus on a few subjects or to learn many subjects?
Like I said before, a variety of subjects in early ages is beneficial so that students can discover their interest. Then, they can discover their interest. However, some subjects like science and math should be taught in detail, because they are the foundation to all subjects in the future.

Do you think enterprises should provide training for their employees?
Yes, I think it's the key to productivity and good team building. Even if employees have the technical skills, they might be unaware about the company's work culture, so training is definitely necessary. However, I think training should not be very prolonged, it should just enable to fit into the position.

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3. Talk about a time when you gave advice to someone.

You should say:
- Who you gave advice to?
- What the advice was?
- Why you gave the advice?
- And how you felt about the advice?

- Well in my country people give free advice to each other all the time.
- People give advice even when nobody is asking.
- They do it to show care and help others.
- Today, I would like to talk about a time when I gave advice to one of my cousins about what studies he should pursue for his senior secondary education.
- My cousin had recently completed his 10th standard and he was really confused about which stream he should opt for.
- He had the option to choose between science, commerce, and arts.
- His doubts were related to career prospects in these streams and most importantly he asked me that which one is easy or difficult to pursue.
- Since he was tired of studies, he did not want to put in a lot of effort but still he wanted to have a successful life.
- Before advising him about the various streams I asked him about his interests and he told me that he was interested in Computers.
- He started using the computer at a very early age, so he is really good at it.
- I told him about Computer programmers who work for companies like google.
- I told him about the work they do and how much salary they earn.
- I also showed him the offices of Google and the facilities like gym, food, and other games that are provided to the employees on campus.
- He got motivated after learning all these details and decided he also wanted to become a computer programmer.
- So, I suggested him to take an aptitude test to check whether he has a logical mindset to pursue this stream.
- He followed my advice and gave an aptitude test. His results showed that he had excellent skills to become a programmer.
- He was really happy with my advice and now he consults me for all the important decisions he has to make.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

1. What kind of advice do parents give to their children?
Parents advice children about various issues like their friend circle, subjects to choose for specialization and sometimes on healthy eating too.

2. How do experts give advice to others? (example a doctor gives advice to patients)
Experts are specialists in their field and it is best to seek advice from an expert who is proficient. A good teacher will guide the students in the right direction, similarly, a doctor's advice is valuable regarding health issues.

3. What advice do parents give to teenagers about making friends?
Teenagers need maximum advice as they are vulnerable and can be led astray by bad company. It is very difficult to advise a teenager so parents normally warn their wards to not mingle with friends who are known to be naughty.

4. Whose advice is more helpful? Parents' or friends'?
Many times, parent's advice is valuable whereas on other occasions friends can be more knowledgeable, it varies from situation to situation. Parents are rich in experiences of life and friends are more aware of the changes in modern society.

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4. Describe a person who often helps others

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How often he/she helps others
- How/why he/she helps others
- And how you feel about this person

- I want to talk about a person who often helps others, and his name is Prabloch Singh.
- He is in his early thirties and works in an IT company.
- After his job, he spends a lot of time doing social work and helping people in need.
- He also founded a human rights group called Middle Finger Protests.
- He helps others very regularly, almost on a daily basis through protests, awareness events, and charity work.
- One famous case he worked on was supporting the family of a young air hostess who was murdered by a powerful person.
- Even though he received threats during that time, he continued fighting for justice.
- His work was shown in the Bollywood movie No One Killed Jessica, which made more people aware of him.
- Apart from protests, he also arranges free food stalls and distributes clothes to the needy.
- He has even represented India at the United Nations as a human rights ambassador.
- The reason he helps others is because he strongly believes in justice and equal rights.
- He is not afraid to speak up, even if it requires sacrifices.
- I really admire him because people like him make society a better place.
- When I think about him, I feel inspired to also do something good for others.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

Q1. Do you think schools should teach children to do household chores?
According to me, yes, schools should teach basic chores. It helps children learn responsibility from an early age. For example, learning how to keep their desk clean or wash dishes can prepare them for adult life. Some people say chores should only be taught at home, but I think both can play a role.

Q2. Why are employees reluctant to ask their managers for help?
Well, many employees feel shy or afraid that asking questions will make them look weak. They worry that the manager might think they are not capable enough. I remember feeling nervous to ask my first boss for help because I didn't want to make a bad impression.

Q3. What can children do to help their parents?
Children can help in simple ways, like keeping their rooms tidy or setting the table. These small tasks reduce stress for parents and make the home more organized. When I was younger, I used to help with grocery bags, and my parents really appreciated it.

Q4. Should children help their parents with household chores?
I believe they should. Doing chores teaches children discipline and teamwork. Also, it makes them understand how much effort goes into running a household. Of course, chores should match their age so it doesn't become unsafe or too tiring.

Q5. What kind of help do people need when looking for a new job?
People usually need help with writing a CV, preparing for interviews, and understanding what companies expect. Emotional support is also helpful because job searching can be stressful and lonely. Sometimes even a friend's encouragement can make a big difference.

Q6. Who should people ask for help, colleagues or family members?
Um, I think it depends on the situation. For professional advice, colleagues are more useful because they know the industry. But for emotional support, family members are better. So in many cases, people actually need both.

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5. Describe a piece of technology (not a phone) that you would like to own

You should say:

- What it is
- How much it costs
- How you knew it
- And explain why you would like to own it

- I want to talk about the Apple Watch, which is a type of smart watch made by Apple.
- It looks simple from outside, but it can do many useful things.
- The price depends on the model, but it usually starts from around 25,000 to 90,000 INR, or sometimes even more.
- I came to know about it through online reviews and also because my friend recently bought one.
- To be honest, I got really interested after seeing how smoothly it worked with his iPhone.
- I am a health enthusiast, and I like to track my daily steps and calories.
- I already have a smart watch, but it is not from Apple, and it does not connect very well with my phone.
- The Apple Watch integrates perfectly with the iPhone, which makes it very convenient.
- For example, you can answer calls directly from your wrist when your hands are busy, like when cooking or driving.
- You also don't need to carry your phone while running, because you can connect AirPods to the watch and listen to music.
- It also has features like heart-rate monitoring, ECG, and even fall detection, which I find truly impressive.
- Because of these features, I feel it is more of a health device than just a regular watch.
- My friend also showed me that it comes in three versions: the regular model, the SE, and the Ultra.
- I personally like the rectangular design and the variety of straps that Apple offers.
- One drawback is that the battery life is not very great, and it usually needs to be charged daily.
- Even with that issue, I still want to own it because it fits my lifestyle quite well.
- At the moment, I am saving money to buy it, as it is a bit expensive for me right now.
- I hope to get it soon because it will motivate me to maintain my fitness in a better and more organized way.

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1. What are the differences between the technology of the past and that of today?
Accorrding to me, the main difference is speed and convenience. In the past, technology was slow and limited, like landline phones or bulky computers. Today everything is faster, smaller, and more connected. For example, now we can do banking or shopping on our phones within seconds.

2. What technology do young people like to use?
Well, young people mostly prefer smartphones and social media apps. They enjoy using them for chatting, gaming, and watching videos. I often see teenagers spending hours on TikTok and Instagram because it keeps them entertained and connected with friends.

3. What are the differences between online and face-to-face communication?
Online communication is quick and convenient, but it lacks body language and real emotion. On the other hand, face-to-face conversations feel more personal and honest. For example, it's easier to understand a person's feelings when you talk to them in person.

4. Do you think technology has changed the way people communicate?
Yes, I believe it has changed communication a lot. People now send texts or voice notes instead of meeting in person. This saves time, but sometimes it also reduces deep conversations. Some older people still prefer talking face-to-face because they feel it is more meaningful.

5. What negative effects does technology have on people's relationships?
Um, one negative effect is reduced time together. Many people spend more time on screens than talking to their family. For example, at home during dinner, everyone is often busy with their phone. This can weaken emotional bonds over time.

6. What are the differences between making friends in real life and online?

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6. Describe an occasion when you were not allowed to use your mobile phone

You should say:
- When it was
- Where it was
- Why you were not allowed to use your mobile phone
- And how you felt about it

- These days, cell phones have become a basic part of our life.
- It's hard to imagine even a single day without using one.
- But there are certain places where using a phone is not allowed or is considered rude.
- For example in religious places, hospitals, cinemas and sometimes in restaurants.
- Here, I want to talk about a time when I was not allowed to use my phone.
- This happened last month when my aunt visited us from the UK.
- She came mainly for shopping because her daughter is getting married soon.
- During her visit, we planned a trip to the Golden Temple in Amritsar.
- It was a weekend, so the place was extremely crowded.
- We stood in the queue for nearly one hour to enter the main prayer hall.
- Just when we finally entered, my phone suddenly started ringing loudly.
- Everyone around turned and stared at me, and I felt very awkward.
- I had completely forgotten to keep my phone on silent mode.
- There were clear signboards reminding visitors to switch off their phones before entering.
- I quickly cut the call and switched the phone off to avoid disturbing anyone.
- Inside, it was very peaceful, and no one else's phone was ringing.
- After praying and walking around inside, we went to the community kitchen for langar.
- Once we came out of the main building, I turned my phone back on.
- I noticed I had a few missed calls from my cousin.
- I called her and explained why I didn't answer, and she understood.
- So this was a time when I was not allowed to use my phone, and honestly it was a bit embarrassing but also a good reminder.

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1. What is the impact off the cell phone?
I believe cell phones have both positive and negative impact on our lives.
Due to the cell phones we have instant access to information and also because of them we can connect with our loved one's; anywhere, anytime. But at the same time if you think about the negative impacts cell phones have also become a great cause of stress in our lives. The need to always stay connected is taking a toll on our personal lives.

2. What is the smartphone used the most for?
I think, nowadays the smartphones are primarily used for accessing social networking applications such as whatsapp, facebook and twitter etc. People also use them for Official and Entertainment purpose like checking office email or watching movies and playing games.

3. What is your opinion about selfies?
I believe, selfies are one of the biggest trends of our era. People are not camera shy anymore and with the advent of front facing cameras on smartphones they are taking selfies for every occasion and at every place they visit.

4 How do young and old people use mobile phones differently?
Old people treat mobile phones just like a portable landline phone. They use it for predominantly for calling or in some cases texting. Young people use mobile phones just like a mini-computer. They use it for nearly everything like navigation, playing games, watching movies, chatting with their friends and so on.

5 What positive and negative impact do mobile phones have on friendship?
On the positive side, it has it made it easier to maintain friendships. We can call anyone anytime. It is easier to keep in touch. On the negative side, it also weakens friendships as it reduce face to face interaction and sometimes even leads to misunderstandings as chatting and tone lack facial expressions.

6 Is it a waste of time to take pictures with mobile phones?
No, it is not a waste of time. It is a good way to capture memories and special moments. It only becomes a problem, when we take pictures for showing off or to impress others rather than for preserving our special memories.

7 Do you think it is necessary to have laws on the use of mobile phones?
I think there should be certain regulations to check mobile phones usage in public places like transportation as it leads to disturbance. Similarly, mobile phones have to strictly forbidden in tasks like driving as their use can lead to accidents. So, yes, I think mobile phones do need certain regulations.

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7. Describe a program or app on your computer or phone

You should say:
- What it is
- How often you use it
- When/how you use it
- When/how you found it

- There are so many apps on my phone, probably more than 50.
- They serve different purposes like news, banking, payments, gaming and social media.
- But the app I use the most is Snapchat.
- I use it mainly to stay connected with my close friends.
- The main feature I love is streaks with my best friends.
- We send snaps every day just to keep the streak alive.
- I also like that messages and snaps disappear after you open them.
- It feels more private and secure compared to other platforms.
- My favourite part of the app is the filters.
- Some filters make you look funny and others make you look nice.
- I started using Snapchat when I got my first phone in class 10.
- At that time, all my friends were already using it, so I downloaded it too.
- Back then, I would use it for four to five hours a day without even realising it.
- It was one of the most popular apps in school.
- These days, I'm trying to reduce my screen time.
- Now I use it for around 30 minutes a day, usually in the evening.
- It's still the best app for me to stay in touch with my friends.
- We share quick updates about our day without typing long messages.
- Overall, Snapchat has become part of my daily routine and I feel it keeps friendships alive in a simple way.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

1. What are the differences between old and young people when using apps?
Young people are usually faster and more comfortable exploring new features, while older people prefer simple layouts and need more time to get used to updates.

2. Why do some people not like using apps?
Some people find apps confusing or time-consuming, and others worry about privacy or feel they don't really need them.

3. What apps are popular in your country? Why?
Social media and payment apps are very popular because they make communication and daily transactions quick and convenient.

4. Should parents limit their children's use of computer programs and computer games? Why and how?
Yes, because excessive screen time can affect sleep and studies. Parents can set time limits, monitor content, and encourage other activities like outdoor play.

5. Do you think young people are more and more reliant on these programs?
Yes, young people are becoming more reliant because many parts of their life—learning, entertainment, and even socialising—now happen through digital platforms.

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8. Describe a natural place (e.g. parks, mountains, etc.)

You should say:
- Where this place is
- How you knew this place
- What it is like
- And explain why you like to visit it

- India is a diverse country.
- There are many natural places in India such as rivers, lakes, mountains and deserts which are important.
- One important river that I would like to talk about here is the river Ganges or the Ganga, as we popularly call it.
- Every child in India learns about the river Ganga from their parents first and later in school when they study India's geography.
- River Ganga is a sacred river and treated as a Goddess among the Hindus.
- It has significant influence on the life of the Indians.
- It is one of the longest rivers of the world and is the longest river in India.
- The River Ganga emerges out of the Himalayas and falls into the Bay of Bengal.
- It has a number of tributaries like Yamuna, Ramganga, and Ghagra, etc.
- The Ganga is a perennial river as water is available throughout the year.
- The river has formed one of the most fertile flood plains of the world.
- We get the golden crops from the fertile lands on the bank of River Ganga.
- The water of River Ganga is widely used for agriculture purpose.
- The Ganga has been made national waterways of India.
- It is navigable up to Hardwar.
- The Ganga plain is one of the most fertile plain and is the granary of India.
- Our Government has initiated projects for wider utilization of the kind water of River Ganga.
- This would bring enormous prosperity and economic development in our country.
- All these features made the river as the ideal river of India.
- I have visited Ganga river both for pilgrimage and adventure.
- I did river rafting during last summer and it was such a thrilling experience.
- I am looking forward to visiting again this year.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1 What kind of people like to visit natural places?
Lots of people enjoy nature! It could be someone who loves hiking and exploring, or maybe someone who just wants to relax in a peaceful place. People who appreciate beauty and fresh air are also drawn to nature.

2. What are the differences between a natural place and a city?
I think the biggest different is that nature is quiet and peaceful, while cities are loud and busy. Air Pollution is another thing that is less in natural places. And finally, there is no wildlife in cities.

3 Do you think that going to the park is the only way to get close to nature?
Definitely not! Even a small garden or a quiet corner of a park can be a way to connect with nature. But there are also places outside the city, like forests or beaches, that offer a more immersive experience.

4 What can people gain from going to natural places?
Spending time in nature has many benefits. It can help reduce stress, improve mood, and even boost your creativity. Being outdoors can also be a great way to exercise and get some fresh air.

5 Are there any wild animals in the city?
In my country, there are no wild animals in the cities. We mostly have stray dogs, cats, squirrels and many different bird species in urban areas

6 Do you think it is a good idea to let animals stay in local parks for people to see?
I don't think animals should be kept in zoos. It's important for wild animals to have their natural habitat. While parks can be nice for people, it might not be the best environment for some animals. We should focus on protecting wild animals in their natural homes. Just imagine how humans would feel if they are confined to small areas or cages.

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9. Describe an occasion when many people were smiling

- When it happened
- Who you were with
- What happened
- And explain why many people were smiling

- A smile can brighten our day and lighten any situation
- In today's fast-paced life we are forgetting the importance of smiling
- Today I will talk about a situation when I saw many people smiling
- It was when I was travelling with my cousin to Chandigarh on a bus
- It was around a month ago
- There were around 50 passengers on the bus and of all age groups.
- People were doing different activities- some were talking to each other, a few were reading, children were busy playing games on the mobile phones and some were sleeping.
- After about half an hour into the journey, a passenger sitting in the middle of the bus started talking on the phone.
- He had a very loud voice and I could hear him even though I was sitting in one of the front seats.
- I couldn't help hearing his conversation because of his loud voice.
- Apparently, he was talking to his wife
- From his conversation, it seemed that he had forgotten about their wedding anniversary
- He was apologizing profusely to his wife and was saying that he was ready to buy her anything she wished for.
- That conversation lasted for more than 10 minutes before his wife finally accepted his apology.
- After the call ended, the person heaved a sigh of relief.
- My cousin and I exchanged a few smiles during that conversation
- And I happened to turn around and saw that everyone on the bus was smiling.
- Everyone on the bus had overheard his conversation and had enjoyed it.
- Even the person talking on the phone looked relieved and was smiling.
- Thinking about that journey still brings a smile to my face.
- I think that we should smile more often, like when we greet someone or thank someone.
- It can make someone's day.

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Part 3 Follow ups

1. Why do people smile when they take photos?
People smile when they take photos because smiles bring a charm to our face and make the photos more memorable and beautiful. Photos are reminders of memorable events and smiling faces bring back happy memories.

2. Who smiles more, men or women?
I think smiles have nothing to do with gender. People smile due to different reasons.

3. Do you think people should control their moods?
Yes, I think people should control their bad moods, as it can have a negative effect on the other people around them. It can spoil someone else's day.

4. Do you think people who like to smile are more friendly?
If I talk from personal experience, I couldn't agree more. My mother gets a lot of compliments about her infectious smile and she is one of the friendliest people I know. I think people find it easier to approach or talk to people who smile and thus they seem more friendly for sure.

5. Do people smile more when they are younger or older?
I think smile has nothing to do with age. Both young and old people like to smile. I think young people may be more honest about their happiness when they smile and it might not be the case with older people as they are certainly better at masking their true feelings.

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10. Describe an item on which you spent more than expected

You should say:
- What it is
- How much did you spend on it
- Why you bought it
- And explain why you think you spent more than expected.

- Recently, my old phone broke down and I had to buy a new phone.
- I considered various models but ultimately, I decided to buy the Apple iPhone.
- I think I made the purchase because of the brand name and because of friend's reviews.
- The phone was much costlier than I expected.
- It was priced at Rs 70,000.
- I still went for it because I wanted to own an iPhone.
- Previously, I had a Samsung phone, but all my friends told me that Apple is way above Samsung in quality.
- After buying it, I also felt that Apple is better.
- The camera quality was better, the response rate was faster, the look was more elegant.
- However, deep down, I knew I didn't care about these things.
- I rarely click pictures with the phone and even if I do, I am fine with a lower resolution.
- The response rate was faster, but then I was comparing the response rate of a new Apple iPhone with a 3-year-old Samsung phone, so the comparison was not apt.
- And, above all, the price was way higher than the other models in the market.
- I bought the mobile phone not because of need but because of impulse.
- I know I am not a heavy mobile phone user.
- I mainly use the mobile phone to call and to check WhatsApp messages.
- Besides that, I use barely 2-3 apps like Zomato for ordering food and Uber for travelling.
- I knew I could have that done all that I wanted with a much cheaper version, but I still went for the Apple iPhone.
- Finally, because of this decision, I had to postpone the decision of buying a new laptop, which I urgently need.
- My old one is about 6 years old and sometimes it takes nearly half an hour to start up.
- A new laptop would have made my life much more comfortable than the iPhone did.
- For all these reasons, I regret buying the iPhone and spending so much on it.

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Follow up Questions

1. Do you often buy more than you expected?

Yes, I often buy more than I expected, but it is normally in case of small household items or grocery items. For example, I would buy 2 pairs of jeans if they are on an offer, even if I need just one. The iPhone was the first time, I spent so much more than I should have spent.

2. What do you think young people spend most of their money on?

I think young people spend their money on clothes and other fashion accessories like belts, shoes, etc. Also, I think a lot of youth spend their money on gadgets like mobile phones, laptops, and headphones.

3. Do you think it is important to save money? Why?

Yes, I think it is crucial as we can never be certain about the future. The recent Corona epidemic has made it even more clear that how uncertain life is. Many people died because they couldn't afford the costly healthcare. Also, if people didn't have savings, it would have been impossible to tide over these difficult times.

4. Do people buy things that they don't need?

Yes, all the time. I think we buy things because buying things makes us happy. Even though we know we won't be using the thing, we buy it for momentary happiness. A common example is an electric drill, which people barely use for 10 mins after buying and then collects dust sitting unused for years.

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11. Describe a person who solved a problem in a smart way

You should say

- Who this person is
- What the problem was
- How he/she solved it
- And explain why you think he/ she did it in a smart way

- Everyone faces problems in life
- Some people have a great presence of mind and can solve problems without panicking
- Here I would like to talk about my aunt Paramjeet, who solved a problem in a really clever way
- I remember it was about six months ago
- My aunt and uncle had come to our place and my mother was preparing dinner for them
- As my mother was putting salt in the cheese curry, the box of salt slipped from her hand and a lot of salt fell into the dish.
- As my mother had not prepared anything else she started panicking because it was already dinnertime
- My aunt came into the kitchen when she saw that my mother was looking troubled
- She told my mother not to panic at all
- She kneaded some dough and put 3 to 4 balls of dough into the curry
- After about 15 minutes she removed the door balls and asked my mother to taste the curry
- There was no excess salt in the dish anymore
- My mother would not have been able to solve this problem on her own
- She had started thinking that the whole curry dish would have to be thrown and she would have to cook the dish all over again
- But my aunt saved the situation, and nobody even came to know that the problem had happened
- My aunt Paramjeet is a great cook, and she can fix her dinner for 20 people in just one hour
- She also conducts cookery classes during the summer vacations
- She is in her mid-forties but looks much younger.
- Whenever anyone in our family faces any problem, they seek her help for a solution.

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Follow up Questions

1. Do you think children are born smart or do they learn to become smart?

This is a tough question to answer. Some children are innately more intelligent than others. However, I believe that with proper guidance children can be taught to be smart.

2. How do children become smart at school?

Children become smart at school by listening to the teachers, interacting with their peers, and doing their studies diligently

3. Why are some people well-rounded and others only good at one thing?

Some people are naturally curious to learn a lot of things and so they become well-rounded. However, others try to master one skill and become proficient in that.

4. Why does modern society need talent of all kinds?

Modern society needs talent of all kinds because everyone cannot be proficient in all the things. So, to have a harmonious society there has to be a mix of people with different talents so that they can work together for the benefit of the whole society.

12. Describe a time when you needed to use your imagination

- When it was
- When you needed to use imagination
- How difficult or easy it was
- And explain how you felt about it

- There are a lot of situations when ingenuity has helped me tackle difficult situations.
- A few months, I had gone to Jammu for an examination.
- But, because of the fog, my train back home got cancelled.
- So, I decided to travel back by bus.
- The bus dropped me at my city's bus station at about 2 AM.
- I had told my parents that I would be coming by bus, but because I had left my flashlight on, on my phone, my phone battery had died.
- So, I couldn't call my parents to pick me up when I reached the bus station.
- And because of fog, my parents also couldn't estimate when the bus would actually reach my home city.
- So, I was forced to walk back alone at night.
- At this time, I saw some strangers walking towards me.
- I felt that their intentions were not right, and I was really worried.
- At that moment, I used my imagination and took out the phone, and started talking loudly on the phone.
- I knew that my phone was dead, but they didn't know that the phone was dead.
- As they came closer, I started saying that I am just around the corner.
- As they heard this, they moved back, and I used this opportunity to run a nearby 24/7 store.
- Once inside, I borrowed the phone from the sales clerk and called my parents to pick me up.
- The whole time my heart was beating very loudly.
- It was a very scary situation.
- On seeing my father and mother, I finally took a huge sigh of relief.
- My father told me that he was really proud of my presence of mind and a lot of people told me that they wouldn't have been able to think on their feet like I did.

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Follow up Questions

1. Do you think adults can have lots of imagination?

I don't think imagination depends upon age. Both children and adults can imagine things. The only thing is that children are not restricted by real-world knowledge in their imagination. So, children can sometimes imagine completely impossible things.

2. Do you think imagination is necessary for scientists?

I think all scientific discoveries are about looking at something from a new or different perspective. So, imagination is certainly important for scientists. Many would have seen an apple fall from a tree before Newton, but he was the first one to relate it to a force.

3. What kind of jobs need imagination?

I think the biggest field with needs imagination is science. Then, another field in which I think is being a fantasy author. A fantasy author basically puts down his imagination on a piece of paper. I think some of the famous fantasy authors like Tolkien or JK Rowling are some of the people with an endless imagination.

4. What subjects are helpful for people's imagination?

I think literature can be very helpful to develop imagination. I remember reading Alice in Wonderland was so exciting. It was my first time reading a fantasy novel and I just couldn't put it down. After reading each chapter, I used to think about what would happen next, and that in turn was nothing but exercising my imagination.

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13. Describe a natural talent you want to improve like sports music

- What it is?
- When you discovered it?
- How you want to improve it
- And how you feel about it?

- I think every person in this world has got a talent or two and few are born with many talents.
- If I talk about myself, I am not a person of many talents but one talent that I may have a little is dancing.
- There are many different dancing styles like breakdance, folk, hip-hop, contemporary but I like to do freestyle dancing.
- Since my childhood, I have loved to dance at home, parties, or marriage functions but I have never learnt or performed professionally.
- Until recently, it was my cousin's wedding and we thought of doing a surprise dance performance for him and his fiancé.
- All my other cousins gave me the responsibility to choreograph the performance and also selected me as the lead dancer.
- We selected popular songs with catchy beats for our performance and it turned out to be really amazing.
- Everyone really liked us and appreciated our sweet gesture for the event.
- One of cousin's friend who runs a dancing academy was really happy to see my moves and asked me from where I learnt them. When I told her that I have never learnt dancing, she suggested to me that I am really good at it and can even make a career out of it.
- This is actually when I gave serious thought to her advice and had the realization that maybe it is a talent that I have.
- I am now thinking of joining her dance academy to learn different forms of dancing and who knows maybe I would like to participate in a dancing competition one day.
- I think dancing makes me feel really happy and relaxed.
- It is also a stress buster for me and a great form of exercise.
- I forget about all the worries while dancing.
- It is an amazing experience.

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Follow up Questions

1. Do you think artists with talents should focus on their talents?
I honestly think that artists with talents should focus on it only if they are passionate about it because If we are not passionate about something then we are not able to sustain our interest in the particular activity for long. For example, the son or daughter of a famous musician might have innate talent towards music but if they do not have any interest in music they will never become successful musicians.

2. Is it possible for us to know the children who are 3 or 4 years old will become musicians or painters when they grow up?
I do not think it is possible to predict what a child will grow up to be in the future at such a young age. Children at the age of 3 or 4 are very curious and show their interest in almost everything as they are discovering the world around them. It would be very difficult to identify that they will become an artist in the future or not, even if the child has some innate talent, as most of the parents do not pay much serious attention to what their child is doing.

3. Do you think parents feel guilty for putting too much pressure on their children?
Well, I believe parents do not feel much guilty for putting their children under pressure because they think that they are preparing their children for the challenges that the real world would bring in the future. Parents have the idea that putting their children under pressure will motivate them to push themselves harder and achieve the impossible in life.

4. Why people like to watch talent shows?
Honestly, I am not a big fan of talent shows but I think the primary reason why people love watching them is entertainment. The talent shows are full of entertainment which is based on reality as compared to the fictional dramas. People are able to relate a lot with these reality based shows and also they drive a lot of inspiration from such shows. The talent shows sometimes also show the struggling stories of the artists which a lot of people love to watch.

5. Do you think it is more interesting to watch famous peoples or ordinary people's show?
Well, I have a mixed opinion for this question as both the categories teach us different things. From famous people, we get to know the story behind their struggles, hard work, and how they became successful, which is very motivating but then sometimes I feel that famous people are pretentious and one never gets to know how they are in real life. On the other hand, ordinary people offer us the real side of humanity to which everyone is able to relate in many different ways, be it emotionally or how people actually live. Since many people are able to relate with this so they find ordinary people more interesting.

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14. Describe a time when you're waiting for something special that would happen

You should say

- What you waited for
- Where you waited
- Why it was special
- And explain how you felt when you were waiting

- During the pandemic we all had to stay indoors
- There were no social get-togethers
- My sister had got engaged in 2019 and we were eagerly waiting for her wedding
- My cousins and I had made plans for Sangeet, a ceremony with dance and songs
- Suddenly, the government banned all gatherings.
- My father suggested that we could have a quiet wedding in the court.
- The suggestion was neither acceptable to me nor the bridegroom's family
- My mother came up with an idea that we go ahead with the court marriage and later we could celebrate with all pomp and show.
- After the court marriage we waited for 10 months.
- Once the rules were relaxed, we all started preparing for the great day
- My father booked a marriage palace for the great event
- It was difficult booking the marriage palace because many people had been waiting for things to relax to celebrate their family functions.
- But somehow, we got the date after 15 days
- My cousins and I started preparing for the dances which we had to do at the wedding
- Those 15 days were full of fun and joy and we were rehearsing most of the time
- I even taught a few steps to my mum and dad so that they could also perform on the stage for a minute or two
- My sister also prepared a solo dance performance
- One of my aunts is a very good dancer and she choreographed all the dances for us
- Finally, the great day came, and I remember it was so full of merriment that everyone enjoyed
- Although the conditions had relaxed, we were still allowed only a fixed number of guests
- We shared the videos of the dances and the great party on social media.
- I remember many of our contacts were very angry with us later for not having invited them
- Ultimately, they all understood and realised that we were also bound by the rules and could not break them
- I only wish this pandemic situation goes away once and for all
- So, this was the special thing that I waited for eagerly

Another idea

- Well, I am a highly impatient person, and I really hate it when I have to wait for something for a long time.
- But today I would like to talk about one special occasion when I could have waited forever.
- It was during the last summer when my sister was blessed with a baby girl, and it was one of the best moments of my life.

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- My sister was expecting her baby at the end of June, but I guess the baby had different plans and she was born in the first week of July.
- I was really excited about it because I was going to become an uncle for the first time in my life.
- As per the doctor's advice, we got my sister admitted to the local hospital on the 6th of July, and my niece was born on the morning of 7th July.
- I waited the entire night outside the hospital, and I was very excited and anxious at the same time.
- In fact, everybody in the family was curious whether it would be a boy or a girl, but I just wanted the baby and mother to be healthy as it was during the COVID period.
- My sister was in the labor room for almost 5-6 hours, which to me felt like an eternity.
- Finally, when we received the good news from the doctor, I thanked God and congratulated and hugged everyone around me.
- My dad and brother-in-law brought sweets for everyone, and we could see smiling faces everywhere.
- It was a special day because holding my niece for the first time and looking at how small she brought tears of joy into my eyes.
- Also, my sister decided to name her Prisha, which means God's gift, and it was a name suggested by me.
- Prisha is one year old now and she has just started to walk.
- I love her a lot and the day she was born was one of the happiest days of my life.

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Follow up Questions

1. On what occasions do people usually need to wait?

I think that waiting is a big part of our everyday life, and we have to wait for many of the situations in our life. It could be when we are meeting someone, when we order food at a restaurant or when we need to travel by public transport. In general, if the situation or the task requires two or more people to complete it, then the waiting factor kicks in automatically.

2. Who behaves better when waiting children or adults?

I think adults have more patience when it comes to waiting because they are more mature and from their past experience they know that some things are worth the wait. On the other hand, children want everything with the click of a button and lack patience.

3. Compared to the past are people less patient now, why?

Yes, people are less patient nowadays because technology has made things a lot faster and convenient for people. People can now order food online and it is delivered to their homes in less than 30 minutes, so people expect that everything can be done faster. However, this is also making them impatient because if they have to wait for something which they feel can be done in less amount of time, then they start feeling uncomfortable.

4. What are the positive and negative effects of waiting on society?

From a positive point of view, I think that it helps to develop patience in people and society becomes more tolerant. When people are willing to wait for others, it shows that they care for them. From a negative perspective, I think waiting can have disastrous effects sometimes. For example, if we have to wait long for an ambulance, the consequences can be fatal. Secondly, waiting for longer periods in offices or other places can hamper productivity.

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15. Describe a time when you encouraged someone to do someone to do something that he/she didn't want to do

You should say
- Who he or she is
- What you encouraged him/her to do
- How he/she reacted
- And explain why you encouraged him/her

- I think there are lot of times that we need to encourage or push others to step outside their comfort zone.
- Recently, one of my friends, Ravi and I went to Rishikesh.
- And I persuaded him to do something that he was really hesitant about trying at first.
- We went to Rishikesh during the winter vacations.
- We were locked up during the Covid period and so we both wanted a break.
- Our plan was mainly sightseeing.
- However, there we came to know that Rishikesh is famous for adventure sports like paragliding and cliff diving.
- I was really excited when I heard about it and really wanted to try them.
- But my friend is slightly afraid of heights.
- So, he refused to try them.
- I have known him since my childhood, and I knew that he would really regret not doing trying them out later.
- It was also an opportunity for him to get over his fear.
- So, I encouraged him try it.
- Initially, he just simply refused.
- I just kept telling him about all the safety precautions.
- So, I thought the best way would be to talk to some people who had done them before.
- Talking to a few of them at the paragliding site, calmed him a bit.
- They all spoke about how safe it was and some even called it one of the best experienced of their life.
- After listening to them, I felt my friend was a little more willing to try.
- He just needed a little nudge.
- So, I said I would go first and if all goes well, he has to follow.
- Frankly speaking, I wasn't sure whether he would actually do it.
- But he did.
- It was really a great experience.
- My friend was also really happy and proud of doing it.
- But when I asked if we could do it again, I got a loud NO.

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Follow up Questions

1. How could leaders encourage their employees?
There are many ways by which leaders and managers can encourage employees like leading through example, incentives and appreciation. I think each individual is wired differently. So, while one method may work for some people, it may not work for another person.

2. When should parents encourage their children?
I think parents should always encourage their children. But children need encouragement especially if they are afraid of failing or trying out something new.
Parents should tell them that success is secondary and trying is a much bigger achievement.

3. What kind of encouragement should parents give?
I think parents can encourage their children in many ways. If children are afraid of embarrassment, parents can do the same thing in front of children first. For example, once in school, one of my friends' father encouraged him to dance by himself dancing. But I think the biggest achievement is supporting children when they are trying something new and telling them that success doesn't matter as long as they try something.

4. Do you think some people are better at persuading others?
Yes, I think some people are able to motivate others much better. I think it depends upon emotional intelligence. If people are able to understand other people's emotions, they are able to better understand and motivate them.

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16. Describe an event you attended in which you didn't like the music played

You should say
- What the event was
- Where you were
- What the music was like
- And explain why you didn't like the music.

- I love listening to music.
- In fact, I listen to music while cooking, while cleaning and even while studying/working.
- And I generally enjoy all genres of music from pop to rock to jazz.
- But few years I attended a concert by Sunidhi Chauhan, and I didn't enjoy it one bit.
- There were mainly two reasons for it.
- First, Sunidhi herself didn't show up.
- I was and still am a big Sunidhi Chauhan fan and it was a great disappointment.
- The greatest singers of the world could have come to the stage and I would still have been disappointed.
- I was really looking forward to hearing Sunidhi live for the first time.
- So, I was very disheartened.
- The second reason was the backup singers seemed like amateurs.
- They didn't involve the crowd at all.
- Their performance was very dull and monotonous.
- I didn't feel like I was attending a live performance at all.
- In fact, after a while, none of us were paying any attention to the songs being played.
- The music was also too loud, and it was hurting the ears.
- I remember many people asked the event managers to lower the volume of the loudspeakers.
- What added insult to injury was that the event managers refused to refund the money.
- Some of the people even fought and got their money back, but I was too tired to fight then.
- I left the concert quite early.
- More than anything else, I never got an opportunity to hear her live again, I don't know if I will get an opportunity in the future too.
- It might remain a dream.

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Follow up Questions

1. Why do so many young people spend a lot of money on concerts?

I think it is mainly because of the experience. Hearing a singer on the screen can never match the feeling of hearing them live. Also, I think it's about spending quality time with friends.

2. Do you think older people like the same music as young people?

I feel young people like pop, rock music, basically any music that they can dance to. They don't care about the lyrics; they care more about the fast beats. Old people are more into soft, slow, music. They actually pay more attention to the lyrics.

3. Do you think music concerts are suitable for old people to attend?

I think it might be physically taxing for the old people to stand for so long at a concert. But otherwise, I think if the old people can manage the physical exertion, the concerts are certainly suitable. Today many concerts also offer chairs, where the older people can sit and enjoy the show rather than having to stand.

4. Why do shopping malls often have background music?

I think the music is there to enhance the experience of shopping. We remember shopping through not only sight but also through music playing in the background.

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17. Describe an unusual meal you had.

- When did you eat it
- Where did you eat it?
- With whom you had the meal?
- Why do you think it was unusual?

- When I was a child, I used to be a very selective eater.
- My mother was always worried about my health.
- I used to drink milk but then I started avoiding it too.
- I remember, I used to intentionally spill milk or throw it in the washbasin when no one was looking.
- Once I mother caught me throwing it.
- My parents scolded me a lot.
- My dad told my mother that I should not be given milk again.
- My mom was caught between a rock and a hard place.
- I don't know how she came up with a fried milk recipe but the next day I was given some cutlets instead of milk.
- I had no idea what they were but I loved them.
- From then on, every morning, I ate those fried things.
- I felt like the luckiest kid.
- I also took a few for my friends in school.
- They all loved them too.
- Someone in school asked me, what they were made of.
- I asked my mom but she said it's a secret.
- For a few days I forgot about it but then one day, I actually saw my mom making them from the kitchen window.
- They were made from milk. It was fried milk.
- My mother had found a way of feeding me milk and at the same time making sure I didn't throw it.
- She added many other things to it like eggs, lemon peels, and cornstarch.
- I don't think I would have eaten them, if I knew they were made from milk before tasting them.
- My mother made a whole meal out of something I hated.
- It was of course less healthy as it was fried but she used very little oil too.
- Even now, I sometimes crave them.
- My mother is always ready to make them.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Do you think having dinner at home is a good idea?
Yes, of course. Home cooked meals are always healthier than meals at restaurants. At home we use the best oils and add spices to our taste. We also wash the vegetables properly before cooking.

2. Do young people like to spend time with their families or friends?
Young people like to spend time with friends more because they have no generation gap with friends. When they spend time with family, there are chances of misunderstandings. Parents have to be friendly, otherwise young people drift away from them.

3. What do you think are the benefits of having dinner together?
When families have dinner together, it increases family bonding. They share their day's happenings with each other. It has also been seen that when families have 3-5 meals a week together, then children do not fall into vices like drugs and alcohol.

4. Do you think people are less willing to cook meals by themselves these days, compared to the past?
Yes, people have become more career oriented and have started earning more. When spending capacity increases then people find easy way out and eat out.

5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of eating in restaurants?
One significant advantage of eating in restaurants is that you don't have to cook and clean. You get to spend time with family and friends. You can try new cuisines and dishes that you don't cook at home. The disadvantages are it can be expensive and unhealthy. Restaurant food is full of saturated fats and has a lot of calories.

6. What fast foods are there in your country?
In my country, you see hawkers selling fast food on every street. Typical fast foods are Pakora, Samosa, Pav Bhaji, Tikki, Chole Bhature. Recently international fast-food chains like McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Burger King, Subway, etc, have opened up in all major cities and towns. So, Pizza, burgers, and fries have become popular.

7. Do people eat fast food at home?
Yes, people do eat fast food at home. People are busy and don't have time to cook. It's very convenient to have fast food delivered or order takeout on the way back from work. Sometimes its even cheaper to eat fast food than cooking with fresh ingredients at home.

8. Why do some people choose to eat out instead of ordering takeout?
Eating out is fun, and people can meet friends and socialize. Also, people don't have to wait in line for takeout. They can sit down and relax in a restaurant. Also, food often gets cold by the time you reach home.

9. Do people in your country socialize in restaurants? Why?
In my country people do socialize in restaurants. It is very relaxing, and people can bond with friends and family over a nice meal.

10. Do people in your country value food culture?

Yes, food is an important part of our culture. India is very diverse and different states in India have their own traditional food, recipes, and cooking techniques. People like to cook fresh homemade food daily and eat it together with their families.

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18. Describe an interesting building

You should say:

- Where it is
- What it looks like
- What function it has
- Why is it interesting

• I live in the countryside where most buildings are single-storey, so we don't really have tall or iconic buildings in my village.
• However, my family and I often travel to Ludhiana and there is a very famous landmark there called the Clock Tower, which locals refer to as "Ghanta Ghar."
• It is located at the entrance of the main commercial area of the city, and the railway station is just a few kilometres away.
• The Clock Tower was built during the pre-independence period and it reflects European Gothic architectural style.
• It is made of red bricks and stands out prominently among the colourful and busy marketplace that surrounds it.
• Although it is not very tall by modern standards—roughly the height of a four- or five-storey apartment building—it appears quite tall compared to the single and double-storey shops nearby.
• Initially, it served the basic function of showing the time to the public and acted as a central point for orientation.
• Nowadays, it has become a popular tourist spot and an important meeting point for locals.
• It has also become a hub for political gatherings, as many parties hold rallies and protests there, which sometimes causes traffic congestion due to narrow streets.
• I find it interesting because it represents a part of our colonial history and has retained its charm despite modern development around it.
• There are now many 30 to 40-storey buildings in Ludhiana, yet the Clock Tower still feels unique and culturally significant.
• I often meet friends there whenever I go to Ludhiana for shopping or to watch movies, so it holds sentimental value for me as well.
• For all these reasons, it continues to be an important landmark for the city and remains an interesting building in my eyes.

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1. What types of buildings are popular in your country?
Well, in my country, modern high-rise apartments and shopping malls are very popular in big cities. People prefer them because they save space and offer facilities like parking and security. But in rural areas, single-storey houses are still common because land is cheaper and families live together.

2. Is it worth spending a lot of money on the exterior appearance of a building?
According to me, it depends on the purpose of the building. If it's a hotel or a commercial space, the exterior matters because it attracts customers. But for a normal house, I feel comfort is more important than decoration. Some people still like to invest in fancy exteriors just to show status, but I'm not too fond of that idea.

3. Is it more important for a building to look good on the outside or on the inside?
I personally believe the inside matters more. People spend most of their time indoors, so the space should be comfortable and practical. A building can look simple from the outside but still feel warm, neat, and useful on the inside. I've seen many houses like that, and they feel much nicer to live in.

4. Why do people like to visit historical sites?
People enjoy historical sites because they help them connect with the past. These places tell stories about how people lived, fought, or built things before modern technology. When I visited a fort last year, I felt like I was stepping into another time, and that made the experience quite special.

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19. Describe a perfect job you would like to have in the future

You should say:

- What it is ?
- How you knew it?
- What it is like?
- And explain why you think it is perfect?

- There are many jobs in the world which are well paid, such as the job of a teacher, a doctor, a nurse, a scientist, a politician and so many more.
- Here I would like to talk about a job, which I think is perfect for me.
- This is the job of a teacher.
- Everyone passes through the hands of teachers in school and college years.
- Teachers are known as nation builders.
- People from all the professions, such as doctors and nurses also pass through the hands of a teacher.
- I believe that teachers have the power to make the world a better place.
- A teacher is like a candle that burns itself and shows light to others.
- Since age-old times, teaching has been considered a noble profession.
- In ancient India, there was the Gurukul system.
- Even the king's children stayed in the home of the guru or the teacher.
- They used to do the household chores of the guru and in return the guru imparted knowledge.
- Teachers improve the literacy rate of a country.
- When literacy rate is high, crime and violence go down.
- A teacher requires good communication skills and depth of knowledge of his/her subject.
- A good teacher should treat all students equally.
- Nowadays, the government is paying teachers handsomely.
- This is to lure bright students to join this profession.
- A bachelor's in education degree is required to be a teacher.
- I believe in enjoying what I do and at the same time I wish to do quality work.
- These children are our future.
- One of my aunts is a teacher.
- She is earning handsomely.
- She tells me that she enjoys her job very much.
- I have seen her students give her a lot of respect and love.
- One day, I wish I too become as successful as she is

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Follow up Questions

1. Do you think you want to take up this job?

Yes, I would definitely like to take up this job. It requires great commitment but it is also well paid.

2. Which occupation should be given a better pay?

Teachers, doctors, nurses, entertainers, people in the civil services, people in the defense, those working in fire brigades, should all be given better pay.

3. Is being rich a good thing?

Yes, being rich is a good thing. Rich people can help others. They can also satisfy/fulfill all their needs.

4. Do you think people should save for the future?

Yes, people should save for the future. The future is uncertain. There should always be some saving for the rainy days.

5. What makes a person choose a job apart from the pay it offers?

Many factors help a person choose a job. The first is money, and the second is job satisfaction. Then there are chances of promotion. Good relations with the employers, perks and bonuses.

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20. Describe a bicycle/motorcycle/car trip you would like to go on.

You should say

- Who you would like to go with
- Where you would like to go
- When you would like to go
- And explain why would you like to go by bicycle/motorcycle/car

- Recently, two of my friends went on a motorcycle trip to Leh.
- Leh is a high-altitude city located in the northern Indian state of J&K.
- A few years back, a movie 3 idiots was shot there and since then, it has become a tourism hotspot.
- My friends and I had also planned to go there by motorbike in 2020, but because of the lockdown, we weren't able to go.
- It is about 500kms from our hometown and there is no train connectivity to the city.
- So, our main option was to either go by motorcycle or to go by car.
- The main reason for motorbikes was that it is the best way to enjoy the picturesque mountains along the way.
- Also, sometimes I feel nauseated when I travel by car in high altitudes.
- Finally, some of the mountainous roads are very narrow and it is very easy to get stuck in traffic jams if going by car.
- So this year, they finally went there.
- I was not able to join them this year as well because I was preparing for the IELTS exam.
- After coming back, they couldn't stop talking about the trip.
- They also shared the photographs and videos they took along the way.
- When they saw that I was feeling jealous, they told me that would love to go there again with me after the exam.
- There are still many things that they wanted to do but couldn't do because of lack of time.
- So, we have decided to go there, after my results are declared in another two weeks.

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Follow-ups

1. Which form of vehicle is most common in your country, bikes, car or motorcycle?

I think both motorcycles and cars are very common. Most people prefer motorcycles for travelling within the city and when travelling alone, while they prefer cars when travelling to another city and when travelling with family.

2. Do you think air pollution comes mostly from mobile vehicles?

Actually, I used to think that. But, a few years ago I read an article, which said that vehicles are responsible for merely 10% of the pollution, and major air pollution is due to industries. Another major source of pollution in my area is the burning of crop residue by farmers after harvests.

3. Do you think people need to change the way of transportation drastically to protect the environment?

Like I said before vehicles are responsible for a very small part of the air pollution. So, I do not think radical changes are necessary in our way of travelling. But, I do think that the government needs to bring about a change by promoting electric vehicles and public transportation.

4. How are transportation systems in rural and urban systems different?

I think the density of population in cities makes public transportation like buses, trains, and metros viable in cities, while in rural areas it is too costly to operate them. In most villages, people mainly depend on their personal transportation.

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21. Describe a time when you received good service in a shop/store

You should say:

- Where is the shop?
- When you went to the shop
- What service you received from the staff
- And explain how you felt about the service

- I am a shopaholic and I love to purchase things.
- Here I would like to talk about a situation when I received a very good service from a shop in a shopping mall in Jalandhar.
- Last month I went there with my cousins to buy some clothes for myself.
- I wanted to buy a pair of jeans and I had heard about this shop in Viva Collage, which sells jeans of all top brands.
- We went straight to that shop and the salesmen welcomed us with smiling faces.
- They started showing us various varieties and allowed us to try them on.
- We were very happy to know that Levis Company was offering a deal.
- We picked out the colors of our choice and happily made the purchase.
- Two pairs of jeans needed slight alterations in length, which they got done within an hour at no extra cost.
- We were very happy with their prompt service.
- Later on, we enjoyed ourselves at the mall and had lunch there at a food outlet.
- In the evening we watched a movie in the same complex.
- When I came home and showed my jeans to my family, they also liked them a lot.
- I refer that shop to all my friends and relatives because of their services.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Can consumption drive economic growth?
Yes, consumption can drive economic growth as it stimulates demand for goods and services. When people spend money, businesses grow, leading to more production, jobs, and higher income levels. This increased economic activity can help boost overall economic performance, as seen in consumer-driven economies.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping?
Online shopping offers convenience, a wide range of products, and the ability to compare prices easily. However, it lacks the personal touch of in-store shopping, and some people may find it difficult to assess the quality of products without seeing them. Delivery time and shipping costs can also be drawbacks.

What are the differences between online shopping and in-store shopping?
Online shopping allows people to browse and purchase products from anywhere at any time, offering convenience and often better deals. In-store shopping, however, lets customers physically examine products, receive immediate assistance from staff, and avoid delivery delays. While online shopping may have a larger selection, in-store shopping offers a more personal experience.

Why do some people not like shopping in small shops?
Some people avoid shopping in small shops because they may not offer the same variety or convenience as larger stores or online platforms. Small shops might also have limited stock, higher prices, or less attractive shopping environments. The lack of parking space or crowding in small areas can also be a factor.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of shopping in small shops?
Shopping in small shops can offer a more personalized experience, where customers receive individualized attention and product recommendations. Small businesses may also offer unique, locally made products. However, their limited selection, higher prices, and potentially longer wait times for restocking can be drawbacks.

Why are shopping malls so popular in India?
Shopping malls are popular in India because they provide a one-stop destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment. Malls offer a variety of national and international brands, air conditioning, and a clean, safe environment for families. They also host events and promotions that attract people seeking a more modern, comfortable shopping experience.

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22. Describe something that you can't live without (not a computer/phone)

You should say:

- What it is
- What you do with it
- How it helps you in your life
- And explain why you can't live without it

- I think there are very few things in life which I cannot live without.
- But the one thing, which I would really miss is my two-wheeler, Activa.
- It's my main mode of conveyance.
- I live in the suburbs of Phagwara and for most necessities, I have to travel to the city.
- For example, there is a small grocery shop near my home, but it has limited variety.
- Even my college is the city and its the only mode of travel for me now.
- Before the pandemic, there was a regular bus service to the city.
- But, due to the lockdowns and the hesitation to travel by public transportation, the bus service is far less regular.
- In fact, earlier there used to be bus to the city every half an hour, but now there is one every two hours.
- Moreover, buses make more stops nowadays, so travelling takes considerably longer as well.
- On my two-wheeler it takes me 15 minutes, while it takes 40 minutes by bus.
- And going to the city by bus is still fine but coming back is very challenging.
- When going I can wait in the comfort of my home, but while coming back, I have to wait at the bus stop.
- I would really feel handicapped without my two-wheeler.
- I have faced this situation where I had to live without it and it was one of the worst days of this year.
- A month back two-wheeler broke down and the service centre was out of faulty part.
- Due to this, it took a whole week for it get repaired.
- I couldn't do anything that week.
- The first day, my friend gave me a lift on his car and another friend dropped me back home.
- But I felt awkward asking them again.
- I tried the bus for the first and last time after the lockdown on the second day.
- It was such a horrible experience, I thought it was better to stay home all day long than to travel by bus.
- It also brought about a new-found appreciation in me for those who travel by bus daily.
- I hope the government really does something about the buses soon, but till that time, no-one can part me from my Activa.

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Part 3 – Follow ups

1. Why are children attracted to new things (such as electronics)?
I think everyone is attracted to new things nowadays. Children are attracted more so because for them everything is new and they are curious about things work. Another reason is that children want to possess or own the latest technology to show off to their friends and classmates.

2. Why do some grown-ups hate to throw out old things (such as clothes)?
Adults have a personal connection or a story attached to old things. For example, a sweater made by their mother or gifted by an aunt. They feel like they are losing a part of themselves when they throw them out as it is a reminder of their childhood and hence, they are hesitant. In today's era of mass-produced goods, there is no connection to products.

3. Is the way people buy things affected? How?
Yes, people today buy things online. Moreover, like I said before we don't have an emotional connection with products as in the past. Earlier, we felt a loss when something broke down. Now, it's just an object, and breaking down is an opportunity to buy a newer version.

4. What do you think influences people to buy new things?
I think it's just that as things get old, people get bored, and to renew their excitement, they buy a new thing. It also the influence of ads, which keep on reminding us that we are missing out if we don't have the latest version of something.

5. Why do children like toys?
Children like toys because they are fun and interesting. Toys help them use their imagination and learn new things while playing. They also help children share and play together, which improves their social skills.

6. Do you think it is good for a child to always take his or her favourite toy with them all the time?
I think it can be good to some extent because a favourite toy can make children feel safe and comfortable, especially in new or stressful situations. However, if children always depends on the toy, it may not become independent and interact with others. So, it is better if children enjoy their favourite toy but also learn to stay without it sometimes.

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23. Describe a positive change that you have made recently in your daily routine

You should say:

- What the change is
- How you have changed the routine
- Why you think it is a positive change
- And explain how you feel about the change

- I normally don't make many changes to my daily routine, but this New Year, I felt motivated to improve my lifestyle.
- I made a resolution to focus on my health and create better habits.
- To start, I began waking up early and ensuring I sleep on time.
- After waking up, I either go for a morning walk or hit the gym.
- I also added a small walk after every meal to stay active throughout the day.
- Last year, I spent too much time sitting and scrolling on my phone, which made me feel lazy and unmotivated.
- These unhealthy habits caused me to gain a lot of weight and feel sad most of the time.
- Since adopting this new routine, I've noticed a lot of positive changes in my life.
- I now feel more energetic and ready to take on daily tasks with enthusiasm.
- Waking up early gives me more time to plan my day and complete everything on schedule.
- Exercising regularly has improved my physical health and lifted my mood.
- I no longer feel lethargic or overwhelmed, and I've regained a sense of balance in my life.
- This change has made me feel happier and more confident overall.
- I believe everyone should make exercise and self-care a priority in their daily routine.
- Even small steps like walking or setting a fixed sleep schedule can have a big impact on your life.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Who should get more promotion opportunities in the workplace, young people or older people?
Both young and older people should have equal opportunities for promotion, depending on their skills, experience, and contributions. Young people may bring fresh ideas and energy, while older people often have valuable experience and knowledge. The focus should be on performance and potential rather than age.

Who do you think would make changes more often, young people or old people?
Young people tend to be more open to change and may make changes more often, especially as they are generally more adaptable and tech-savvy. On the other hand, older people may be more cautious or resistant to change due to years of established routines or experience, but this varies from person to person.

Do you think it is good to change jobs frequently?
Changing jobs frequently can be good if it leads to better opportunities, personal growth, and new experiences. However, too much job-hopping may create an impression of instability and lack of commitment. It's important to weigh the pros and cons and ensure that the career changes align with long-term goals.

What changes would people often make?
People often make changes related to their personal lives, such as adjusting their lifestyle, moving to a new home, or changing jobs. They may also make adjustments to their health habits, like diet or exercise routines, and their financial strategies based on changing circumstances or goals.

Is time management very important in our daily lives?
Yes, time management is crucial in our daily lives as it helps us balance work, personal activities, and relaxation. It allows us to be more productive, meet deadlines, and reduce stress. Without proper time management, it can be challenging to accomplish tasks efficiently.

What do people normally plan in their daily lives?
People usually plan their work or study schedules, household chores, meals, and leisure activities in their daily lives. They may also plan time for socializing, exercise, or pursuing hobbies. Planning helps ensure that they make the most of their day and prioritize essential tasks.

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24. Describe a time when you felt proud of a family member

You should say:

- When it happened
- Who the person is
- What the person did
- And explain why you felt proud of him/her
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• I have a big family and there are many moments when my family be it my grandparents, parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins have made me proud.
• Here I would like to talk about a moment that happened recently.
• In July this year, my niece participated in a kid's triathlon competition.
• She is just 10 years old, and this was her first time doing a triathlon.
• She has participated in running competitions before but this time she was doing 3 activities, swimming, biking, and running one after the other.
• She was very nervous about the transition phases between the 3 activities as the time taken during the transitions can get very crucial in a triathlon.
• She got only a week to practice as my sister enrolled her at the last minute.
• I was so proud that she was even participating in a competition like this at such a young age.
• I couldn't believe that she was skilled at all three activities.
• I talked to my niece on the phone the night before to motivate her. I told her to have fun and wished her the best of luck.
• My sister called the next day to tell us that not only did my niece finish the race successfully but also stood 3rd place in her age group.
• She took a total of 17 minutes to finish the race.
• I was so happy to hear that and felt so proud of my niece.
• She has always been good at academics and gets good grades but now she was a triathlete.
• My sister sent pictures of the trophy ceremony and I showed them to everyone in our family.
• I talked to my niece later that day to congratulate her.
• I could hear the joy in my niece's voice. She told me that next time she will aim for a faster time.
• She had lost some time getting on the bike, putting on the helmet, and then getting off the bike.
• I told her she did great for her first time and went beyond my expectations.
• No one in our family has participated in an event like this and this was a proud moment for us all.
• In fact, my niece has motivated me to get into shape and start running.
• I even started taking swim lessons as I never learnt swimming before because of my water phobia.

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Follow-ups

1. When would parents feel proud of their children?

Parents feel proud of their children when they meet and achieve their goals. It can be getting good grades in school, getting into the sports team, graduating from college, and getting their first job, etc. For younger children parents are proud when they achieve tiny milestones like saying their first word, taking their first step, tying their shoelaces by themselves, etc.

2. Should parents reward children? Why and how?

Yes, parents should reward children for their achievements and hard work. It encourages them to continue doing it and makes them feel good about them themselves. Instead of giving material goods as rewards, parents should reward children by praising them, letting them do a favorite activity, or spending more time with them.

3. Is it good to reward children too often? Why?

I don't think parents should reward children too often as it can make them feel entitled. Buying them toys, gadgets as rewards can make them materialistic. Younger kids may become too focused on the reward and forget about the reason they are being rewarded for. They can even start negotiating with parents for every small task they do.

4. On what occasions would adults be proud of themselves?

Adults have many occasions when they are proud of themselves like a promotion at their job, buying their first home, getting their children into good schools, doing social work like helping others or a friend in need, etc.

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25. Describe a movie you watched recently that you felt disappointed about

You should say:

- When it was
- Why you didn't like it
- Why you decided to watch it
- And explain why you felt disappointed about it

- I haven't seen a lot of movies recently.
- However, about two weeks ago, I went to the cinema to watch the movie Avatar: Fire and Ash.
- I had watched the first two parts in the cinema as well, and I had thoroughly enjoyed them.
- Before going, I also read some reviews about the movie on the internet.
- Most of the reviews were positive.
- So, I had high expectations for the movie.
- However, I came back from the theatre feeling disappointed.
- My main issue was that the story felt repetitive.
- It felt like I had already seen the same things in Part 1 and Part 2.
- In fact, if someone hadn't watched the first two parts, they might have enjoyed it more.
- Secondly, I could easily predict what would happen by the end of the movie.
- Despite all the challenges, I knew that the main character would come out on top.
- Finally, I feel that I have outgrown this type of movie.
- If I had watched it during my childhood, I would have liked it because of the action and adventure.
- Now, I find these elements bland and boring.
- By the end of the movie, I felt that I could have watched it later on a streaming platform like Netflix.
- It wasn't worth spending money in a theatre.

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Do you believe movie reviews?
Mostly, yes. In many cases, my experience has matched the general ratings and reviews. However, there have also been times when I was pleasantly surprised, and other times when I felt disappointed. There are two or three Indian movie critics whose reviews I usually trust, as I find their opinions to be quite accurate.

What are the different types of films in your country?
In my country, we have many different types of films, such as comedy, romance, action, horror, adventure, and even fantasy. We also have some interesting combinations, like horror-comedies, which mix fear and humour. However, I feel that romantic comedies and action movies are still the most popular genres in India.

Are historical films popular in your country? Why?
Yes, historical films are quite popular in my country, and many of them are successful at the box office. Most of these films focus on India's freedom struggle, which creates a strong sense of patriotism among viewers. Because of this emotional connection, many people prefer to watch such films in theatres.

Do you think films with famous actors or actresses are more likely to become successful films?
Yes, films with famous actors are more likely to become successful because many people watch them mainly because of the star cast. However, I believe that without an engaging story, a movie cannot remain successful for long. Well-known actors may attract audiences during the first few days, but if the film is not good, cinema attendance usually drops sharply after that.

Why are Japanese animated films so popular?
I think Japanese animated films are popular because they have strong storylines and well-developed characters. They really engage viewers and create an emotional connection. Personally, I also enjoy them because of their fantasy elements, which make the films imaginative and unique.

Should the director pay a lot of money to famous actors?
I think famous actors can attract more people to the cinema, so it is fair for them to earn higher salaries. However, paying them too much is not always a good idea because it can reduce the budget for the story, special effects, or other actors. In my opinion, actors should be paid well, but the quality of the movie should come first.

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26. Describe a person who makes plans a lot and is good at planning

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- How you knew him/her
- What plans he/she makes
- And explain how you feel about this person

• I know many organized people, but the one who stands out is my friend Sonia's grandfather.
• His name is Mr. Jaswant Singh and I met him around six months ago when I visited Sonia to work on a project.
• He is in his mid-seventies, not very tall, but still looks quite smart and energetic for his age.
• Sonia always tells me that he is extremely health conscious and never misses his morning or evening walk.
• He retired as a colonel from the Indian army, so planning and discipline have always been part of his life.
• When I first met him, he was sitting in the lobby using his laptop and placing an order for some headphones, which I found quite impressive for someone of his age.
• What makes him interesting is that he plans almost everything in advance.
• He makes weekly schedules for his exercise, diet, travel, and even grocery shopping.
• Sonia once told me that he even plans family trips months ahead, including travel routes, sightseeing spots, budgets, and weather conditions.
• Because of his strong planning habits, things at home run very smoothly and there is rarely any last-minute chaos.
• Personally, I feel inspired by him because he proves that good planning can save time and avoid stress.
• Whenever I visit Sonia's house now, I always sit with him for a while as I feel I learn something new from him each time.
• I really admire how organized he is, and I hope I can develop similar habits in my own life.

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1. Do you think it's important to plan ahead?
I think planning ahead is important because it helps us avoid unnecessary stress and mistakes. When I plan things, I feel more in control and I use my time better. Of course, we can't plan everything in life, but having at least a basic idea makes things smoother.

2. Do you think children should plan their future careers?
Hmm, I believe children can think about their interests, but planning careers too early might be unrealistic. Most kids don't really know what they want, and their interests change as they grow. Instead of a fixed plan, I prefer giving them exposure to different fields so they can choose later.

3. Is making study plans popular among young people?
Yes, it's quite popular, especially before exams or competitive tests. Many students make timetables or set goals to stay organized. Some do it because it actually helps, while others do it because teachers or parents push them. I used to make study plans in school as well, and they kept me focused.

4. Do you think choosing a college major is closely related to a person's future career?
According to me, it's related in some cases, like medicine or engineering, where you need qualifications to work in that field. But for many other careers, skills matter more than the exact major. For example, I know people who studied business but now work in tech or marketing, so the connection isn't always strict.

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27. Describe the home of someone you know well and that you often visit

You should say:

- Whose home it is
- How often you go there
- What it is like

- I would like to talk about the home of my uncle's close friend, which I visit quite often.
- His house is located in one of the upscale neighborhoods of Chandigarh, just a kilometer away from the famous Sukhna Lake.
- My uncle's friend lived in Canada for almost 30 years before returning to India, and he bought this house last year.
- After purchasing it, he spent almost a year renovating it according to his taste, and I believe he spent a huge amount of money on it.
- I visit this house at least once a month with my uncle, and sometimes even more when there are family gatherings.
- The house is a two-storey corner property with three bedrooms and a living room on each floor, and from the outside, it looks like a luxury English villa from the early 20th century.
- There is a large lawn in the front and enough parking space for four cars, which is quite rare in that area.
- Inside, the house is equipped with modern amenities like an indoor gym, a mini home theatre, and even a jacuzzi on the rooftop.
- All the rooms have huge glass windows, so the house gets plenty of natural light and ventilation throughout the day.
- He is a technocrat, so he has installed several smart devices that allow him to control lights, curtains, and air conditioning through his mobile phone.
- He is also very fond of gardening, so the lawn is full of flowers and exotic plants, and there are many indoor plants as well.
- I personally love visiting this house because it has been designed so thoughtfully — from the décor and interior layout to space utilization — everything looks well-planned and tasteful.

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1. Do you think the location is a key factor in where people choose to live?
Yes, location plays a big role because people want convenience. If a place is close to work, schools, and markets, life becomes easier. I've noticed that many families in my area moved closer to the city just to save time on commuting.

2. What is the role of plants in home decoration?
I believe plants make a house feel more alive and fresh. They improve the atmosphere and soften the look of the space. Some people also like them because they reduce stress and purify the air, which is a bonus.

3. What are the differences between buildings in the city and in the countryside?
Well, buildings in cities are usually taller and more compact because land is expensive. You see apartments, offices, and malls everywhere. In the countryside, houses are spread out, mostly single-storey, and have more open space around them. The lifestyle feels slower there.

4. Do you prefer to live in the city or in the countryside?
Personally, I prefer the countryside because it's quieter and less crowded. I like having open space and cleaner air around me. But I do understand why some people choose cities—they offer better jobs and more entertainment options.

5. What safety risks are there in residential buildings in cities?
In cities, high-rise buildings can face risks like fires, lift breakdowns, or overcrowding in emergency situations. Sometimes poor construction or lack of maintenance also becomes a concern. Older buildings especially need regular checks.

6. Is it expensive to decorate a house or an apartment in the place where you live?
According to me, it can be quite expensive, especially if someone hires professionals or buys branded items. However, some people decorate on a budget using simple furniture and DIY items. So, the cost really depends on personal taste and priorities.

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28. Describe an interesting traditional story

You should say:

- What the story is about
- When/how you knew it
- Who told you the story
- And explain how you felt when you first heard it

- Well, I've come across many traditional Indian stories, like the Mahabharata, Panchatantra and Jataka tales.
- But, one story that has always fascinated me the most is the Ramayana.
- The Ramayana is one of the greatest Indian epics, and it tells the story of Lord Rama.
- He is sent into exile for fourteen years, and during this time his wife Sita is kidnapped by the demon king Ravana.
- With the help of his brother Lakshmana and Lord Hanuman, Rama eventually fights a great battle, defeats Ravana, and brings Sita back.
- I first heard this story from my grandmother when I was a child.
- She used to narrate it to me at bedtime.
- She was such a wonderful storyteller.
- She would use gestures and facial expressions that made the story come alive.
- I remember begging her to continue reading, but she usually allowed only one chapter per night.
- On holidays, though, I sometimes convinced her to tell me a little more.
- What impressed me the most was the character of Hanuman.
- I was amazed by his superhuman strength and courage—he could fly over oceans and even carry mountains on his shoulders.
- But as I grew older, I also realized that the story was more than just about heroes and villains. It taught me values like truth, honesty, and determination.
- And interestingly, it also showed that even Ravana, who was the antagonist, had some admirable qualities.
- So, for me, the Ramayana is not just an epic but also a source of inspiration.
- It makes me proud of India's cultural heritage, and I feel that it carries lessons that are relevant even today.

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What kind of stories do children like?
I think children mostly like imaginative and adventurous stories. They especially like stories with superheroes, talking animals or magical lands like Harry Potter and fairytales. Moreover, I think they like stories with moral lessons, because they can easily connect with them.

What are the benefits of listening to stories before bed?
I think there are many benefits. Firstly, it builds the bond between children and parents. Secondly, it calms the children and lets them sleep peacefully, forgetting their worries and finally, it is a good way to teach moral values and lessons to children.

Why do most children like listening to stories before bedtime?
I think it is because they feel they very calm during bedtime. They are free of worries. Moreover, I think it lights up their imagination and they even dream about the characters and places in their sleep.

What can children learn from stories?
Children can learn many useful values from stories like honesty, discipline, determination from stories. Moreover, they also learn new words, grammar and even communication skills to a certain extent.

Do all stories for children have happy endings?
Most do have a happy ending, but some stories also have a sad ending. I remember reading a story when I was young ' The Little Match Girl'. The main character freezes to death in the story because she is afraid of getting scolded by her father. It made me really sad then.

Is a good storyline important for a movie?
Yes, a good storyline is extremely important. I think the audience only connects with a movie and becomes emotionally invested in the characters if the movie has an engaging storyline. Most classic movies today are remembered for storyline rather than their technical aspects.

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29. Describe a successful sportsperson you admire

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- What you know about him/her
- What he/she is like in real life
- What achievement he/she has made
- And explain why you admire him/her

- I admire many sportspersons like Virat Kohli, Neeraj Chopra but the sportsperson that I admire the most is Mary Kom.
- She is a legendary Indian boxer who is often called Magnificent Mary.
- She has made India proud many times with her accolades and achievements in boxing.
- I first came to know about her through the Bollywood movie Mary Kom.
- It was released in 2014 with Priyanka Chopra playing her role.
- The film showed her struggles, the lack of facilities she faced in her village in Manipur, and how she balanced her career with her family life.
- After watching the movie, I became curious and read more about her real journey, and I was truly inspired.
- She is a six-time world champion and also an Olympic bronze medallist.
- She has won almost every major title in boxing and has received many prestigious awards like Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna and Padma Vibhushan.
- From her interviews, I came to know that despite all her success, she is still very humble and grounded.
- She is a mother of three children and still managed to continue her boxing career at the highest level.
- The reason I admire her is not only because of her medals but also because of her determination and perseverance.
- She came from a very small village, with limited resources, but never gave up on her dreams.
- For me, Mary Kom is not just a successful athlete but also a role model who shows that with dedication and courage, nothing is impossible.

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Should students have physical education and do sports at school?
Yes, I think it is important for many reasons. To begin with, it creates an interest in students to pursue sports a career. In schools, they get the right guidance and coaching, which they might not get at home. Secondly, there is lack of physical activity in after school hours nowadays because of mobile phones and video games, which makes it important that students do some physical activities at school.

What qualities should an athlete have?
There are many qualities required in an athlete, but I think the most important are discipline, mental strength and determination. Discipline makes sure that athletes train consistently and have self-control on their diet. Mental strength is required to deal with pressure and failures, which are a crucial part of any sport and finally determination, so that they never give up even during tough times. Finally, I think every athlete should have sportsmanship. They should respect their opponents, follow rules and stay humble even when they win.

Is talent important in sports?
Of course, talent is important, but I think hard work is much more crucial than talent. Even the most talented people fail, when they don't put in the hard yards. So many child prodigies disappear into oblivion just because they take their talent for granted and don't work hard.

Is it easy to identify children's talents?
I don't think it is always easy. In some cases, children showcase their talent for example in singing, dancing or drawing from very early on, whereas in others children's talents remain hidden till they get the right exposure and encouragement.

What is the most popular sport in your country?
Many sports are popular in India like hockey, football, badminton, kabaddi but nothing comes even close to cricket. Cricket is like a religion in India, and many people play it even in adulthood.

Why are there so few top athletes?
I think the right combination of talent and hard work is very difficult to achieve. There are very few people who are talented but also work hard and polish their skills. Moreover, to become a top athlete, one needs to have great mental fortitude and ability to lead to disciplined life. Also, there are many who do not get the right exposure at a young age.

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30. Describe a talk you gave to a group of people

You should say:

- Who you gave the talk to
- What the talk was about
- Why you gave the talk
- And explain how you felt about the talk

- One talk I remember giving was in my school.
- I had just won first prize in an inter-school science quiz, and my teacher asked me to share my experience with the whole class.
- I mainly talked about how I prepared for the quiz, what study material I used, and the small problems I faced during practice.
- My teacher wanted me to explain it so that other students could also get inspired and also follow the same steps.
- Initially, I felt quite nervous because I was not used to speaking in front of so many people. However, once I started talking, I became more confident, especially when I saw my friends listening carefully.
- After I finished my talk, a lot of my classmates came up to me and told me that they learnt a lot of me.
- So, eventually I felt really proud of myself.
- Overall, it was a great experience.
- It gave me more confidence in public speaking and also showed me that even a small talk can motivate others.

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What benefits does the internet bring to communication?
Internet brings a lot of benefits to communication. Firstly, we can communicate instantly with each other from any corner of the world and at our own convenience. Secondly, through internet, we cannot only talk but also share photographs, videos with each other.

Which one is better, being a communicator or a listener?
Both listener and communicator have their own benefits. Being a listener helps you to understand other's perspectives and show others that you respect their opinions, while being a communicator helps you to convey your ideas and give feedback on other people's ideas. I think it really depends upon the situation.

What qualities does a person need to have to be a good communicator?
Good communicators should possess a lot of qualities. They should have clarity in what they are saying. They should have a good body language and maintain making eye contact. They should use gestures and intonation to emphasize on the critical parts.

What qualities do people need to speak in public?
The first quality that people should have to speak in public is confidence. They should also be prepared about the topic they are going to speak on. Another quality they should have is to engage audience by making eye contact and by presenting ideas in organized way. I think being witty is also crucial, as people need to hold other's people's attention and it is impossible without use of humour.

How important is it to be a good listener when communicating?
Being a good listener is very important when communicating because it shows that you respect other's opinions and thoughts. It also helps in reducing misunderstandings and resolve conflicts by understanding other people's opinions. Moreover, we can only provide feedback if we listen to other people properly.

What kinds of people often give speeches?
There are different people who give speech often which include professionals like, politicians, business leaders, motivational speakers and so on. Apart from this, students also deliver speeches regarding their academics or to express their thoughts on various topics.

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31. Describe a good habit your friend has, and you want to develop

You should say:

- Who your friend is
- What habit he/she has
- When you noticed this habit
- And explain why you want to develop this habit

- I want to talk about my friend Ravi.
- He has this really good habit of waking up early every single day.
- I first noticed it when we were preparing for exams.
- While I used to stay up late at night, he went to go to bed early and then wake up around five in the morning.
- He told me that he feels fresh and studies better at that time.
- Because of this habit, he always has more time in the day.
- He manages to exercise, finish his homework, and still has free time left.
- I, on the other hand, often wake up late and feel like half my day is already gone.
- I really want to develop this habit because I think it will make me more productive and organised.
- Initially, it will probably be difficult for me, but if I manage to do it, I am sure I'll feel more energetic and make better use of my day.
- So, even though it's a small change, I think it can make a really big difference in my life.

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What habits should children have?
Children should exhibit many habits. They should eat properly, maintain personal hygiene, sleep on time and get up on time, be punctual, listen to parents and teachers and follow instructions carefully. They should also finish their homework on time and not procrastinate.

What should parents do to teach their children good habits?
As parents, it is very important to set ground rules for children by making time routines that allocate fixed hours of leisure activities and doing homework. They can also reward their children for good behaviour and habits like getting up on time and sleeping on time and similarly punish them when they do something bad repeatedly.

What influences do children with bad habits have on other children?
The problem today is that most of the bad habits are considered cool. So other children just copy them to appear cool. Sometimes, children also lose their good habits when they see that the other children are not punished for their bad habits.

Why do some habits change when people get older?
I think it's mainly because people become mature and their circumstances change. For example, in childhood or teenage people often sleep late but as they grow older, they automatically become more disciplined as they need to go to work in the morning. Similarly, many people quit junk food as their metabolism slows and their body can't handle as much unhealthy diet as earlier.

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32. Describe a time you saw something interesting on social media

You should say:

- When it was
- Where you saw it
- What you saw
- And explain why you think it was interesting

- I remember one video I saw on Instagram some months ago.
- It was about solar panels being installed on top of canals in India.
- I thought it was very interesting because it helps in many ways.
- First, it makes clean energy from the sun.
- Second, it stops too much water from evaporating, since the panels give shade to the canal.
- And also, it saves land because usually solar farms take up a lot of space, but here they are just using the canal area.
- But there is also one problem.
- Metal near water can rust more quickly.
- So they have to use stronger materials, and that makes the project more costly.
- Still, I feel the idea is very creative and useful, especially in a country like India where both land and water are important.
- At first, I was just casually watching, but later I realised how smart this idea is.
- It left a good impression on me, and I felt happy to see that people are working on such solutions in my country.

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Why do people like to use social media?
People like using social media primarily to remain in contact with their family and friends. Also, this helps them to get information about different news and happenings all around the world. Apart from this, social media is a good medium to spend leisure time.

What kind of things are popular on social media?
Several things are popular on social media. The most prominent one is, uploading and sharing photographs and videos. Furthermore, individuals update the current news and happenings that they find worthwhile to share. Moreover, numerous companies get the help of the social media to advertise and build product awareness.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of using social media?
The plus points of utilizing the social media are getting the details and information with much more convenience. Moreover, it helps to widen the friends circle and remain in touch with the near and dear ones. On the other hand, the main pitfall is getting fake information and having privacy at risk.

What do you think of making friends on social media?
Making friends online is not a worthwhile thing because most of the times our privacy is invaded, and it is extremely easy for someone to create a fake ID and catfish people. However, I use social media to maintain the friendships.

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33. Describe a time when you told your friend an important truth

You should say:

- Who your friend is
- What the truth was
- What was your friend's reaction
- And explain why you think it was important to tell your friend the truth

- I have often thought about whether honesty is always the best policy among friends.
- Some truths are just very uncomfortable to say, and sharing them might also spoil or ruin friendships.
- But at the same time, I believe that the more uncomfortable a truth is, the more important it is to say it.
- I'd like to talk about a time when I told my friend Yatin something that was difficult to bring up.
- Yatin is one of my closest friends, and I really enjoy spending time with him.
- We often hang out together – sometimes at each other's houses, sometimes outdoors.
- Over time, I noticed that he had a habit of talking quite rudely to his parents, especially his mother.
- At first, I didn't say anything because I thought it was not my place to comment on how he behaved at home.
- But as I saw it happening regularly, I started to feel that, as his close friend, I had a responsibility to be honest with him.
- So, one day I told him directly that he should speak more respectfully to his parents.
- At first, he got very defensive and argued that they also spoke harshly to him.
- He also started listing my shortcomings like how I'm not very good at sports.
- In short, he didn't take it well, and after that day, he avoided me for about a week.
- But then, a week later, he came to me and thanked me.
- He said he had thought about what I told him, and he realized I was right.
- He even apologized for getting defensive and for ignoring me.
- From then on, I noticed him making an effort to be kinder to his parents.
- This experience taught me that real friendship is not just about having fun together, but also about helping each other grow.
- Sometimes that means having the courage to say something difficult or tell an uncomfortable truth.
- And in the end, I think our friendship is stronger because of that conversation.
- He trusts me to guide him honestly, and I know he values my opinion.

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Do you think we should tell the truth at all times?
I don't think telling the truth at all times is always wise. I think if the truth has no positive impact and only ends up hurting someone unnecessarily, then it may be better to remain silent.

How do you know when others are telling lies?
Sometimes it's possible to sense when people are lying through their behavior, facial expressions, or body language like avoiding eye contact or appearing nervous. However, these signs are not always reliable, because someone could be uncomfortable or anxious for reasons unrelated to lying.

Sometimes people should tell lies. Do you agree?
Yes, I believe that if the truth serves no purpose and only hurts someone's feelings, then a small lie or withholding the truth may be better. For example, telling a person just before a party that their outfit doesn't look good would just make them uncomfortable and lower their confidence.

Do you think it's more important to win a game or follow the rules in sports?
I think the victory would feel hollow if people do not follow the rules. It would not feel that the victory was deserved. So, although the outcome is important, fair play and respecting the rules are even more important.

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34. Describe the time when you first talked in a foreign language

You should say:

- Where you were
- Who you were with
- What you talked about
- And explain how you felt about it

- I'd like to talk about the first time I spoke in Spanish
- This happened when I went on a family holiday with my parents to Mexico a few years ago.
- We were staying in a small apartment in a town near the beach.
- We are vegetarians, and we wanted to spend more time sightseeing instead of wasting time finding vegetarian options.
- So, we used to cook all the meals in our apartment and take them with us.
- But one day we decided to eat out, and so we went to a local restaurant.
- We were at a very small restaurant, and most of the staff there spoke only Spanish.
- My parents encouraged me to try ordering the food in Spanish since I had started learning basic Spanish in high school.
- I was with my family, and I remember being both excited and nervous.
- I had only learned simple phrases, and I wasn't confident about my pronunciation.
- When the waiter came to the table, I said "Hola, quiero una pizza de queso, por favor".
- It means "Hello, I would like a cheese pizza, please".
- The waiter smiled, repeated my order back in Spanish, and asked me a short question about the size of the pizza.
- I didn't fully understand, but I guessed he meant small or large, so I just said "grande" which means large.
- Everyone laughed kindly, and I felt relieved that he understood me and brought me exactly what I ordered
- The conversation was very short and probably lasted less than two minutes, but it gave me a lot of confidence.
- I realized that even with just a few words, I could communicate with people in another country
- That moment made me feel very proud and very motivated to keep learning Spanish
- It was the first time I had used Spanish in a real-life situation.
- Overall, it was a small but very meaningful experience, because it showed me that speaking a foreign language doesn't have to be perfect, and what matters is trying, and usually people appreciate the effort.

At what age should children start learning a foreign language?
I think children should start as early as possible, maybe in primary school. Young children can pick up new sounds and words more easily. They are not afraid to make mistakes, and starting early gives them more time to practice and become fluent as they grow older.

Which skill is more important, speaking or writing?
Speaking is more important because it is used in daily communication like greeting people, asking for directions, buying food etc. Writing is useful for academic and professional purposes, but many situations can be handled through speaking alone.

Does a person still need to learn other languages if he or she is good at English?
Yes, I believe it is still useful to learn other languages even if someone is fluent in English. English is widely spoken, but knowing other languages helps people understand and connect with different cultures. It can even be useful at work or during travel.

Do you think minority languages will disappear?
Unfortunately, I think some minority languages may disappear in the future because younger generations prefer global languages like English, Spanish, French, Mandarin, etc. However, they can be preserved if governments and communities try and support them.

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35. Describe a book you read that you found useful

You should say:

- What it is
- When you read it
- Why do you think it is useful
- And explain how you felt about it

- I haven't read many books apart from my textbooks, but one book that left a deep impression on me is 'The Wings of Fire' by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
- I read it a few months ago after my friend loaned it to me.
- My friend got this book as a prize when she participated in a declamation contest
- This book is an autobiography of Dr. Kalam, who later became the President of India
- It was co-authored by Mr. Arun Tiwari and first published in 1999.
- It became very popular after Dr. Kalam was sworn in as the President on 25th July 2002.
- I found this book very useful because it highlights how a boy born into a very poor family in Rameshwaram, in southern India, went on to become a renowned scientist and an influential figure in Indian politics.
- His journey shows the value of hard work, determination, and continuous learning.
- He was called the "Missile Man of India" due to his contribution to space research.
- This book goes beyond his scientific achievements and provides a glimpse into his philosophy of life.
- It includes many stories and experiences from his childhood, school, and college years.
- The success of Dr. Kalam depended on the fact that he was very willing to learn throughout his life and had an insatiable quest for knowledge.
- This book also stresses the importance of giving credit to mentors and never forgetting the support of people who helped you along the way.
- His life is a true example of how an ordinary person can overcome challenges and reach extraordinary heights with persistence.
- I have learnt so much from this book, and it has encouraged me to work harder towards my own goals.
- It gives me the belief that if I stay consistent and keep learning, I can also achieve something meaningful in life.
- I would like to read this book again, because it is a very motivating book.

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What are the types of books that young people like to read?
Young people usually like storybooks and novels, especially crime and detective stories, which are exciting and keep the reader guessing. Apart from that, young people also like fantasy series, comics, graphic novels, etc.

What's the difference between the reading habits of old people and young people?
Older people often prefer newspapers, history books, or biographies, while young people like fast-paced stories and fiction. Younger people are also reading more eBooks, whereas older people prefer reading paper books.

What's the difference between paper books and e-books?
Paper books give a physical feeling, and many people like the smell and touch of real pages. On the other hand, E-books are cheaper, portable, and you can download hundreds of them on one device.

Some people say that it is easier for children who start reading from a young age to succeed. Do you agree?
Yes, children who start reading early usually develop better language skills, imagination, and concentration. Reading makes them more knowledgeable, which helps them perform well in school and later in life.

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36. Describe a time when someone apologized to you

You should say:

- When it was
- Who this person is
- Why he or she apologized to you
- And how you felt about it

- I will talk about a time when my younger brother apologized to me.
- This happened at our home a few months ago.
- I was using the family computer at home to work on an important school assignment.
- I had spent several hours collecting information and writing, and I saved everything on the desktop so that I could finish it later.
- While I was taking a break, my brother started playing some online games on the computer.
- He was clicking around quickly and accidentally deleted the file where my homework was saved.
- When I came back home and saw that the file had disappeared, I got really upset because I thought all my work was gone.
- After a few minutes, my brother noticed how worried I was.
- He came to my room sometime later, looking very guilty and nervous.
- He admitted that he had deleted the file by mistake, and it had happened because he was so excited while playing the game.
- He apologized to me and promised to be very careful in the future.
- He was genuinely concerned and offered to help me in any way he could.
- He suggested a few ways that we could try to recover it, and he asked if I had a backup by chance.
- I remembered that I did have a backup copy saved online, so I could retrieve it
- I was very angry at first, but after hearing his apology, I felt much calmer, and I was a little touched.
- I felt proud of him because he was honest and brave enough to admit his mistake instead of hiding it.
- In the end, I forgave him, and we laughed about the whole incident.
- This experience taught me that everyone makes mistakes, but a sincere apology can make things better and strengthen relationships.

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On what occasion do people usually apologize to others?
People apologize to others when they do something wrong knowingly or unknowingly, and when they realize their mistake. They also say sorry when they want to clear any misunderstanding with their friends or family members.

Do people in your country like to say "sorry"?
Yes, most people in my country say sorry for their mistakes but it depends on the situation and relationship. In formal settings like an office, school, people say sorry directly. With family members and close friends, people may not say the exact words, but instead show it through actions like doing something nice or helping out.

Do you think people should apologize for anything wrong they do?
I think people should apologize for anything wrong they do. Even if the mistake is small, saying sorry shows respect and responsibility. It can prevent misunderstandings and can even make relationships stronger.

Why do some people refuse to say "sorry" to others?
I think some people refuse to say sorry because of their huge ego and pride. They feel that acknowledging their mistake makes them weak. Some people might think that the issue is too small to say sorry for.

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37. Describe an occasion when you lost your way

You should say:

- Where you were
- What happened
- How you felt
- And explain how you found your way

- I am very good with directions and I don't normally lose my way.
- However, I have lost my way sometimes when I visit a new place.
- Recently, my friend got engaged and I went to their house to congratulate them.
- They moved to the suburbs recently as my friend's father retired.
- I had never been to their new house before.
- But I thought I will just feed their new house address in the navigation app and just follow it.
- That's the first mistake I made.
- I had used the app quite a few times and I had rarely faced an issue.
- However, it was a newly built suburb and the app hadn't been updated.
- The app took me on deserted mud road.
- I had a feeling that I might be going in the wrong direction but I blindly trusted the app.
- That was my second mistake.
- I kept on going on that road and eventually reached a dead end.
- Even at that time, I wasn't worried because I thought I would just call my friend and he would guide me.
- I shouldn't be too far from his house.
- However, when I checked there was no mobile phone connectivity on that road.
- I couldn't even call anyone.
- I decided to backtrack till I got connectivity but I think I took a wrong turn somewhere and I got even more lost.
- That's when I felt afraid for the first time.
- It was also turning dark.
- Finally, I saw a small roadside tea shop.
- I asked the shop owner if they knew the address.
- He didn't know the address but he knew my friend's father.
- He took me to their address and that's how I finally got out of this predicament.
- I still use the navigation maps these days but I am not overly reliant on them like before.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. How do people feel when they get lost?
I think nowadays people don't feel that stressed when they lose their way. Because they have mobile phones and navigation apps like google maps and apple maps to help them. Moreover, they can also call someone.

2. Are some people better at orienting themselves?
Yes definitely, some people are just good with directions. I think they are able to draw a mental map or 3 D images in their heads and just follow it without any difficulty.

3. Are young people more reliant on their phones than older people to find their way?
Yes, I think we are more dependent upon their phones. For example, some of my friends can't read paper maps. But I think we can be good at it if needed to, its just that technology has made the requirement of reading maps redundant.

4. Are young people gradually losing their ability to orient themselves?
I wouldn't say that. Orienting ourselves is an innate ability, we all have that. It might be getting rusty because we don't need to use it that much because of navigation apps but that doesn't mean we have lost the ability to do so.

5. With mobile phones and these electronic products with navigation, is it difficult for people to get lost?
There is no doubt that its hard to get lost because of maps, but people still do get lost. In fact, sometimes the apps are wrong and I get lost because they tell the wrong direction. In someways, our over dependence and trust on these apps is making it more likely for us to lose our way.

6. What kind of problems do old people have when they get lost?
I think old people are not so comfortable with technology and so they might not be able to use the latest navigation maps that well. In India though, it is not a big problem because most people are very helpful and guide others with direction when asked for help.

7. Some people like to walk around without navigation, is there any problem?
No, I don't think it is a big problem, but it may waste our time. We may also enter areas which are not safe, but for a large part I don't think its a problem.

8. How can people find their way when they are lost?
They can halt and ask someone, or they can take the help of GPS (Global positioning system). Such apps are there in all the mobile phones and even installed in cars. They can also call someone and ask the way.

9. Do you think it is important to do some preparation before you travel to new places?
Yes, it is definitely important. Without prior preparation, the whole vacation may turn out to be a fiasco. If one has booked hotels in advance, it can save time as well as money. By knowing about the weather of the place one can pack clothes accordingly.

10. Do you think it is important to be able to read a map?

Yes, I think so. In places where there is no internet connectivity, the GPS will not work. Sometimes the battery of the phone may run out. Knowing how to read a map can prove to be an asset in such circumstances.

11. Is a paper map still necessary?
Yes, definitely. A paper map can show much more details than a digital map can. Secondly, there are places in remote areas where GPS doesn't work.

13. Why do some people get lost more easily than others?
Some people are poor with directions, and so can get lost more easily.

14. How do people react when they get lost?
The reaction of people cannot be generalised. Some keep their cool and think of a way to get out of the scenario. Others may panic. Some may even start crying.

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38. Describe a time when you saw something in the sky (e.g. flying kites, birds, sunset, etc.)

You should say:

- What you saw
- Where/when you saw it/them
- How long you saw it/them
- And explain how you felt about the experience

- After my school exams last summer, I was getting bored sitting at home.
- One evening, my close friends Rohit and Aman called me and asked if I wanted to go on a short trip.
- I was excited but also nervous, because it was my first time travelling without family.
- My parents agreed, and we quickly booked a three-night trip to Manali.
- We travelled overnight by bus, and the journey itself was fun because we played music and shared snacks.
- As the bus moved higher into the mountains, the air became cooler and the sky looked so clear compared to our city.
- We reached late at night, so we just went straight to the hotel.
- But the next morning, when I stepped out of the balcony, I saw the sunrise over the mountains.
- Honestly, it was breathtaking. The sun looked like a ball of fire slowly rising, and the peaks were glowing golden.
- The moon was also faintly visible in the clear blue sky, and some birds were flying in groups.
- This was first time in my life that I was seeing sun and moon together during the day.
- I was really amazed how it could happen.
- We had tea at a small stall near the hotel, and sipping hot tea while watching that view felt heavenly.
- Of course, we clicked a lot of pictures to capture the beauty, though the camera couldn't do full justice.
- Later that day, we went hiking, tried river crossing, and even did paragliding, which was thrilling.
- Every morning and evening of the trip, I watched the sunrise and sunset without fail.
- The silence of the mountains during those golden hours gave me peace I had never felt before.
- I realised how different it is from the noisy and polluted city life.
- By the end of the trip, I felt refreshed, and I promised myself to take more nature trips in the future.
- Truly, that sky in Manali is something I will never forget.

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1. Would people be willing to get up early to watch and enjoy the sunrise?
Well, I think some people are willing to wake up early for a sunrise because it feels peaceful and refreshing. For example, when I visited Shimla, I woke up at 5 am to watch the sunrise from the hills and it was worth it. On the other hand, many people, especially youngsters, prefer sleeping late instead of waking up early.

2. When would people watch the sky?
Well, I believe people usually watch the sky in the evening when the sun sets or at night when stars are visible. Sometimes even during the day, like when clouds look beautiful before rain. Personally, I like to sit on my terrace at night and just look at the stars.

3. Do many people pay attention to the shapes of stars?
To be honest, not many people notice the shapes of stars, because life is busy and they don't spend much time looking up. But some people, especially children or those interested in astronomy, like to recognise shapes such as the Big Dipper or Orion. I remember once in school my teacher showed us star constellations during a night camp.

4. What do people usually see in the sky in the daytime?
Well, in the daytime people usually see the sun, clouds, and sometimes airplanes or birds. If the weather is clear, the sky looks bright blue. On hot summer afternoons, the strong sun is the main thing everyone notices.

5. What are the differences between things people see in the sky in the daytime and at night?
I think the day sky and night sky are completely different. During the day, the sun, clouds, and birds are visible. But at night, we see the moon, stars, and sometimes satellites. So in simple words, the day sky is bright and active, while the night sky is calm and shining.

6. Why do some people like to watch stars at night?
Well, I believe people enjoy watching stars because it feels relaxing and makes them think about the universe. For some, it is romantic or even spiritual. For example, my cousin loves stargazing because it helps him clear his mind after a long day.

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39. Describe a place you went to and an outdoor activity you did there

You should say:

- Where it was
- When you went there
- What outdoor activity you did there
- Why you went there and did the activity
- And explain how you felt about it

- During my summer vacations last year, I went to Rishikesh with a group of friends.
- We had planned this trip mainly to try river rafting, which is very popular there.
- We reached in the evening and stayed at a riverside camp surrounded by hills.
- The sound of the river flowing next to our tents was so soothing, it actually helped me sleep peacefully.
- The next morning, we woke up early and got ready for rafting.
- It was a 16 km stretch starting from Shivpuri and ending at Rishikesh.
- The guide first gave us some basic training on how to hold the paddle and follow his instructions.
- We wore life jackets and helmets, which made me feel both safe and nervous.
- As it was my first time, I was really excited but also a little scared.
- Once we started, the rafting was full of fun and adventure, especially when we hit the rapids.
- At some places where the water flow was calm, the guide allowed us to jump into the river.
- Floating on the cold water with just the life jacket keeping me afloat was an unforgettable feeling.
- The scenery around was also beautiful, with green mountains on both sides.
- After almost two hours, we finally reached Rishikesh, completely exhausted but very happy.
- We then had lunch at a nearby restaurant, and the food tasted even better after all the physical activity.
- This whole experience was something very new for me, and I felt proud that I actually did it.
- It also made me realise how important adventure is in life, because it gives you confidence and energy.
- Honestly, river rafting in Rishikesh was one of the best experiences of my life, and I would love to do it again.

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1. What sports do young people like?
I think young people usually like fast and energetic sports like football, basketball, or cricket. These games are social and give them a chance to play with friends. For example, in my area most kids gather in the evening to play cricket.

2. What kind of people do extreme sports?
Well, I believe people who enjoy challenges and have adventurous personalities go for extreme sports. They are usually not afraid of risks and like to test their limits. For example, my cousin once tried bungee jumping on his trip to Goa.

3. Why are some people willing to try dangerous extreme sports?
According to me, people try dangerous sports because they want thrill and excitement. They feel proud after completing something risky. On the other hand, some people avoid it completely because they value safety more than adventure.

4. Should people take more into account the risks that extreme sports may bring?
Yes, I think so. Extreme sports can cause serious injuries if precautions are ignored. Wearing proper gear and listening to instructors is very important. Still, some people believe the fun is worth the risk, but I personally feel safety should come first.

5. Why do people keep inventing new and slightly dangerous sports?
In my opinion, people invent new sports because they get bored of old ones and want something exciting. Another reason is competition, as people like to show they can try something unique. For example, sports like parkour or snowboarding became popular only in recent years.

6. What risks are there in extreme sports, and who takes these consequences?
Well, the main risks are injuries like broken bones or even accidents that can be fatal. The person doing the sport takes most of the consequences, but sometimes their family also suffers if something serious happens. That's why I feel these sports should only be done under expert supervision.

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40. Describe someone else's room you enjoy spending time in

You should say:

- When you visited there
- Whose room it is
- What it is like
- What you can do in it
- And explain why you enjoy spending time there

- Usually, I love spending time in my room because I feel the most comfortable there.
- However, if I had to pick a someone else 's room I enjoy spending time in, it would be my friend Tarun's room.
- Tarun is my childhood friend.
- We were considered inseparable in school.
- We used to do everything together.
- Even now, we meet each other at least two or three times in a week.
- I normally visit him during the weekend.
- Both of us have similar interests, so we do a lot of fun things together at his room.
- We watch Hollywood movies together.
- I think I have seen at least 1000 movies with him, if not more.
- We also watch movies at my house.
- However, he has a home theatre in his room and it creates the perfect ambience for movies.
- Moreover, he has a 60 inch TV screen, whereas I only have a 32 inch TV.
- He has a playstation and we both play games on it together.
- He always says it is more fun playing together.
- I think I love spending time at his house because I am very comfortable there.
- His parents know me very well.
- They are friends with my parents too.
- Tarun's mother is a wonderful cook and many times she brings us something delicious to eat.
- Besides that, I am more studious than my friend.
- So, his parents like it when I visit because my friend ends up studying because of me.
- So, it is like a second home for me. I feel very welcome there.

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Do you think old people will be able to keep up with the pace of technology in 50 years?
It might sound absurd but I think technology itself will enable people to keep up with the pace of technology. There will be certain machines and robots in the future, whose main function will be to educate the elderly about the working of technology so that it doesn't get too daunting for them.

Who likes to stay at home more, young people or old people?
I don't think it depends upon age. It depends upon people's spirit. Some people prefer spending time indoors, while others prefer spending time outdoors with the nature. Generally, in youth, people have the energy and passion to travel but lack the money, while they may have the money but not the energy to travel when they get old.

What are the most enjoyable parts of having a meal together with your family?
The most enjoyable parts of having a meal together is sharing the day's happenings with the other family members. We are social animals and we love sharing our joys and sorrows with our loved ones. Unfortunately, in today's busy schedule, meals are the only time, people get to spend with their families.

Why do people often take gifts with them when they visit others' homes?
I think the main reason is to show gratitude for being invited or welcomed in their home. It is a way to thank the host for the preparations they made. Sometimes, it is also a part of culture. Taking gifts is considered a part of good etiquettes.

Do you like to invite your friends to your home?
Yes, definitely. I love inviting friends to my home. However, I am not good at cooking so I normally order from outside. We also do potlucks sometimes, where everyone prepares and brings one dish, so it doesn't burden others.

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41. Describe a singer whose music/songs you like

You should say:
- Who he/she is
- What genre his/her music belongs to
- When/where you listen to his/her music/songs
- And explain why you like him/her and his/her music

- I want to talk about Diljit Dosanjh, my favourite singer.
- He is around 40 years old and is considered the most popular Punjabi singer in the world.
- His music mainly belongs to the Punjabi pop, though he also sings romantic numbers.
- He has millions of followers on Instagram, which shows how loved he is globally.
- Recently, he did a Pan-India tour called Illuminate, and I was lucky to attend his Chandigarh concert because my friends surprised me with tickets.
- The atmosphere was surreal — thousands of people singing along, and the energy was unbelievable.
- It was truly one of the best experiences of my life, and I will always remember that night.
- On a daily basis, I listen to his songs during gym workouts, as they keep me energetic.
- Sometimes, I also play his softer tracks while studying, because they help me focus.
- My favourites include “Do You Know” and “Patiala Peg,” but honestly, I enjoy almost all his music.
- What I like the most is his unique voice, which feels both powerful and soothing.
- I also admire his humility; despite being so famous, he comes across as down-to-earth and funny.
- His recent performance at Coachella made Punjabis proud all over the world.
- For me, his music is uplifting and always puts me in a positive mood.
- That’s why Diljit Dosanjh is not just my favourite singer, but also someone I deeply admire.

1. Can anyone learn how to sing?
Well, I think anyone can learn the basics of singing with practice and training. Some people are naturally gifted, but even without talent, voice lessons can improve a lot. For example, one of my school friends could not sing well earlier, but after coaching he became much better.

2. What should the government do to help people with musical talent?
According to me, the government should provide scholarships, music schools, and platforms for young artists. This way talented people can focus on their art instead of worrying about money. Organising cultural festivals can also give them exposure.

3. What kind of music do people like at different ages?
I believe children usually enjoy simple and fun songs, teenagers prefer energetic pop or rap, and older people go for calm or classical music. For example, my grandfather still listens to old Bollywood songs every evening, while my younger cousin only plays hip-hop.

4. What kind of music is popular in India now and what will be in the future?
Right now, Bollywood songs and Punjabi music are very popular in India. In the future, I think fusion music, where Indian and Western styles mix, will be more common. Already we see DJs and singers collaborating on such tracks.

5. Do Indian parents require their children to learn to play musical instruments?
In my opinion, not all parents, but many encourage children to learn instruments like harmonium, tabla, or guitar. They believe it builds discipline and creativity. Still, some parents don't push it because they think academics are more important.

6. Why do some people like to listen to live music while others prefer CDs?
Some people enjoy live music because the energy of the crowd and the atmosphere makes it special. Others prefer CDs or online music since it is cheaper, easier, and more comfortable at home. Personally, I enjoy both depending on my mood.

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42. Describe a piece of technology you own that you feel is difficult to use

You should say:

- When you got it
- What you got it for
- How often you use it
- And explain how you feel about it

- We are surrounded by technology these days.
- Be it mobile phones, washing machines, dishwashers, electric cars, or computers, everything has made life easier.
- But today I would like to talk about a piece of technology that I find difficult to use — my microwave oven.
- Last year, during Diwali, we bought a new microwave for our home.
- It is a Samsung model, black in colour, with a medium capacity.
- The cost was around 15,000 rupees, and it came with about 20 buttons and multiple functions.
- It even has grill and convection oven features.
- On paper it looks simple, but in reality, I find cooking in it quite challenging.
- Honestly, I only use it for heating food.
- Whenever I try to cook something, I get confused about which button to press and what temperature or time to set.
- For example, last month on my mother's birthday, I tried baking a cake by following a YouTube recipe.
- The result was a disaster — the cake did not rise and stayed raw, even though I tried it twice.
- Before that, I had also attempted to make pasta and pizza, but those too were disappointing.
- I really don't understand how other people manage to cook perfectly in a microwave.
- Maybe I am not patient enough, or maybe I just don't get the settings right.
- At this point, I have given up on using it for cooking.
- For me, the microwave is just a tool to reheat food and nothing more.
- Even though it's a modern gadget, I feel a bit frustrated whenever I try to use it beyond the basic heating.
- So, this is one piece of technology I own but still struggle to use properly.

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1. What technology do people currently use?
Well, most people nowadays use smartphones, laptops, and smart TVs almost every day. Actually, these gadgets help with work, entertainment, and even online shopping. For example, I use my phone not just for calls but also for classes and paying bills.

2. Why do big companies introduce new products frequently?
I believe companies release new products to stay ahead in the competition. To be honest, if they stop upgrading, customers might lose interest and shift to other brands. At the same time, it's also a smart way to increase profit.

3. Why are people so keen on buying iPhones even though they haven't changed much from one iPhone to the next?
According to me, people go for iPhones mainly because of the brand image and social status. Even a small upgrade like a better camera or a new design is enough to attract them. On the other hand, some feel it's unnecessary since older models still work perfectly.

4. Why do technology companies keep upgrading their products?
Well, one reason is that upgrades fix problems and make devices more user-friendly. Also, competition pushes them to keep adding something new. For instance, most phone brands every year improve the battery or camera just to stay relevant.

5. What changes has the development of technology brought about in our lives?
To be honest, technology has changed almost everything, from the way we talk to how we travel. Life has become faster and much more convenient. Like earlier, buying train tickets meant waiting in long lines, but now it's just a matter of a few clicks.

6. Does the development of technology affect the way we study? How?
Yes, definitely. These days students can attend online classes, use e-libraries, and practice on apps anytime. Personally, I often prepare for IELTS through YouTube lessons, which was not even possible when my elder cousins were studying.

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43. Describe a time when the electricity suddenly went off

You should say:

- When/where it happened
- How long it lasted
- What you did during that time
- And explain how you felt about it

- Sudden power outages are quite common in India, and most people are used to them.
- Because of this, many homes keep inverters or generators as backup.
- These outages usually happen due to storms, heavy rainfall, or high electricity demand in summer.
- Sometimes they are also planned for maintenance.
- But today I want to talk about a time when there was a power cut of more than 24 hours in our area.
- It happened last year during the monsoon season.
- There was heavy rainfall in our city, and suddenly a big tree fell on the power lines near our house.
- As a result, the electricity supply of all the houses in our row was cut off.
- Luckily, nobody was hurt in the incident.
- We immediately informed the electricity department, but they said they could only come after the rain stopped.
- For the first few hours, we managed with our inverter, but later its battery also drained.
- After that, we had no light and no fan, which made things very uncomfortable.
- Since there was nothing to do at home, I went to play football with my neighbourhood friends.
- But when it got dark, we returned home, and the electricity was still not restored.
- The officials said it would only be repaired in the morning.
- That night was really miserable, as it was hot and humid.
- Finally, my family decided to take our mattresses to the rooftop and sleep there.
- It turned out to be my first experience sleeping under the stars, and honestly, it was beautiful.
- We woke up with the sunrise, and soon after, the electricity department came with an excavator to remove the tree.
- By morning, the supply was finally restored, and the whole experience felt unique and memorable.

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1. Which is better, electric bicycles or ordinary bicycles?
Well, I think both have their own benefits. Electric bicycles save energy and are good for longer rides, while ordinary ones are healthier because they give more exercise. For example, I prefer a normal cycle when I just want some fitness.

2. Do you think electric bicycles will replace ordinary bicycles in the future?
According to me, no, they won't fully replace them. Some people will always prefer simple bicycles because they are cheaper and easier to maintain. At the same time, in big cities, electric ones might become more common for daily travel.

3. Which is better, electric cars or petrol cars?
Honestly, electric cars are better for the environment since they don't produce smoke. But petrol cars are still more practical because charging stations are not available everywhere. For long trips, many people still trust petrol cars.

4. How did people manage to live without electricity in the ancient world?
I believe they lived a very simple life. People used candles or oil lamps for light and cooked food on firewood. My grandmother sometimes tells me that even in her childhood, they studied under lanterns as there was no electricity, so they were used to it.

5. Is it difficult for the government to replace all the petrol cars with electric cars?
Yes, it's very difficult. The main reason is cost, as not everyone can afford an electric car. Also, the government needs to build a huge charging network first, which takes a lot of time and money.

6. Do people use more electricity now than before?
Of course, people use much more electricity now. Almost every home has ACs, refrigerators, laptops, and so many gadgets running all the time. Earlier, people managed with fans and radios, but now the demand is much higher.

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44. Describe an exciting activity you have tried for the first time

You should say:

- What it is
- When/where you did it
- Why you thought it was exciting
- And explain how you felt about it

- We are always told that trying something new adds excitement to life, and I strongly agree with that.
- Today, I would like to talk about an exciting activity I tried for the very first time, which was river rafting.
- It happened last year during my summer vacations when I went to Rishikesh with a group of close friends.
- The main purpose of our trip was to try rafting, because Rishikesh is famous for it.
- We stayed in a riverside camp surrounded by hills, and the sound of the flowing river near our tents was magical.
- The next morning, we woke up early and got ready for rafting, which was a 16 km stretch starting from Shivpuri.
- Before starting, the instructor gave us a short training session on paddling and safety instructions.
- We wore helmets and life jackets, which made me feel safe, though I was still nervous as it was my first time.
- The moment we entered the river, my excitement grew stronger, especially when we faced big rapids.
- At some calmer points, the guide encouraged us to jump into the river, and floating in the cold water was an amazing feeling.
- I had never experienced anything like that before, and it felt both thrilling and refreshing at the same time.
- The scenery of green mountains on both sides made the adventure even more memorable.
- After nearly two hours of paddling and shouting with joy, we finally reached Rishikesh, completely tired but satisfied.
- I still remember how delicious our lunch tasted afterwards, maybe because we were so hungry.
- This whole experience gave me confidence that I could handle adventurous activities.
- It also taught me that sometimes we need to step out of our comfort zone to truly enjoy life.
- Honestly, river rafting in Rishikesh was one of the most exciting things I have ever done for the first time.
- And if I get another chance, I would love to repeat it.

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1. Why are some people unwilling to try new things?
Well, I think many people avoid new things because they feel safe in their routine. Change makes them uncomfortable, and they worry about failure. For example, one of my uncles never tries new food because he feels he might not like the taste.

2. Do you think fear stops people from trying new things?
Yes, definitely. Fear of the unknown or making mistakes often holds people back. At the same time, some people push through their fear and end up enjoying the new experience, like my cousin who was scared of swimming but now loves it.

3. Why are some people keen on doing dangerous activities?
According to me, they like the thrill and excitement. Activities like skydiving or rafting give them an adrenaline rush that normal life doesn't. On the other hand, some people avoid such things because they don't want to take any risk.

4. Do you think that children adapt to new things more easily than adults?
In my opinion, yes, children are quicker to adapt. They are curious, less afraid of failure, and more open to learning. Adults, however, often overthink and hesitate before trying. For instance, kids can learn a new app in minutes, while elders struggle.

5. What can people learn from doing dangerous activities?
I believe they learn courage, patience, and problem-solving. Dangerous sports or tasks teach people how to stay calm under pressure. Personally, when I did river rafting for the first time, I learned to trust the process and face my fear of water.

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45. Describe an important decision made with the help of other people

You should say:

- What the decision was
- Why you made the decision
- Who helped you make the decision
- And how you felt about it

- An important decision I made with the help of others was joining the school debate club.
- At first, I was not sure if I should join because I get very nervous when I am speaking in front of people
- I thought I would make mistakes and others would laugh at me, so I hesitated.
- My best friend Ruby encouraged me to join the debate team.
- Ruby had known me since childhood, and we had been in the same school since kindergarten.
- Ruby had been part of the debate team for a while and loved it.
- She told me that debate is not just about winning but learning to share your ideas clearly.
- She reminded me that I like discussing topics in class, so debate would actually suit me.
- I also asked my English teacher for advice.
- She explained that debate would improve my public speaking skills and help me in future interviews or presentations.
- After listening to their advice, I finally decided to join the club.
- At the beginning, it was very difficult.
- I felt nervous before every debate competition, and sometimes I forgot my lines.
- But slowly, I started to improve.
- My friends and teachers supported me, and I even managed to speak confidently in one competition.
- I felt very proud of myself for making this decision.
- It was a turning point for me as it made me more confident and helped me face my fear of public speaking.
- I was very thankful to Ruby and my teacher for guiding me.
- If it weren't for them, I would have missed out on a great experience.
- Without their support, I would not have the courage to step out of my comfort zone and make this decision.
- I think sometimes all we need is a little push to discover what we're capable of.

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What kind of decisions do you think are meaningful?
I believe meaningful decisions are those that have a substantial impact on our lives in the long run. For example, choosing a career path, deciding where to settle, or selecting a life partner are all decisions that can shape our future significantly.

What important decisions should be made by teenagers themselves?
I think one of the most important decisions teenagers should make for themselves is their career choice, since it directly influences their future. Apart from that, they should also have the freedom to decide how to spend their leisure time, as it helps them develop independence and a sense of responsibility.

Why are some people unwilling to make quick decisions?
There are two main reasons for this. For some people, it stems from their upbringing. Since their parents made most of their choices during childhood, they struggle to make independent decisions and often end up second-guessing themselves. Secondly, some individuals want to make the best possible choice, so they spend a lot of time weighing options in order to avoid regret later.

Do people like to ask for advice more for their personal life or their work?
I think it depends on the person, but generally, people tend to seek advice more for their personal life, especially about relationships or family matters, because emotions are involved, and it's hard to stay objective.

Why do some people like to ask others for advice?
It's partly because they are not confident in their decision, and they are second guessing themselves. Moreover, some people lack the requisite knowledge or experience to make the decision themselves.

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46. Describe a great dinner you and your friends or family members enjoyed

You should say:

- What you had
- Who you had the dinner with
- What you talked about during dinner
- And explain why you enjoyed it

- One great dinner I really enjoyed was during Diwali last year.
- It was at my aunt's house in Ludhiana.
- It was very special because we were all celebrating Diwali together after a long time.
- All my close family members, my parents, my grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins were there.
- Even my cousins who had settled abroad were visiting that year on Diwali.
- It was a big gathering and felt almost like a party.
- One of my cousins had a newborn baby, and we were so excited to see her for the first time.
- My aunts and mother spent the whole afternoon cooking, and the table was full of food.
- There were so many traditional dishes like paneer curry, puris, samosas, lentils, etc
- We had a great variety of sweets such as jalebis, ladoos, and gulab jamun.
- The food was not only flavourful but looked just as good as it tasted.
- The ambiance was very joyful, festive, and warm.
- The whole house was decorated with diyas, candles, and rangoli.
- While eating, we talked about childhood memories, family traditions, and even shared some funny stories.
- My grandparents told us stories from their younger days.
- We talked to the new parents about the joys and challenges of being first-time parents.
- I enjoyed this dinner because it was not only about delicious food, but also about being together as a family.
- We were sharing happiness and making memories
- Everyone was cheerful, and I felt very connected to my roots and traditions.
- I think meals like this are important because they give us time to slow down and appreciate each other's company.
- I will always remember it as one of the happiest family evenings of my life.

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Do people prefer to eat out at restaurants or eat at home during festivals?
Well, I mostly like to eat out at restaurants as it gives my mother a break from cooking. However, my mother does prepare some special traditional desserts like kheer and halwa on festivals, and I love eating those.

What food do you eat on special occasions, like during festivals?
Like I said before, I love eating traditional desserts like kheer, halwa and jalebi on festivals. Apart from that, we normally go to traditional Indian restaurants for meals. Sometimes we go to south Indian and sometimes north Indian restaurants. Also, I love eating Indian street food like chats and pani-puri on festivals.

Why do people like to have meals together during important festivals?
Sharing a meal creates a sense of unity and belonging. Having meals together allows families and communities to strengthen their bonds, enjoy traditional delicacies, and celebrate the occasion in a warm and joyful atmosphere.

Is it a hassle to prepare a meal at home?
I don't usually cook, but I'd say preparing a small meal isn't too troublesome. However, when it's for a large group with a complicated menu, it can be quite demanding because it requires careful preparation and often more than one round of cooking.

What do people often talk about during meals?
During meals, people usually talk about everyday matters, like how their day went, future plans, or even family updates. Sometimes they also discuss current events or light topics, just to keep the atmosphere pleasant and engaging.

People are spending less and less time having meals with their families these days. Is this good or bad?
I would say it's a negative trend because it's weakening the bond between family members. When people spend less time eating together, they also communicate less, which in turn can create misunderstandings and even widen the generation gap.

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47. Describe a friend of yours who is good at music/singing

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- When/where you listen to his/her music/singing
- What kind of music/songs he/she is good at
- And explain how you feel when listening to his music/singing

- I would like to talk about my friend Tanishka, whom I met during my IELTS preparation classes.
- We became good friends because we used to sit together and discuss speaking topics.
- One day, our teacher asked everyone in the class to share their hidden talents.
- Some people said they were good at drawing, some said cooking, but Tanishka said she was a singer.
- The teacher immediately asked her to sing something for the class.
- That was the first time I heard her sing, and honestly, I was amazed.
- She sang an old Punjabi romantic song without any music or instruments.
- Her voice was so melodious and clear that everyone in the class was silent.
- After class, I asked her when she started learning music.
- She told me that she had been fond of singing since school days.
- Her parents supported her a lot and used to take her for music classes.
- She even had to travel 2–3 hours every day for her training.
- Tanishka has taken part in many competitions and has won several awards.
- She also told me she was selected for Indian Idol last year and reached the final 16.
- She was the youngest participant in that season, which is a huge achievement.
- Usually, she sings Hindi songs, but she is also good at Punjabi and English songs.
- In her school, she was very popular and was even called the nightingale of the school.
- Whenever I hear her sing, I feel mesmerized and forget about everything else.
- I really admire her dedication, her talent, and the way she makes music feel so alive.

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1. What kind of music is popular in your country?
Well, in my country Bollywood music is the most popular. People enjoy it because it's used in movies and everyone can relate to the lyrics. For example, during weddings, almost all the songs played are from Bollywood.

2. What kind of music do young people like?
I think young people mostly like fast and energetic songs like pop, rap or EDM. They listen to it because it matches their lifestyle and keeps them active. For instance, my friends often play rap songs while driving.

3. What are the differences between young people's and old people's preferences in music?
According to me, young people usually go for modern beats and western styles, while older people prefer classical or old melodies. My grandfather still listens to old Punjabi folk songs, while my younger cousins listen to English pop.

4. What are the benefits of children learning a musical instrument?
Oh, there are many benefits. It helps children improve concentration and creativity. For example, my cousin started learning guitar and it not only made him more confident but also gave him a new friend circle.

5. Do you know what kind of music children like today?
Hmm, from what I see, children enjoy cartoon songs or fun dance numbers. They like songs with easy words and simple beats. My little niece, for instance, always plays the same animated movie songs again and again.

6. Do you think the government should invest more money in concerts?
In my opinion, yes, because concerts promote culture and bring people together. They also give local artists a chance to perform. But some may say the money should go to education or health first, which I also understand.

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48. Describe a good friend who is important to you

You should say:
Who he/she is
How/where you got to know him/her
How long you have known each other
And explain why he/she is important to you

- I'd like to talk about my good friend Roshan, who is very important to me.
- I met him during my first year of college.
- We were in the same class, and I still remember the first time we spoke — it was during a group project, and we immediately got along because we had similar ideas and a good sense of humour.
- We spent a lot of time together during those years — studying for exams, playing video games, hanging out in the canteen, and even going on short trips to beaches.
- We have known each other for almost six years now, and even though we are in different countries, we still stay in touch regularly through calls and messages.
- One of the reasons Roshan is so important to me is because he inspired me to make positive changes in my life.
- I clearly remember the time when he went for a two-month internship during our summer break.
- When he came back, he had lost so much weight and looked really fit.
- I was amazed at his dedication — he told me about how he followed a proper diet and exercised regularly.
- Seeing him so motivated actually encouraged me to start taking care of my own health.
- I began eating better and exercising more, and over time I also lost some weight and felt much more energetic.
- This is why I value Roshan so much. I have fun with him but at the same time, I feel motivated to better myself because of him.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

How do children make friends at school?
Children usually make friends at school by spending time together in class or during breaks. They share toys and meals, sit together and help each other finish homework. Playing together and doing group activities brings them together as they learn to cooperate with each other.

How do children make friends when they are not at school?
Many of them meet new friends in their neighbourhood, especially while playing in parks or common areas. Some also make friends through hobbies or classes like dance, music, or sports coaching, where they spend time with kids who have similar interests.

Do you think it is better for children to have a few close friends or many casual friends?
I think I read somewhere those who have many friends actually have none. I also believe that a few close friends is better. To be able to build meaningful connections with others, we need to spend quality time with them. Moreover, we can only rely on close friends during difficult situations.

Do you think a child's relationship with friends can be replaced by that with other people, like parents or other family members?
I don't think so. Friends play a very special role in children's life. Due to similarity in age, children have the freedom to play and share secrets without any judgement. Family members are important for guidance and support, but they can't fully replace the fun that friendship provides. I think children need both – strong family bonds and good friendships.

What are the differences between friends made inside and outside the workplace?
Friends made inside the workplace are generally about shared professional goals. They help people in achieving work goals and give advice in work related issues. But these friendship remain more professional due to office rules. On the other hand, outside the workplace, friendships are about shared interests and personality. There is not restrictions in such friendships, people can about anything, without any stress.

Do you think it's possible for bosses and their employees to become friends?
It's definitely possible, but it can be a bit tricky. If they have shared interests and hobbies, they can definitely be friends. However, as a boss, a person needs to make sure that their friendship does no impact his/her decisions and he/she is able to take tough decisions when needed and there should be fairness in his decisions.

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49. Describe an important old thing that your family has kept for a long time

You should say:
What it is
How/when your family first got this thing
How long your family has kept it
And explain why this thing is important to your family

- We don't have many old things, but one thing that my family has kept for a long time is a 24-karat gold necklace that originally belonged to my great grandmother.
- It's very unique.
- Although it was made decades ago, the design actually looks quite modern.
- If someone saw it today, they probably wouldn't even guess that it's a traditional piece.
- My great grandmother had this necklace made many years ago, probably around the time of her marriage.
- What makes it special is that most jewellery today is machine-made and usually in 22-karat gold, but this one is completely handcrafted and in pure 24k gold.
- My great grandmother gave it to my grandmother and when my grandmother passed away, she gave it to my mother, who now keeps it carefully in our locker.
- We have had it in the family for over eighty years, and we usually take it out for weddings or other special occasions.
- Every time I see it, I feel connected to my grandmother and to the family traditions that she valued so much.
- This necklace is important to us not just because of its purity and value, but because it represents our heritage.
- It's something we are proud of and definitely plan to pass on to the next generation.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

What kind of old things do people in your country like to keep?
In India, people often keep old things that remind them of their culture or family history. For example, many families keep traditional clothes like sarees, turbans, or jewellery that are passed down from grandparents. Many people also like to keep old photographs, letters, or furniture because they have sentimental value.

Why do people keep old things?
Like I said earlier, one reason is their sentimental value. For example, somethings are passed down from their grandparents and they remind them of their grandparents.

What are the differences between the things old people keep and those young people keep?
I think there's quite a big difference. Older people usually keep things that have sentimental or cultural value, like family photos, letters, old furniture, jewellery and traditional clothes. On the other hand, young people, often keep things that reflect their personal interests. For example, they might collect gadgets, books, sneakers, or souvenirs from their trips.

What are the differences between the things that people keep today and the things that people kept in the past?
I think there are many differences but one principal difference is that today people keep digital photos instead of physical photos. Apart from this, I think earlier people used to keep things for longer time as they had been passed down to them or somebody made from them, while today's machine made goods don't have such a strong sentimental value so they are replaced easily.

What can we see in a museum?
We can see many different things depending on its type. For example, in a history museum, people might see ancient things like seals, coins, and clothes. In an art museum, there might be paintings, sculptures, and photographs. There are also science and technology museums where people can see prototypes or inventions. Finally, there are some military museums, which showcase the weapons and other equipment used in previous wars.

What can we learn from a museum?
Museums can teach us a lot. They tell us how people lived in the past and how society changed over time. Museums also help us appreciate art and creativity. In a way, they address the curiosity in people's way because they can actually see things instead of reading about them.

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50. Describe a time when you broke something

You should say:
What it was
When/where that happened
How you broke it
And explain what you did after that

- I am very careful with my things now, but I have broken a few things when I was younger.
- Today, I'd like to talk about a time when I completely broke my phone in a very unfortunate way.
- This happened about five years ago when I was riding my scooty to college.

- I had kept my phone in the pocket of my jacket, but I hadn't zipped it properly.
- While I was driving, I hit a speed breaker on the road and suddenly felt something fall out of my pocket.
- Before I could react, I realised it was my phone lying on the road behind me.
- I quickly stopped my scooty, but to my bad luck, a bus came from behind and ran over it before I could pick it up.
- When I saw it, the screen and even the back were completely shattered.
- I remember feeling really shocked and helpless at that moment.
- My phone had all my contacts, notes, and photos, so losing it felt like a disaster.
- After that, I went to a nearby shop to see if anything could be saved, but the technician told me that the internal parts were also damaged.
- When I reached home and told my parents, they also scolded me a lot as the phone was very expensive and my parents had just recently bought it for me.
- To make me realise the value of money, they decided that I should buy the next phone using my own savings.
- I had to save my pocket money for almost a year before I could afford a new one.
- This incident taught me to be very careful with my belongings while driving.
- Now I always keep my phone safely zipped inside my bag instead of my pocket.

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What kind of things are more likely to be broken by people at home?
I think people normally break smaller and more fragile items like glass cups, plates, or mirrors. Electronic gadgets like phones, laptops and remote controls also get damaged easily because people use them so often.

What kind of people like to fix things by themselves?
I think people who are patient and practical generally like things on their own. It requires a lot of patience and time to fix something especially if it's an electronic item. Some people also do it to save money.

Do you think clothes produced in the factory are of better quality than those made by hand?
Not always. Machine made products are consistent in size and finish. They are also cheaper but hand made products can be better in quality especially if they are made by skilled tailor.

Do you think handmade clothes are more valuable?
Yes, I think they are more valuable because they have a story behind them. They take more effort and time to produce and in a way they are unique. Even if the same person makes them, there is always a difference. So, I think I this uniqueness makes them more valuable.

Is the older generation better at fixing things?
It depends. I think with traditional items like clothes or furniture, older people are certainly better but the younger generation is better at fixing modern electronic items or software issues in mobile phones and computer.

Do you think elderly people should teach young people how to fix things?
Definitely, I think it's the only to preserve these skills which might otherwise be completely forgotten. Once, my mother added extra salt in a curry and my grandmother taught her to fix it by adding dough balls in it. Such knowledge and skills can only be passed down by the elderly. Also, it is a good for youngsters. It can help them save money, reduce waste and become independent.

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51. Describe a wild animal that you want to learn more about

You should say:
What it is
When/where you saw it
Why you want to learn more about it
And explain what you want to learn more about it

- I would like to learn more about the national animal of India, which is the Tiger.
- India has the largest population of tigers in the world.
- I first saw the tiger in the wild at Ranthambore National Park in Rajasthan.
- It is one of the biggest and most renowned national parks in Northern India.
- I went there with my family a few years ago.
- We were on a safari in a jeep, and at first, we thought we might not see one because they are usually hiding in the forest.
- But after almost one hour of waiting, a tiger appeared from behind the bushes.
- It was huge, with black and orange stripes, and it walked calmly across the road in front of us.
- I can never forget that breathtaking encounter.
- I was both excited and afraid because it was so near
- I want to learn more about tigers because they have such an important role in many ecosystems.
- They are the top predators in the food chain and help keep their habitats balanced by preying on other animals, mainly herbivores.
- Their numbers have gone down due to loss of forests, poaching, and hunting.
- Sadly, they are endangered and on the brink of extinction.
- I find them very fascinating because of how majestic and beautiful they look.
- I want to learn how they hunt and survive in the wild.
- I also want to know what steps are being taken in India to conserve them.
- I have heard about the wildlife conservation movement called Project Tiger.
- I want to understand how they track tiger population and how successful they have been in saving this species.
- I think learning more about tigers can also teach us about protecting nature and living in balance with it.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Why should we protect wild animals?
We should protect wild animals because they are essential for maintaining our ecosystem and keeping nature in balance. If they disappear, it can harm the whole environment and even people's lives. For example, if tigers disappear, the deer population would increase, which would harm the forests.

Why are some people more willing to protect wild animals than others?
Some people are more willing to protect animals because they care about nature and understand its importance. Others may be busy with their own lives and don't think about wild animals much in their daily life. Some are not even aware how serious the problem is.

Do you think it's important to take children to the zoo to see animals?
Yes, I think it's important to take children to the zoo because they can see real animals, not just pictures. They can observe animals closely and learn about them. Many zoos also have information sessions where zoo employees educate visitors about these animals.

Why do some people attach more importance to protecting rare animals?
It's because rare animals are close to extinction, and people feel they need to save them. If we lose them, they may never come back, so protecting them feels more urgent.

Should people educate children to protect wild animals?
Yes, children should be taught from a young age, as this will make them more responsible and caring towards nature when they grow up.

Is it more important to protect wild animals or the environment?
I think both are important because animals and the environment depend on each other. For example, if forests are cut down, animals lose their homes. On the other hand, if animals disappear, the ecosystem becomes weaker as animals keep the balance in nature.

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52. Describe a person you know who enjoys working for a family business (e.g. a shop, etc.)

You should say:
Who he/she is
What the business is
What his/her job is
And explain why he/she enjoys working there

- I would like to talk about my cousin sister Priya.
- She is older than me, and I have always looked up to her.
- She lives in the same town as me.
- She works in her parent's bakery.
- My uncle opened it 10 years ago, and Priya joined it five years ago after she finished college.
- The bakery is very small but very popular in our town because people
- know they will get fresh baked biscuits, pastries, cakes, and bread.
- Many customers are loyal to it because of the quality and excellent customer service.
- Her job in the bakery is quite varied.
- On some days, she is decorating cakes as she is very creative with icing and toppings.
- She loves designing cakes for special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries, and weddings.
- On other days, she helps at the counter, taking orders and serving customers.
- In addition, she handles the bakery's social media.
- In fact, she was the one who created the bakery's profile on different social media platforms.
- She takes pictures of the products and uploads them online.
- Because of this, more and more people have discovered the bakery.
- Priya enjoys working in the bakery because it allows her to combine work with her passion.
- She has always loved baking, and this is not just a job for her.
- She feels very proud when someone compliments her cake designs and shares them online.
- She also loves that she is contributing to the growth of her family business.
- Most importantly, she loves the atmosphere in the bakery and interacting with customers.
- She feels that she can even expand the business in the future.

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Would you like to start a family business?
Yes, I would like to start a family business, may be something related to food, like a restaurant or catering business. I know it would require a lot of hard work and responsibility. Everyone in my family could contribute their skills and ideas.

Would you like to work for a family business?
Yes, I would like to work for a family business as families are supportive and helpful. It's more comfortable to work with family members than with strangers. It is also a good way to learn practical skills and see how the business really works.

Why do some people choose to start their own company?
I think some people prefer to start their own company because they don't want to work under someone. They want the freedom and the flexibility that comes with owning your own company. Some do it because they think they can be profitable and earn much more than what they would in a regular job.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of family businesses?
One of the biggest advantages of family businesses is loyalty, as people are supportive of each other and want to see their business grow. They share the same values, and it is easy to cooperate and respect each other. One disadvantage is conflict, as sometimes personal issues can interfere with work.

What family businesses do you know in your local area?
I am from a small town, and there are many family businesses in my local area. My neighbour and his brother run a gift and stationery shop. It was started by their father, and now the two brothers have expanded and added another shop. Other family businesses in the area are restaurants, grocery stores, footwear, and garment shops. etc

What makes a successful family business?
A successful family business needs to have good communication among the family members and clearly defined roles, so there are no conflicts. They also need to keep up with the new trends so they can grow with time. For example, doing social media marketing along with regular marketing.

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53. Describe a long journey you had and would like to take again

You should say:
When/where you went
Who you had the journey with
Why you had the journey
And explain why you would like to have it again

- Well I am a person who is fond of travelling and I have done many long and short trips in my life.
- Whenever I have to go on a long trip I generally go by bus or train or by air.
- However, today I am going to talk about a long journey, which I did by car.
- Last year my cousin came from Canada and he wanted to see Rajasthan.
- My maternal aunt and uncle live in Jaipur
- So we decided to visit Jaipur in Rajasthan.
- It was too late for train reservation, as my cousin had come for two weeks only.
- My uncle has a Toyota Innova, which is a seven-seater car and so my father borrowed it from him for a week.
- We were six members - my father my mother my brother my cousin my uncle and I
- We started at 6 AM.
- During our journey, we halted at many places.
- We first stopped at Murthal, where there is a famous Motel, Jhilmil Dhaba, where we had our lunch
- Then we stopped at Delhi for tea.
- We had minor halts at one or two more places.
- We also played a lot of popular Punjabi songs during the trip and it kept us alive and kicking.
- Moreover, we did play some games as well.
- Finally, we reached my aunt's house by 7 PM.
- She had prepared sumptuous dinner for us.
- The next morning, we went for sightseeing.
- We saw many places such as the Hawa Mahal, City Palace, Amer fort, Maharani Palace and so on.
- The next day we went to Chokhi Dhani.
- This place has been the mirror of Rajasthani culture since 1989.
- We learned a lot about Rajasthani culture over there, and enjoyed the hospitality of my aunt and uncle.
- We returned home after one week.
- This road trip to Rajasthan will always hold pleasant memories for me.
- I would love to take this journey again because it was a perfect mix of family bonding, adventure and cultural experiences.
- Travelling by car gave us the freedom to stop anywhere and enjoy the road itself, not just the destination.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Do you think it is a good choice to travel by plane?
Well, yes, I think travelling by plane is a good choice when time is limited. It is the fastest way to cover long distances. For example, once we had to attend a wedding in South India, and by flight we reached in just three hours, but by train it would have taken two days. Of course, it can be expensive, so not everyone chooses it.

2. What are the differences between group travelling and travelling alone?
According to me, group travelling is more fun because you share experiences, and it feels safer. Travelling alone gives more freedom since you don't have to adjust to anyone's schedule. For instance, when I went with my friends to Shimla, it was very lively, but when I travelled alone once, I could explore at my own pace.

3. What do we need to prepare for a long journey?
I believe for a long journey, the most important thing is planning. You need to carry enough money, clothes, and medicines. Also, checking the vehicle or booking tickets in advance saves stress. Personally, I always pack some snacks and water because sometimes you don't get food easily on the way.

4. Why do some people like making long journeys?
Some people enjoy long journeys because they see them as an adventure. They like watching changing scenery and trying new experiences on the way. My uncle, for example, loves road trips because he feels the journey is as enjoyable as the destination. On the other hand, some people may find it tiring and boring.

5. Why do some people prefer to travel in their own country?
In my opinion, people prefer local travel because it feels easier and more affordable. They know the language, food, and culture, so there is less stress. For example, my parents mostly travel within India as they feel comfortable and safe here.

6. Why do some people prefer to travel abroad?
I think many people choose foreign travel because they want to experience different cultures and lifestyles. Visiting new countries feels exciting and educational. For instance, my cousin went to Europe last year and said he learned so much about history and traditions there, which is something you can't get by staying only in your country

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54. Describe a creative person (e.g. an artist, a musician, an architect, etc.) you admire

You should say:
Who he/she is
How you knew him/her
What his/her greatest achievement is
And explain why you think he/she is creative

- I think every person has some creative ability in him or her
- Some people show creativity in the kitchen, some in their kitchen gardens, some people show their creativity in decorating their house, some people are creative in the drawings or paintings they do, and some show creativity in the way they dress up.
- Here I would like to talk about a creative person who is my best friend Saloni's mother
- Her name is Ramanpreet and she is in her early fifties.
- She's always making something out of waste, things that we throw away.
- Whenever I go to her house she's always making something or the other.
- Saloni tells me that she never sits idle
- She always has a project in her hands
- She has made many things out of waste papers.
- I've seen beautiful decoration pieces made of 3-D origami which her mother has made, and they look spectacular
- I go to my friend's house very often and every time I see something new.
- Last time I went she was making tote bags out of old clothes.
- The tote bag she was making looked superb and was very sturdy
- Her mother told me once that the making tote bags out of old clothes is in fact upcycling old clothes and not recycling old clothes because the tote bags are used almost every day.
- She has gifted many tote bags to her relatives and friends, and everyone uses them every single day
- Now that single use plastics have been banned everyone should get a tote bag while going to the market
- I have also learnt many things from Saloni's mother
- I used to admire Saloni for her creativity but I realise that all the creativity has come from her mother.
- I think Saloni's mother is very creative because she can put just anything at home to use.
- She has made flowerpots from old used bottles and oil cans
- Her whole house is decorated with beautiful things and none of these have been bought from the market
- All these things are the result of her mother's creativity.

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1. Do you think children should learn to play musical instruments?
Yes, I think children should try learning instruments because it improves their patience and focus. It also gives them a creative outlet. For example, my younger brother plays the guitar, and I've noticed it helps him relax after school.

2. How do artists acquire inspiration?
Well, inspiration can come from many sources. Some artists get ideas from nature, while others are influenced by personal experiences. For example, a painter might get inspired by a sunset or even by daily struggles in life.

3. Do you think pictures and videos in news reports are important?
According to me, they are very important because they make the news more believable and easier to understand. A picture can show reality better than words sometimes. Of course, some people argue that visuals can be misleading if edited, but still, they are powerful.

4. What can we do to help children stay creative?
I believe children stay creative when they are given freedom to explore. Parents and teachers should not always push them towards studies only. For example, giving them time to draw, play music, or even build things keeps their imagination alive.

5. How does drawing help to enhance children's creativity?
Actually, drawing allows children to express what they feel without using words. It pushes them to think in a different way and create new ideas. I remember when I was small, I used to draw houses with flying cars, which showed how I imagined the future.

Do you think you are a creative person?
Yes, I am a creative person, but all my creativity is for myself only. Every day I creatively mix and match my old dresses and make them look new.
I also like to make pencil sketches out of my imagination and create different characters.

Is it good for children to learn arts?
Yes, it is very good for children to learn arts. Arts bring out their creativity and breaks the monotony of tough academic studies. Arts also keep children in touch with their culture and tradition.

What kind of jobs require people to be creative?
I think all jobs require people to be creative. If people are not creative then their job may become dull and boring after just a few days. If any job has to be done over and over again then some element of creativity has to be added to it. For example, an engineer needs to think of new ways to do things, the plumber needs to learn new things every day to make his work better and simpler, a carpenter needs to learn new ways of doing things that can add grace to his work, a teacher has to bring up innovative methods to teach so that children don't get bored

Do you think leaders need to have creative ability?
Yes, I think leaders need to have creative ability. If they are not creative, people then stop following them as they would appear boring to them, but if they add creativity to their work, to their talk, to the way they do things, then they will keep having followers.

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55. Describe a popular/well-known person in your country

You should say:
- Who is this person?
- What he/she has done
- Why he/she is popular
- And explain how you feel about this person

- India is a land of celebrities, with its vast population giving rise to many renowned personalities.
- Most of the popular people in India are either movie actors, cricketers, or politicians.
- Today I would like to talk about a sportsperson who has been a constant source of inspiration to me and the millions of other people in our country.
- His name is Virat Kohli, and he is a world-famous cricketer.
- He plays as a right-handed batsman and an occasional unorthodox right-arm quick bowler.
- He is 36 years old and is considered one of the greatest players in Indian Cricket history.
- He was the captain of the Indian cricket team in all formats of the game, including Test Cricket, One Day Internationals, and T20I.
- He retired from T20I format following India's win at the 2024 T20 World Cup.
- He is also ranked as one of the world's most famous athlete by the Forbes Magazine
- He led the Indian Under-19 team to victory in the 2008 World Cup.
- He made his debut for the national team at the age of 19 and since then he has never looked back and broken a lot of records.
- He holds the record for scoring the most centuries in ODI cricket and the second highest number of international centuries in international cricket, just behind Sachin Tendulkar.
- From a personality perspective, he is an aggressive player with a winning attitude and strong commitment towards the game.
- At the age of 18, he lost his father during a state level match but chose to continue batting to save his team. This incident reflects his dedication and mental strength.
- Apart from sports, Virat Kohli also does a lot of charity through his foundation which works for better education and healthcare of underprivileged children.
- His personal life also draws attention especially his marriage to Bollywood actress Anushka Sharma in a high-profile wedding in Italy in 2017.
- I deeply admire him for his commitment, passion, and resilience.
- He is a perfect example of how hard work and determination lead to success.
- I hope he continues to bring more glory to India in the years to come.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Do you think popular children will grow up to be popular adults?
Not all popular children grow up to be popular adults. Some may lose their fame as they grow older, while others might continue to succeed if they work hard. It all depends on their efforts and the opportunities they get in life.

Are there any disadvantages if a child is popular at school?
Yes, there can be disadvantages if a child is popular at school. They may experience jealousy from other students. It may be harder for them to make genuine friends. Also, they may feel stressed about keeping up their popularity.

What benefits are there when a child is popular at school?
When a child is popular at school, they often have many friends. They feel supported and enjoy a sense of belonging. This can boost their confidence and self-esteem.

Which one is more important, maintaining a good relationship with colleagues or doing well at work?
I think maintaining a good relationship with colleagues can make the work environment more welcoming and enjoyable. Doing well at work is important for personal growth but strong relationships can lead to better support and long-term success.

Are bosses more popular than employees at work?
Employees who are helpful and friendly can be more popular than strict bosses. On the other hand, an encouraging and supportive boss can be popular too. I think popularity at work depends on the personality of the person rather than their position.

What kinds of people are popular at work?
People who are approachable, friendly, and helpful are often popular. Those who perform well, share knowledge, have a positive attitude, and support their team are also well-liked in the workplace.

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56. Describe an outdoor sport you would like to do

You should say:
- What it is
- When/where you would like to do it
- With whom you would like to do it
- And explain why you would like to do it

- One outdoor sport I would love to try in the future is lawn tennis.
- I've never actually played it, but I've watched many tennis matches on TV and YouTube.
- I already know most of the rules, like how the scoring works — love, 15, 30, 40, and so on.
- I find the game really interesting and fast-paced.
- I've seen legendary players like Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, and Novak Djokovic.
- Their matches in the Grand Slam tournaments are always thrilling.
- My favourite tournament to watch is French — I love the clay court and the tradition behind it.
- I also enjoy watching the Australian Open and US Open.
- One reason I want to try lawn tennis is because it looks very classy and energetic at the same time.
- I think it's also a great way to stay fit, build stamina, and improve reflexes.
- There's a tennis court about 2 kilometers from my house, and I've often passed by it on my morning walks.
- I hope to join there soon, maybe for weekend practice.
- I would love to play with one of my sporty friends who already knows how to play.
- I'm sure I'll struggle a bit in the beginning, but I'm really excited to try it.
- In my childhood, I mostly played cricket with friends and at school, but tennis is something I've always admired from a distance.
- It's treated more like an elite sport in India, but it's slowly becoming more popular among youth.
- I once joked with my friend that if I play well, I'll go play in French open one day.
- Overall, tennis is a sport I haven't played yet, but I really look forward to learning and enjoying it

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1. What are the differences between indoor sports and outdoor sports?
Indoor sports are played inside a building, like badminton or table tennis, while outdoor sports like cricket or football are played outside. Outdoor games need more space and depend on weather. I feel outdoor sports give more fresh air and sunshine. But indoor games are good during bad weather.

2. Which outdoor sports are popular in India?
I think sports like cricket, football, and running are quite popular in India. Many people also enjoy Kabaddi in parks. The younger generation plays cricket, and elders prefer something slow and relaxing. Sports events like marathons are also common.

3. Which sports are popular among elderly people?
Elderly people usually like slow and low-impact sports like badminton, yoga, or slow running. These help with flexibility and keep the body active without much pressure. In my opinion, running in parks is the most common. It also allows them to meet friends.

4. Which outdoor sports are popular with children?
Children love to play games like cricket, football, and cycling. These are fun and help them stay fit. I remember when I was young, I played cricket every evening with my friends. It also helps them learn teamwork.

5. How does weather affect outdoor sports?
Weather plays a big role in outdoor sports. If it's raining or too hot, people can't play outside. Sometimes, games get canceled due to bad weather. That's why indoor options are always helpful.

6. Which sports can children do on rainy days?
On rainy days, children can play indoor games like chess, table tennis, or board games. Some schools also have indoor badminton courts. Personally, I used to enjoy playing carrom and ludo when it rained.

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57. Describe a film that made you laugh

You should say:

- What it is
- When you watched it
- Who you watched it with
- And explain why it made you laugh

- One film that made me laugh a lot is the Punjabi movie "Carry On Jatta."
- I first watched it during a movie night at my friend's house, just after our final exams got over.
- We all wanted to relax and have fun, so we planned a night out with snacks, cold drinks, and of course, a comedy movie.
- One of my friends suggested Carry On Jatta and I'm so glad we went with that choice.
- The movie is about a man who falls in love and tries to hide his marriage from his crazy lawyer father.
- The entire movie is full of confusion, lies, and hilarious situations.
- The direction, script, and comic timing of the actors are just perfect.
- Gippy Grewal, Binnu Dhillon, and Gurpreet Ghuggi did an amazing job in their roles.
- Some dialogues were so funny that we had to pause the movie because we couldn't stop laughing.
- My favourite part was the last scene where the entire star cast comes together and all the confusion is revealed — it's pure chaos and comedy.
- I have watched this movie at least 20 times now.
- Honestly, I remember many of the dialogues word-for-word — that's how many times I've seen it!
- It's considered one of the funniest movies in Punjabi cinema history.
- The film also had two sequels, but honestly, they were not as good as the first one.
- Even now, whenever I'm in a bad mood, I just play Carry On Jatta and it cheers me up.
- Watching it with friends made the experience even better — we kept laughing and making jokes all night.
- It's one of those movies that never gets old no matter how many times you watch it.
- Overall, Carry On Jatta gave me a memory full of fun and laughter that I'll never forget.

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1. Do people like comedy?
Yes, most people enjoy comedy because it makes them feel happy and relaxed. After a long day, laughing helps reduce stress. I believe comedy shows and movies are popular worldwide. Some even use humor to deal with serious topics.

2. Why do people of all ages like cartoons?
Cartoons are simple and fun to watch. Children like them for colors and stories, and adults like the memories they bring. Some cartoons even have smart jokes for adults. So, everyone finds something to enjoy.

3. Why do some people like to make others laugh?
I think such people enjoy spreading happiness. When others laugh, it creates a good feeling for them too. Also, being funny can make someone popular and liked. But some people use humor in the wrong way, which is not good.

4. Should teachers tell jokes in class?
Yes, sometimes jokes help students stay focused. A little humor makes the learning environment friendly. But too many jokes can disturb the class. So, balance is important.

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58. Describe a place in your country or part of your country that you would like to recommend to visitors/travelers

You should say:

- What it is
- Where it is
- What people can do there
- And explain why you would like to recommend it to visitors/travellers

- One place I would highly recommend to visitors is Amritsar, a holy city located in Punjab, India.
- It is most famous for the Golden Temple, also known as Harmandir Sahib.
- I still remember the first time I visited Amritsar — I was 14 years old, and it left a deep impression on me.
- Even though there are thousands of people inside the temple complex at all times, the place feels so peaceful and calm.
- I often sit by the sarovar (holy pond) and just meditate or reflect — the energy there is truly special.
- At night, the golden reflection of the temple in the water looks absolutely mesmerising — like something out of a dream.
- One of the most inspiring things about this place is the Langar, or community kitchen.
- Every single day, lakhs of people eat together, regardless of caste, religion, or background — it gives a strong message that everyone is equal.
- Apart from spiritual experiences, Amritsar is also the food capital of India.
- Whether you're vegetarian or non-vegetarian, there's something for every kind of foodie here.
- From butter naan, which is a soft flatbread, to Amritsari fish to chole kulche (spicy chickpeas, served with soft flatbread) — you name it, and it's mouthwatering!
- There are also other historical places like Jallianwala Bagh, which reminds us of India's painful past.
- Another unique experience is watching the beating retreat ceremony at Wagah Border — the energy, the crowd, the patriotic feeling, everything is unforgettable.
- The best time to visit Amritsar is between October and March, when the weather is pleasant.
- I would say spending 2 to 3 days is perfect to enjoy the city fully.
- I often recommend this city to my friends and even international tourists who ask me about Indian culture.
- It's a perfect blend of faith, food, history, and patriotism — all in one place.
- Amritsar is not just a destination; it's an emotion, and I truly believe everyone should visit it at least once in their life.

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1. Is it important to take photos while traveling?
Yes, photos help keep memories alive. I always take pictures when I travel. They also help me share experiences with family and friends. But some people feel taking too many photos can spoil the moment.

2. Can you trust other people's travel journals on the Internet?
Sometimes they are helpful, but not always. Some reviews are fake or too personal. I prefer to check multiple sources before planning. Once I booked a hotel based on reviews, and it was very different.

3. What factors affect how people feel about traveling?
Things like budget, time, and company matter a lot. If the weather is good and people enjoy food and sightseeing, they feel happy. But if there's too much crowd or bad service, the experience becomes poor.

4. Will you go to a foreign country to travel because of the distinct landscape?
Yes, I love to see new natural places. Mountains, beaches, and forests are very exciting to me. I hope to visit Switzerland one day just to see the snow and lakes. The beauty of a place attracts many tourists.

5. How can tourists have a good travel experience?
They should plan properly and keep important things like ID, tickets, and money safe. Also, they should respect local culture and try local food. A positive attitude also helps in enjoying the trip.

6. What kinds of comments do travelers typically leave online after a trip?
Mostly people write about hotel experience, food, and places they visited. They also give tips for future visitors. Sometimes, if they had a bad experience, they warn others. I always check such reviews before booking.

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59. Describe a sports event you would like to watch

You should say:

- What it is
- Who you want to watch with
- Why you want to watch it
- And explain how you feel about it

- One sports event I would love to watch live is the Olympic Games in the USA in 2028.
- I recently watched the Paris Olympics 2024 on television, and it was such a proud moment for me.
- I felt really happy when Neeraj Chopra won a medal in javelin throw again.
- I was also proud of our hockey team and Manu Bhaker in shooting — they made the country proud.
- The Olympics is the biggest sports event on the planet, with athletes from almost every country competing.
- It's more than just a sports competition — it's a celebration of talent, unity, and hard work.
- I would love to go there with my best friend, who is also a huge sports fan like me.
- We've always dreamed of attending a live Olympic event and cheering for India from the stands.
- The opening ceremony is something I don't want to miss — it's full of music, dance, lights, and amazing performances.
- I read that every Olympics creates a sports village where all the athletes live together, and it's like a mini world of its own.
- The 2028 Olympics will be held in Los Angeles, USA, which is also a place I want to visit for a long time.
- Watching the Olympics live in the USA would be like two dreams coming true at once.
- I believe it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and that's why it's on my bucket list.
- The first modern Olympics were held in 1896, and since then it has become the most respected sports event globally.
- I love how the Olympics promote peace, equality, and sportsmanship among nations.
- Watching the world's best athletes compete live would be an experience I will never forget.
- I hope I get a chance to watch the 2028 Olympics in person and be part of this global celebration.
- Just thinking about it gives me goosebumps — it would be a dream come true.

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1. What kinds of sports events are broadcast on TV or other media in your country?
In my country, cricket is the most popular on TV. Apart from that, people also watch football, kabaddi, and hockey. During big events like the Olympics or World Cup, even non-sports fans watch. Sports channels show highlights all the time.

2. Do people in your country enjoy watching football games?
Yes, especially young people. Though cricket is more famous, football is growing fast. Big matches like FIFA finals attract a lot of viewers. I also enjoy watching Messi and Ronaldo play.

3. Does encouragement and applause from the audience have an impact on athletes?
Definitely. It boosts their energy and confidence. When the crowd cheers, athletes feel more motivated. But too much noise can also cause pressure sometimes.

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60. Describe a person's house/apartment that you think is very good

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What the house/apartment is like
- How often you visit there
- And explain why you think it's very good

- I think that building a dream house is an ambition of almost every person in the world, and today I would like to talk about the house of one of my uncle's friend.
- The house is located in one of the posh localities of Chandigarh.
- In fact, it is just one km away from the famous Sukhna lake which is a big tourist attraction in our city and most of the city residents love to go there for a morning walk.
- My uncle's friend who has recently returned from Canada, bought this house last year.
- He had worked in Canada for almost 30 years before deciding to settle back in India.
- It took him almost one year to get the house renovated according to his liking.
- Also, I believe that he has spent a fortune on purchasing and rebuilding this property.
- It is a two-storey corner house with 3 bedrooms and a living room on each floor, and from the outside, it looks like a 20th century luxury English Villa.
- There is ample parking space for 4 cars and a huge lawn in the front.
- Apart from it, the house is equipped with all the modern amenities that one could dream of.
- There is an indoor gym, a mini home theater, and a jacuzzi on the rooftop.
- All the rooms have huge glass windows which allow a lot of natural light to come into the house and there is good ventilation as well.
- My uncle's friend is a technocrat, so, he has installed a lot of smart electronic devices in his home and he is able to control most of them through his mobile phone.
- For example, he can turn on the lights, open the curtains and control the conditioning, all with the click of a button.
- Moreover, my uncle's friend is also fond of gardening so he has planted many flowers and exotic plants in his garden. He has also kept a lot of indoor plants in the house.
- I absolutely love each and every corner of the house, there is nothing to dislike about it because so much attention to detail has been given to all the aspects such as interior design, décor, and space utilization.

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1 What are the differences between buildings in the city and in the countryside?
The primary difference is that buildings in cities have limited outdoor spaces and congested rooms whereas the countryside buildings have more spacious rooms and large outdoor areas. Moreover the high rise apartments are found in cities only, while the rural areas have maximum 2-3 storey buildings

2 Do you prefer to live in the city or in the countryside?
I prefer to live in the city because it offers better amenities and also more opportunities and experiences. City life is more fast, entertaining and with so many possibilities and things to experience. Comparitively, the life in rural areas is dull and boring where individuals are restricted to doing certain activities only.

3 What safety risks are there in residential buildings in cities?
The main risk is of fire, especially in high rise buildings. Fire incident on one floor could spell disaster for people living on the higher floors and could lead to a great loss of life.

4 Is it expensive to decorate a house or an apartment in the place where you live?
Yes it has become very expensive to decorate one's house or apartment these days. The cost of furniture and decorative items has skyrocketed. Also, the indoor plants which play an important role in decoration have beome expensive these days.

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61. Describe a time when you forgot/missed an appointment

You should say:

- What the appointment was for
- Who you made it with
- Why you forgot/missed it
- And explain how you felt about the experience

- Well, I usually do remember things as I have got a good memory but sometimes, I tend to forget even important things if my life is already disturbed.
- I remember an incident when I forgot my appointment with the dentist.
- It was during the time of placements in college, and we all were very nervous and preparing for it.
- There were placement classes going on and many things were on my high priority list.
- It was during this time, I forgot to visit my dentist.
- I had braces on my teeth and the dentist used to change the bands on them every month.
- But during that time, I was really stressed because of the placements and the dentist's appointment totally skipped through my mind.
- Later, I got a call from my dentist reminding me that I had missed my appointment.
- I felt very bad about missing that appointment.
- I apologized to him for not being able to reach on that day and asked him for another appointment for the next day.
- Thankfully his schedule for the next day was free and he rescheduled the appointment.
- I also put a reminder on my phone so that I do not forget the appointment again.
- The next day the dentist told me that if I had delayed the appointment further, it would have affected my treatment.
- I realized that this is what pressure handling is all about
- You need to do things and yet make sure that you are still balanced and not missing out on other important things.

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1. Is punctuality important to people?
Yes, being on time shows respect and discipline. In schools and offices, it's a must. I try to be punctual always, but sometimes traffic causes delays. Some people don't take it seriously, which creates problems.

2. What do you think is a good way to record things? Why?
I think using a phone app or writing in a notebook helps. It reminds us about tasks. I use my phone's calendar to track appointments. This helps me stay organised.

3. Which is more important, a work-related appointment or an appointment with a friend? Why?
Work meetings are usually more serious and time-bound. But meeting a friend is important too for mental health. I think it depends on the situation. Both are important in life.

4. If someone doesn't really like whom they are going to meet, they may deliberately miss their appointment. Is that true? Why?
Yes, it happens. If people feel uncomfortable, they try to avoid such meetings. I have done it once when I didn't want to meet a distant cousin. It's not a good habit, though.

5. Do you think people should remember family history?
Yes, family history connects us to our roots. It also tells us about culture and values. My grandfather used to share stories, and I found them interesting. It's good to pass them to the next generation.

6. How do people who are busy remember things they need to do?
They use mobile apps, alarms, or sticky notes. I also keep a to-do list on my phone. This saves time and avoids forgetting. Some people still prefer writing in diaries.

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62. Describe a person who you think wears unusual clothes

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How you knew this person
- What his/her clothes are like
- And explain why you think his/her clothes are unusual

- I would like to talk about my neighbour, who is a fashion designer and definitely stands out because of his clothes.
- He is in his early thirties and has a very vibrant personality.
- He completed his graduation in fashion designing from the National Institute of Fashion Design, one of the best in the country.
- I've known him for around 5 years, ever since he moved into the house next to ours.
- He always wears clothes that are very different and eye-catching.
- Most of the time, he's dressed in bright colours like orange, purple, neon green — colours that normal people hesitate to wear.
- He mixes traditional and modern styles in such a unique way that you can't ignore him.
- Honestly, if you're in a crowd, he's the easiest person to spot.
- I have never seen him wearing simple jeans and a t-shirt like most people do.
- His outfits are always designer wear, and he even designs clothes for celebrities and films.
- He is very passionate about his work and takes fashion very seriously.
- He has travelled to Paris, which is considered the fashion capital of the world, for fashion events.
- He also attends fashion shows regularly and gets a lot of appreciation for his creativity.
- One time, he gifted me a yellow coloured suit that was too bold for my taste.
- I still haven't worn it in public because I feel people might start calling me a banana!
- He also wears a lot of accessories, like hats, scarves, jewellery – things that we usually don't wear every day.
- Sometimes his clothes look a bit weird to me, but they are definitely fashionable and trendy.
- Even though his style is not for everyone, I respect his confidence and creativity.
- I think his fashion sense is unusual, but it also makes him unique and memorable

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1. What are the differences between clothes worn by old people and those by young people?
Older people prefer simple and traditional clothes. Youngsters like trendy and colourful outfits. For example, my grandmother wears suits, while my sister wears jeans and tops. Comfort is the key for both.

2. What kind of clothes do people wear in the workplace?
It depends on the job. In offices, people wear formal clothes like shirts and trousers. But in creative fields, people wear casual or stylish outfits. Uniforms are also common in some places.

3. Do you think it is a good idea to buy clothes online?
Yes and no. It's easy and saves time, but sometimes size or quality is not right. I once ordered a jacket online, and it was too tight. Trying in-store is safer.

4. Do you think young people wear unusual clothes more than other age groups?
Yes, young people love to experiment with fashion. They follow trends and social media influencers. Sometimes they wear clothes that look strange to elders. But that's how they express themselves.

5. Do you think that the style of the clothing is more important than its comfort?
I think comfort is more important. If something looks stylish but is uncomfortable, it's hard to wear all day. For example, tight shoes can cause pain. But some people prefer looking good over feeling good.

6. What factors affect people's decisions when buying clothes?
Price, comfort, style, and brand all matter. Weather also plays a role. During winters, people buy warm clothes. Sales and offers also affect buying decisions.

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63. Describe your favorite place in your house where you can relax

You should say:

- Where it is
- What it is like
- What you enjoy doing there
- And explain why you feel relaxed at this place

- It is undeniable that life is becoming more and more stressful day by day.
- So, I think relaxation is really important in our life.
- Different people do different thing to feel relaxed.
- I personally like to do yoga every morning to relax myself.
- I do this in the small balcony adjoined to my room.
- I do this for many reasons.
- Firstly, there are many trees in the vicinity.
- Also, I do it in the morning, so I can hear the birds chirping.
- As such I feel like I am spending time with nature.
- It has a very calming effect.
- Secondly, yoga itself is the best form of relaxation.
- It is a mind body exercise which involves physical poses, controlled breathing and meditation.
- The combination of all three has a very soothing effect on our mind.
- Its as if we feel refreshed and renewed.
- Controlling breathing and meditation helps to silence the mind.
- It is a beautiful feeling thinking about nothing.
- Finally, I have painted the balcony and decorated it with my own hands.
- Whenever I spend time there I feel like I can see the efforts of my labour.
- In turn, it makes me feel like I can achieve anything I put my heart to.
- Sometimes, I just there with a hot cup of tea and read the newspaper.
- I don't know why but I feel I can concentrate a lot better when I am in the balcony.
- For all these reasons, I find my rooms balcony as the best place to relax in my house.

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1. Why is it difficult for some people to relax?
Because they are always thinking about work or problems. Their mind doesn't stop. I think meditation can help. But not everyone has time or patience for it.

2. What are the benefits of doing exercise?
Exercise keeps the body fit and mind fresh. It also helps in reducing stress. I feel happy after a walk. Even 30 minutes a day can make a big difference.

3. Do people in your country exercise after work?
Some do, but not everyone. Many are tired after office and skip exercise. I try to go for a walk in the evening. Gyms are also popular now.

4. What is the place where people spend most of their time at home?
Mostly in the living room or bedroom. These are places to relax and watch TV. Some people also spend time in the kitchen if they love cooking.

5. Do you think there should be classes for training young people and children how to relax?
Yes, today's kids have a lot of pressure. Teaching them yoga or meditation can help. Even small breathing exercises can improve focus and reduce stress.

6. Which is more important, mental relaxation or physical relaxation?
Both are important, but I think mental relaxation matters more. If your mind is peaceful, your body also feels better. A tired body can rest, but a tired mind needs more care.

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64. Describe a popular place for sports (e.g. a stadium) that you've been to

You should say:

- Where it is
- When you went there
- What you did there
- And explain how you felt about this place

- I belong to Chandigarh and there are many places in my city where one can go to play sports or do some outdoor physical activity.
- Some of them include international cricket stadiums, hockey stadiums and government run sports complexes, where one can play a variety of sports like lawn tennis, badminton, squash, swimming, etc.
- Today I would like to talk about the Lake Sports Complex which is located near Sukhna lake, and I went to play Lawn tennis over there.
- This Complex was earlier known as Lake Club and was set up in 1961 making it one of the oldest sporting clubs in the city.
- It is said to be spread over 10 acres of land and is one of the most popular Sports Centre of our city
- It is the single largest center that houses the facilities of gym, squash, tennis, table tennis, billiards, archery, swimming, squash and a hi-tech gym having imported machines and access for using other club facilities
- I got to know about the sports club from one of my school friends who is a member at the club.
- I love playing badminton and I am one of the biggest fans of Indian badminton player, P V Sindhu.
- One day, PV Sindhu had come to Chandigarh, and she was playing a practice game with a local badminton player at the complex.
- I thought I might not get the opportunity to meet her.
- So, I requested my friend to take me, so I can watch her match.
- My friend could go inside as he was a member.
- It was an amazing match.
- Though it was friendly, both players gave it their all.
- Of course, PV Sindhu won in the end.
- I got her autograph after the match.
- Watching her and getting her autograph was a like a dream come true.
- After she left, my friend and I also played a match.
- The complex has amazing facilities.
- The best part was the changing rooms and shower.
- There was a sauna and steam room next to showers.
- We sat in the sauna for 15 mins, and it felt so refreshing and relaxing.
- It was an amazing experience.
- It was a bittersweet feeling, I was happy that I got to meet my idol, but I was also sad that the day was over.

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1. Do young people like to play sports?
Yes, many young people like playing sports as sports are fun and exciting and they are also a good way to spend quality time with friends. However, it is not universal. There are many youngsters who don't like playing sports.

2. What are the benefits of sports for children?
First and foremost, sports are a great form of physical activity and unlike going to the gym, playing sports is fun. Secondly, winning in sports boosts confidence and motivation. Finally, sports helps in making friends and develop bonds with teammates.

3. Is it necessary to build public sports spaces?
Yes, I think it is all the more important in today's time. As population has increased, grounds and empty spaces in cities have vanished and because of increasing traffic, it is also unsafe for children to play on streets. So, it is very important for governments to build public sports spaces.

4. What do you think of companies donating sports venues for poor children?
I think it is a very good idea. It is a win-win for both companies and children from poor background. For children of course it would provide them with the sports facilities they lack, while for companies, it would be a great opportunity to improve their brand image. Moreover, donation also lowers tax burden on the companies considerably.

5. Is technology helpful in playing sports?
Yes, I believe technology is certainly helpful in every field including sports. We have already seen the use of technology in tracking statistics in professional sports. It is also useful for players to improve their physical form for playing.

6. Do you think local sports teams can help increase community connections?
Yes, sports are a great unifier. They bring people from all backgrounds together regardless of their religion, their background or their ethnicity. Recent research has also shown how sports have helped in tackling problems like racism in many countries.

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65. Describe a time when you saw a lot of plastic waste (e.g. in a park, on the beach, etc.)

You should say:
- Where and where you saw the plastic waste
- Why there were a lot of plastic waste
- What you did after you saw them
- And explain what your thoughts were about this

- Recently, I visited Leh, a hill station in Ladakh.
- It became a really popular tourist destination after the movie 3 idiots was released because some of the movie scenes were shot there.
- During these summer vacations, my parents and I went there.
- While travelling in Leh we saw huge mountains of plastic waste near a popular lake.
- At first, I thought the problem is the lack of dustbins.
- However, it was just the tip of the problem.
- Someone told us that each day more than 30,000 plastic bottles are dumped in Leh.
- And there has been a sudden rise due to the increase in tourism.
- There are no plastic recycling plants nearby and so there is no place to dump all the plastic.
- The only solution is for the government to transport it back to big cities, with recycling facilities, or the government to build a recycling plant there.
- However, both options are quite costly.
- The government has started asking tourists to take the plastic bottles back with them instead of throwing them there.
- I think the visit to Leh opened my eyes to the dark side of tourism.
- Sometimes, these small places do not have the capacity to accommodate so many tourists.
- I never thought about it from this perspective before.
- Although I know, personally I don't think I can make a big difference, I have stopped drinking from mineral water bottles if cleaner alternatives are available.

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1. Do you think we should use plastic products?

We should but we can't. I know plastic is not good for the environment, but there are not many good alternatives to plastic. So, I believe we can't stop using plastic completely. Only when we develop a good environment alternative to plastic, we can using it.

2. How can we reduce our use of plastic?

Firstly, we can completely stop using single use plastic like plastic bags, plastic cutlery and so on. People can be encouraged to carry their own cloth bags when they go shopping. Some countries like India have already made laws for this. Apart from this, I think governments can encourage recycling of plastic products like bottles, so that they are not dumped indiscriminately.

3. What kinds of plastic waste are often seen in your country?

The main plastic waste is of course plastic bags and bottles. There are certain cities like Delhi, which have these plastic waste mountains. However, in recent years, the government has taken steps to reduce this – like ban on use of single use plastic.

4. Why do people like to use plastic products?

The main reason is that they are cheaper For example, plastic bottles are a lot cheaper than glass or steel bottles. Secondly, plastic is more durable, it doesn't break easily. So, parents don't have to worry about children dropping plastic plates or bottles.

5. What can the government do to reduce plastic pollution?

Like I said before government can make laws on ban of single use plastics and strictly enforce laws. Moreover, government can encourage recycling of plastic waste.

6. Do you think we can do without plastic altogether in the future?

Maybe, if scientists are able to develop an alternative to plastic that is eco-friendly but at the same time fulfils all the functions of plastic. I see it happening but not anytime soon.

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66. Describe a city you have been to and would like to visit again

You should say:

- When you visited
- What you did there
- What is was like
- And explain why you would like to visit it again

- I am still young and I haven't visited a lot of places.
- However, last year I went to Shimla with my friend, Rohit.
- I had an amazing experience in Shimla
- Shimla is the capital of Himachal Pradesh and it is located in the foothills of Himalayas.
- My friend's uncle has a holiday house in Shimla and he offered to let us stay there for a few days.
- We both had never visited Shimla and we wanted a break from the intense summer heat so we jumped at the opportunity.
- We spent a total of three days there.
- Shimla is a wonderful place.
- The best thing is of course the weather.
- Even in peak summer, the temperature there never crossed 25 degrees Celsius.
- It was so relaxing.
- In my hometown, it is so hot that one cannot even go out before 6 PM.
- There we spent the whole day outdoors.
- Shimla has a lot of tourist attractions.
- The main is the Mall Road.
- It is pedestrian only road and vehicles are not allowed on this road.
- It has a number of showrooms, stores, cafes and restaurant.
- One can spend a whole week there without feeling bored.
- Also, the food is amazing as well.
- My favourite shop was a café.
- It's called honey hut and they serve coffees with honey instead of sugar.
- We spent two days on this road exploring the different shops and enjoying the delicious food.
- There is also the famous Jakhu temple.
- It located on the top of one of the hills there.
- My friend's mother was very adamant that we visit the temple once at least.
- I think that's the whole reason she allowed us to go.
- She wanted us to go there.
- It is believed that a visit to this temple brings a lot of good luck.
- So, one day we went there.
- The view of the city from the temple is breathtaking.
- We had booked return train tickets for the 4th day because we thought we might get bored.
- However, it was exactly the opposite on the 4th day.
- Instead of feeling bored, we felt like we missed out on so much because we came back too soon.
- I really want to go there again.
- Its summer again and I hope my friend's uncle extends us the invitation again.

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1. What are the differences between the city and the countryside?

Both cities and countryside areas have their own advantages and disadvantages. Villages are less crowded, less polluted and have less crime, but cities offer better facilities and better job and education opportunities.

2. Some people say large cities are more suitable for old people. What do you think?

In some ways, yes. There are many advantages of big cities for old person's perspective. To begin with, big cities have better public transportation facilities reducing the need for car ownership. Apart from this, they have good healthcare facilities and easy access to public facilities like libraries and senior centres to keep elderly engaged. However, this is no true for every large cities and drawbacks like high costs, crime and social isolation in cities can make cities unsuitable as well.

3. Do you think it is possible that all of the population move to cities?

No, I don't think it is possible and I don't think it is a good idea either. It is n not possible as there are many people who hate the fast paced life of cities and love spending time in proximity to nature. Many people are actually shifting back to rural areas for these reasons. Moreover, rural to urban migration is leading to a lot of problems like congestion and high crime rates and this can worsen these problems even further, so I don't see it as a sensible idea.

4. Do you think people in the countryside are friendlier than people in the city?

Yes, I think people in the countryside have more free time as they don't need to spend lots of time in travelling. Moreover, there is less stress because of the slower pace of life in general. These factors make rural people more friendly.

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67. Describe an argument two of yours friends had

You should say:

- When it happened
- What it was about
- How it was solved
- Explain how you felt about it

- Normally me and most of friends are on the same page when it comes to career goals.
- But one day, two of my friends, Ravi and Amit got into a heated discussion on whether it is better to stay in India or go abroad after completing education.
- The argument started casually while we were all sitting in the campus café, discussing our future plans.
- Ravi had just got the Canadian visa to pursue his master's degree there and he was really excited about it.
- He believed that going abroad would give him better employment opportunities, more exposure and a better quality of life.
- On the other hand, Amit was strongly against the idea of leaving India.
- He believed that because of people like Ravi leaving India, it was leading to brain drain and slowing down India's development.
- He believed people should contribute to one's own country.
- What began as a normal conversation quickly turned into an argument.
- Ravi called Amit short-sighted and Amit called Ravi selfish and money-minded.
- Soon, their tones became tense, and the rest of us felt quite awkward.
- Later that day, a mutual friend helped calm things down by reminding both of them that their goals and priorities were simply different.
- They realised that it's not about being right or wrong, but just having a different perspective.
- Thankfully, it didn't dent their friendship, and they still support each other's decisions.
- In fact, Amit came to drop off Ravi at the airport when he went to Canada.

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1. Do you think arguments are important?

Yes, I genuinely believe arguments are not just about winning or fighting, they are really important for a person's overall growth. To begin with, arguments help resolve conflicts as they help clarify misunderstandings. Also, arguments help us to improve our communication skills as they require us to express ourselves clearly and persuasively. Finally, they help us to develop logical reasoning and thinking as they help us to critically analyse evidence and facts.

2. What do family members usually have arguments about?

There are many things that have arguments about. I think main ones are about responsibilities, someone feeling overburdened or someone not doing their half. It can also be about finances, like spending on non-essential items. Also, there are many arguments about tone- people don't necessarily with what was said, but the way in it was said. All these can lead to arguments.

3. Is it easier for you to have arguments with your family or with your friends?

I believe it is easier to have arguments with people with care about more. I have the most arguments with my parents and my sister because I care about them the most. We all have high expectations from each other and when they are not met, it leads to arguments.

4. Do you think people should change the way they think when they having arguments?

No, I don't think they should change the way they think, but they should listen to others calmly and think about their perspective before responding. Arguments should settle conflicts but if we stop listening to others, they can also exacerbate conflicts rather than resolving them.

5. When two people have an argument, do you think they should find a third party to ask for advice?

It depends on the third party or person. If it is a person, they both trust and respect, asking a third party is definitely a good idea. Ultimately, I think it is better to involve others only if we have absolute trust in that person to be impartial.

6. What qualities make a good lawyer?

I think the most important quality is good communication skills. To represent a client and get him or her justice, the lawyer must be able to present his case with utmost clarity. Apart from communication skills, I think a lawyer must be able to critically and logically analyse the situation, so they can defend their position and question the other side's arguments. Finally, I think they should have honesty and integrity, so they don't buckle down in tough situations.

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68. Describe a person from a different cultural background with whom you enjoy spending time

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- Where he/she is from
- Where/how you knew him/her
- And explain how you feel about him/her

- I'd like to talk about my friend Tarun, who comes from Kerala, a state in South India. Although we are both Indian, our cultural backgrounds are quite different.
- I'm from North India, and the customs, language, food, and even festivals vary significantly between our regions.
- I met Tarun during my undergraduate studies in Delhi.
- We were assigned to the same project group in our first semester, and that's how we became friends.
- At first, I was quite curious about his background, especially because he spoke Malayalam a language completely unknown to me.
- He also followed traditions that were completely new to me.
- What I really enjoy about spending time with Tarun is that he's very warm and open minded.
- He often shares stories about life in Kerala—how they celebrate Onam with beautiful flower arrangements and boat races, and how coconut is a key ingredient in almost every dish there. I've even had the chance to try some delicious South Indian meals like Uthappam with him. In return, I've introduced him to North Indian festivals like Holi and Diwali and we often exchange jokes about the differences in our lifestyles.
- Despite our cultural differences, we share similar values when it comes to friendship, respect, and curiosity about the world.
- Spending time with Tarun has really opened my eyes to the rich diversity within Indian.
- It has helped me appreciate our multicultural society.
- I feel grateful to have a friend like him our conversations are always meaningful, and I genuinely enjoy learning from his experiences.

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1. Is it easy to meet people from different cultural background in your country?
It depends on the city people are living in. The big cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chandigarh, Chennai and Kolkata are home to a number of foreigners. So, if a person resides there, it is easy, otherwise, in small cities, towns and villages, it is not. Moreover, it is also easy to meet foreigners in tourist hubs like Goa and Kashmir.

2. What do people from different cultural background usually talk about with each other?
I think people normally start with background and origins like where the other person is from, they talk about each other's culture – similarities and differences. Another topic of conversation is food. Tourists normally ask recommendations for good restaurants and popular and unique local dishes. Gradually as trust develop, they talk about family and other things.

3. Is it good to live in a multicultural society?
Yes, living in a multicultural society is certainly beneficial but it does come with certain challenges as well. It broadens people's horizons and makes them more broad minded and accepting of others. At the same time, there are problems like discrimination and racism that come along with it and steps need to be taken to actively deal with them.

4. What are the advantages of being friends with people from different cultural background?
It broadens people's horizons and makes them more broad minded and accepting of others. It also gives an opportunity to learn about new languages, holidays, customs, food and music. It is like learning another culture without needing to travel.

5. Why do people choose to travel or live abroad?
There are many reasons. Apart from learning about another culture, people do it for better employment and education opportunities. Besides that, people go for a better quality of life. The quality of life in developed countries like the US, UK and America is certainly better.

6. What are the benefits of living in another country?
Like I said before, it makes people more broad minded and accepting of others. It is also one of the best way to learn and polish one's language skills. Finally, it may lead to a better quality of life in certain cases. For example, if the person moves to a developed country from a developing country.

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69. Describe a website you often visit

You should say:

- What it is about
- How you found out about it
- How often you visit it
- And explain why you often visit it

- I surf the internet very often, in fact daily.
- There are many websites which help us to do many things.
- Here I would like to talk about a website through which you can find videos to do almost
- anything
- It is youtube.com
- Whenever I have to do something, which I have not done before, I search a video on this
- site, and believe me ma'am, there are many to choose from
- My friend sent me a video of 3D origami once, and I was amazed to see the clear
- instructions.
- It has helped me in many ways.
- I have done many school assignments with the help of YouTube videos.
- If I like any channel on YouTube, I subscribe to it and then get that channel's updates in my e-
- mail.
- Recently, I baked a cake by watching a you tube video.
- It turned out perfect.
- It was an eggless chocolate cake.
- I bought all the ingredients, such as self-rising flour, cocoa powder, baking powder,
- condensed milk, vanilla extract.
- Once my mother was not at home.
- I made rice by watching a video.
- That too turned out perfect.
- Videos are better than oral or written instructions.
- So this is the website, which has helped me many times to do something.

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1. What are the most popular and least popular apps in India?

The most popular apps are social media apps like WhatsApp and Instagram, food delivery apps like Zomato and Swiggy and payment apps like Paytm and Google Pay. It is difficult to talk about least popular apps but I think specific software apps are less popular as they a have limited audience. Also, Chinese apps like TikTok are banned because of security concerns, so they have lost popularity in recent years.

2. What's the differences between the internet and television?

The main difference is how they distribute content and how users interact with it. Television is a one way medium – it offers prescheduled content, whereas the internet offers interaction with the users. People chose the content they want to watch on the internet.

3. Why do some people like to read news on the internet instead of getting it from TV?

I think it is because they are interested in a certain specific news rather than news about everything. Moreover, there is an inherent bias in television news, some channels definitely favour certain political views. Many people want to form their opinion independently and the internet offers them that.

4. Are libraries still necessary? Why?

Yes, because libraries are not only about books, but more importantly offer a peaceful and distraction free environment, where people can focus on their studies and work. As the noise and disturbance around us has increased, the importance of libraries has also increased.

5. What kinds of people would still go to the library to read and study?

I think people who need a more formal environment to read and study would still prefer to go the libraries. Moreover, I think people who don't have a peaceful environment at home, would still go to the libraries. For example, homes with naughty children.

6. What are the differences between old people and young people when they use the internet?

Primarily, the elderly use the internet mainly for practical and communication purposes, while youngsters use it more for social interaction and entertainment. However, as the elderly get more comfortable with technology, the difference is disappearing.

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70. Describe a sports competition you watched

You should say:

- What it was
- When/where you watched it
- Who you watched it with
- And explain whether you enjoyed it

- I don't normally watch sports competitions apart from cricket.
- However, when I was in 10th standard, my school's football reached the final of the Punjab State level football competition final.
- The match was also going to be held in a stadium near our school.
- So, my classmates and I decided to go watch the match to support our school's team.
- The match was really exciting.
- The match started with the opposition team scoring the first goal in the very 1st minute.
- However, our school's team didn't go defensive and we scored a goal in the 10 minute.
- After that, both teams got certain chances but no team was able to convert them into a goal.
- Just before half time, our team scored another goal.
- We went into half time really happy and excited.
- We had some cold drinks and snacks during the half time.
- Every was cheering loudly and supporting the team by saying east or west convent school is the best.
- In the second half, our team played a bit defensively and the opposition team was extra aggressive as they were behind.
- However, our defence was really strong and we didn't let them score.
- At final whistle, the score was 2-1 in our favour.
- Overall, it was a my first football match.
- I had never seen a football match on TV also.
- And, it was an amazing experience , maybe partly because we won but also because there were so many ups and downs.
- It was a really exciting and nail biting match.

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1. What kind of competitions do people in your country like to watch?

First is of course sports competitions especially cricket competitions like IPL are very popular. Secondly, reality and talent competitions like dance, singing, cooking and comedy shows also enjoy a huge viewership. Finally, quiz competitions like Kaun Banega Crorepati are also very popular.

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71. Describe your first day at school that you remember

You should say:

- Where the school was
- How did you go there
- What happened that day
- And how you felt on that day

- I still remember my first day of school very vividly.
- I went to St. Joseph's Convent School in Phagwara.
- It is a well-known school in the city and not very far from my home.
- I think my parents chose that school because it was the only ICSE board school in Phagwara at that time.
- On the first day, my parents took me to school in our car.
- I was carrying a small school bag and wearing my new school uniform.
- I also had a lunchbox with my favorite food.
- I was feeling very nervous in the car and didn't want my parents to leave me at school.
- When we reached, I saw many other children dressed like me and holding their parents' hands.
- Some of them looked very excited, but some were crying.
- We were told to wait outside in the hall.
- Finally, my class teacher and another teacher came outside and asked the parents to leave.
- I got really scared and started crying.
- My teacher told us that she had a lot of fun activities planned for the first day.
- She said we would see our parents again at the end of the school day and that we should not worry.
- That was the hardest part of the day, but finally, all the parents left.
- She asked us children to come into the classroom
- In the class, she read a book to us.
- Then we did some coloring activities and even played some games.
- We sang some songs about numbers and the alphabet.
- She made learning very fun.
- I also made a new friend that day named Priya.
- We talked a lot during the lunch break.
- By the end of the day, I felt much better, and I was excited to return to school the next day.

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Follow-ups
How do parents prepare their kids to go to school on the first day?
I think firstly, they should ensure that their children have a proper morning routine so that they get up on time. Secondly, they should stock up on all the school supplies like stationery and notebooks. Finally, I think they should talk to their children and tell them what should they expect, what they should do if they face any problems. It's important that the child doesn't see the school as a burden.

How do children socialize with each other?
I think children socialize with each other when they spend time with each other at school, studying, or when they do other extra-curricular activities like painting. At younger ages, it can be non-verbal, and as they become older, they start communicating verbally.

Is socialization important for children?
I think the importance of socialization cannot be overstated. Socialization makes them confident and teaches them to deal with new social situations. Also, socialization is the key to communication skills as well. Above all, socialization is the key to making friends.

What are the reasons for a job change?
There are many reasons for changing jobs. Firstly, it can be done to break the monotony of life, or in other words, to find something new to do. Another major reason is money. Some people also do it for the work environment, as they find their work environment stressful.

Are big companies better than small companies? Why?
Big companies can be better in some ways as they often offer higher salaries, better job security, and have better facilities. However, small companies can be more flexible and give employees a chance to learn and grow. It really depends on what a person is looking for in a job.

What are the advantages and disadvantages coming along with changing jobs?
Advantages of changing jobs include better salary, learning new skills, and getting more experience. Disadvantages include starting from scratch in a new place and needing time to adjust to a new team or environment.

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72. Describe a website that sells second-hand items

You should say:

- What it is
- How you found out about it
- What people can buy from it
- And explain whether you like it.

- One website I know that sells used items is Quikr.
- It is an Indian website where people can buy and sell a wide variety of second-hand items.
- I found out about Quikr from my cousin Nishant.
- He was looking for a second-hand bike, and he told me he got a good deal on Quikr.
- I wanted to learn guitar and didn't want to buy a new guitar right away.
- So, I started looking at Quikr for a used guitar.
- I ended up getting a guitar that was almost new for half the original price.
- On Quikr, people can buy and sell many second-hand items like phones, electronics, furniture, books, clothes, bikes, cars, and various household items.
- Quikr's website also has a section called QuikrBazaar for online shopping, where you can find both new and used electronics, furniture, and home and lifestyle products.
- You can buy and sell from 1200+ Cities across India.
- I like Quikr because it is easy to use.
- You can filter by city and category and sort by price.
- The pictures and descriptions help you decide if something is worth buying.
- You can even contact the seller directly on the website.
- It saves a lot of money, especially for students like me who just finished school and don't want to spend too much.
- It also reduces waste and helps people reuse things that are still in good condition.
- Instead of throwing things away, people can sell them to someone who needs them.
- I've had a good experience with it, and I would definitely use it in the future.

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Follow-ups

1. Some people think it's a waste to buy too many clothes for children. What do you think?

I agree that it can be a waste to buy too many clothes for children. Children grow very quickly, so they often outgrow their clothes in just a few months. It's better to buy a few good-quality clothes and add more only when needed.

2. How do people usually handle the clothes they don't want?

People usually donate their unwanted clothes to charity or give them to their siblings or cousins. Some also choose to sell their clothes online through various apps or websites. This helps reduce waste and gives clothes a second life.

3. Why do people buy second-hand clothes?

People usually buy second-hand clothes because they are cheaper and more budget-friendly. Some people buy them because they are vintage and cannot be found in stores. Some people also buy them because they're eco-friendly and help reduce waste.

4. What problems will occur if people don't recycle?

If people don't recycle, a lot of useful materials like paper, metal, and plastic will go to waste. This waste will pile up in landfills and pollute the environment. Over time, this can increase climate change and make our planet dirtier and less healthy for future generations.

5. Should the government encourage people to recycle items?

Yes, I think the government should definitely encourage people to recycle.
Recycling is very important today, especially with serious issues like global warming and climate change. It helps reduce waste, saves energy, and lowers pollution. By promoting recycling, the government can help people reduce their carbon footprint and protect the environment for future generations.

6. How do people in your country recycle various items they don't want?

In my country, people reuse plastic bottles, jars, and old clothes at home.
Some donate books, clothes, and toys to others in need. People also sell old newspapers, magazines, cardboard, scrap metal, tires, etc., to scrap collectors (kabadiwalas) who collect and recycle them.

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73. Describe a program you like to watch

You should say:

- What it is
- What is it about
- Who you watch it with
- And explain why you like to watch it

- One program I really enjoy watching is India's Best Dancer.
- It is a dance reality show that comes on SONY TV.
- The show is about talented dancers from all over India who come and perform in front of the judges and audiences.
- They do many dance styles like hip-hop, contemporary, classical, and Bollywood.
- There are extensive auditions in the beginning episodes, and only a few get to the top 12.
- These dancers then perform weekly, and based on the scores from the judges and votes from the public, one dancer gets eliminated every week.
- These dancers are guided by expert choreographers, and they help them improve every week.
- I usually watch this show with my family.
- It is telecast on the weekends, and we all sit together and enjoy the performances.
- We have our favorites and root for them to get full points.
- Sometimes, my brother tries to copy the dance moves.
- Also, there are usually two hosts who crack jokes in between performances and make the show even more entertaining.
- The judges are also super talented and sometimes come on the stage to show some dance moves.
- They encourage the performers and give good advice to get better.
- I like this show because it is not only entertaining but also very inspiring.
- These dancers are so hardworking and put in so many hours to get the moves right.
- They step out of their comfort zones and do other forms of dance that they have never done before.
- They sometimes get injured too, but that doesn't stop them.
- It makes me proud to see how much talent we have in our country.
- The background music, lights, and costumes also make the show fun to watch.

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Follow-ups

1. What programs do people like to watch in your country?

India is a diverse country, and it is very hard to generalize what people like to watch. People like to watch news, soaps, dramas, comedy shows, reality shows, and sports. It really depends on the person. I personally like to watch news, sports shows, and reality shows.

2. Do people in your country like to watch foreign TV programs?

I think the younger generation in my country enjoys watching foreign TV shows, especially because online streaming platforms like Netflix and Amazon Prime have made them easily available. These shows offer different cultures, stories, and styles that many young people find interesting and entertaining.

3. What's the benefit of letting kids watch animal videos rather than visiting a zoo?

The main benefit of letting kids watch animal videos instead of visiting a zoo is that videos often include audio explanations about the animals, their habitats, behaviors, and diets. In a zoo, the children can see the animals, but they may not learn much about them unless someone explains to them. Videos are very educational and informative.

4. Do teachers play videos in class in your country?

Yes, many teachers play videos in class, especially in private and modern government schools. Videos are used to explain difficult topics in a simple way. They also help students stay engaged and focused. Videos also makes learning more interesting and fun.

5. Do you think watching talk shows is a waste of time?

Yes, talk shows can be a waste of time if they are about gossip and drama. But others can be inspiring and educational, especially those that talk about success stories, current issues, and real-life problems. It really depends on the type of show.

6. Do you think we can acquire knowledge from watching TV programs?

Yes, documentaries, news channels and educational shows can help us learn about nature, science, history, and current events. Some entertainment shows can teach us life lessons, and some reality shows can be inspiring. Some shows, especially if we watch them in English, can improve our language and communication skills.

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74. Describe a story or novel you have read that you found interesting

You should say:

- When you read it
- What the story or novel was about
- Who wrote it
- And explain why it was interesting

- I've read many books over the years, but the very first one I ever read is still one of my favorites.
- It's Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, written by J.K. Rowling.
- I read it when I was 10 years old.
- It was actually a birthday gift from my mom.
- At the time, I was a little upset with her because I had really wanted a new video game that had just been released.
- My mom promised me that she'd get me the game too if I gave the book a chance first.
- So, rather reluctantly, I started reading it.
- To my surprise, I read just 10 pages, and I was hooked.
- I started reading it at 9 PM that night and couldn't stop.
- I finally finished it at 7 AM in the morning.
- Luckily, it was summer vacation, or my parents would've taken the book away and made me sleep.
- The story, as many people know, follows a young boy named Harry who discovers on his 11th birthday that he is a wizard.
- He goes to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and starts a magical journey filled with friendship, danger, and the fight between good and evil.
- What makes the book interesting isn't just the magic or the fantasy.
- It is also a powerful coming-of-age story.
- Harry isn't a perfect hero; he makes mistakes, gets hurt, and people around him also face real losses.
- The story is not predictable, the characters are very well-written, and the magical system is so creative.
- Even now, years later, I still pick up the book every once in a while and read a few chapters.
- Strangely, I always notice something new each time, like a small detail or clever line I hadn't paid attention to before.
- This book is the reason I fell in love with reading.
- It will always hold a special place in my heart.

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Follow-ups

1. **Do you prefer to read eBooks or printed books?**

I prefer printed books over e-books because I find it difficult to read on a small mobile device or a tablet. Moreover, I think reading eBooks on brightly lit screens is harmful to the eyes.

2. **What kinds of novels are suitable for a film adaptation?**

I think all kinds of novels, be it suspense, drama, or thriller, are suitable for film adaptation. Anything that can be written as a story could be visualized as well.

3. **How does technology help people tell stories?**

I think there are two ways in which technology helps in telling stories. Firstly, with the help of technology, people can animate their stories and help the audience to visualize the characters. Secondly, technology helps to reach a wider audience.

4. **Why are mystery novels so popular nowadays?**

Mystery novels are popular simply because of the curiosity factor. People are always interested in things involving suspense and in stories where the outcome is not certain. Such novels keep people guessing till the end, and thus they like it more as compared to any other novel in which they would know the ending beforehand.

5. **Is there any difference between the popular novels now and those in the past?**

I think in the past, novels were often more classic, formal, and focused on social or moral themes. Today, many popular novels are fast-paced, with simple language and a focus on entertainment, mystery, and fantasy. Modern novels reflect current issues and trends so today's readers can relate to them.

6. **Why do some people prefer reading novels to playing computer games in this digital world?**

Some people prefer reading novels because it helps them relax and unwind after a long, stressful day. Since many already spend hours in front of screens for work or studies, reading offers a refreshing break. Reading is a quiet and peaceful activity that allows them to escape into another world.

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75. Describe a person you have met who you want to work/study with

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How you met this person
- How long have you known him/her
- And explain why you want to work/study with him/her

- One person I would like to work with is my school senior, Charu Sharma.
- She was in the grade above me at St. Joseph's Convent School.
- I met her for the first time during a science club meeting when I was in 9th grade, and she was in 10th grade.
- We were both selected for a group project about global warming and how it is affecting our country.
- That was the first time I closely worked with her.
- At first, I was nervous because she was more experienced and older than me.
- But she was so kind and supportive that I quickly became comfortable around her.
- Since then, we've stayed in touch and become good friends.
- She even helped me with my college application.
- So I have known her for almost six years now.
- She has a very positive attitude and is very organized.
- During our project, she divided the work fairly and made sure everyone understood their parts.
- She was very helpful if someone had a problem.
- She would explain things very patiently, and once stayed after school just to help me finish some slides.
- She also respected our opinions and let everyone in the team speak and present their ideas.
- I want to work with her because I know I'll grow as a person.
- I can learn to become more organized and manage my time better.
- She brings out the best in the people around her.
- I think we would make a great team.
- So, if I ever get the chance in the future, I would like to work with Charu again

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Follow-ups

1. Why should children be kind to their classmates?
I think children should be kind to their classmates because it helps them build trust and strong friendships. It makes everyone feel included, and it is important for learning and growing together.

2.Can children choose their deskmates?
In the primary classes, it should be decided by the teachers, because the teacher will know better which students could be more helpful for each other if made to sit together. In senior classes, children can figure out for themselves who to sit with.

3. What matters most about a colleague's personality?
What matters most about a colleague's personality is that they are helpful, cooperative, and respectful. A team can perform smoothly if all the team members get along and communicate well.

4. Are good colleagues important at work?
Yes, good colleagues are very important at work. They can make the workplace more comfortable and productive. Working with helpful and friendly people reduces stress and improves teamwork.

5. What kind of people are popular at work?
I think people who stay calm and deal with issues without getting themselves or stressing others are popular. For example, people who are able to employ humor during high-pressure situations to lighten the mood.

6. Are knowledgeable people popular at work?
Yes, knowledgeable people are popular at work, especially if they are helpful and humble. People don't hesitate to go to them for advice. They can solve problems quickly and can improve a team's performance.

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76. Describe a problem you had while shopping online or in a store

You should say:

- When it happened
- What you bought
- What problem you had
- And explain how you felt about the experience

- I normally don't buy clothes or shoes online because of size issues.
- Different companies have different sizes, and sometimes the large size of one company is a small size for another company.
- However, recently my friend ordered Nike shoes from Amazon, and they were nearly half the price of the Nike retail store.
- So, I also decided to buy shoes online.
- Two months ago, I placed an order for Adidas shoes from Flipkart, another famous retail store.
- The same shoes were available on Amazon as well, but were about Rs 200 costlier, so I decided to go for Flipkart.
- I was so excited about the shoes.
- In fact, I was boasting about the great deal I found on the Internet to my friends.
- However, when I opened the box, I was quite disappointed
- My shoes were duplicates.
- The brand name written on the shoes was not Adidas but Adidaas, with a double a.
- I know a big brand could never make such a big mistake.
- So, I called the customer care number of Flipkart and told them about the problem.
- They told me to take a photograph and send it
- Immediately, they offered me two choices.
- Either they could refund the money, or I could buy something else for the same price.
- At the same time, they removed the seller from their platform
- They told me to courier the shoes back to the seller.
- When I emailed them the courier slip, they refunded me the whole amount, along with the courier charges I incurred.
- I was quite happy with their handling of my complaint.
- However, I also felt it was a waste of time.
- The whole process took about two weeks.
- I could have directly gone to a store and picked up the hoses, and the whole thing would have taken me about an hour or two.

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1. **What kind of customer service do you think is good?**

I think that creating a good customer experience depends on multiple factors. The companies should ensure that the staff providing the service are prompt, attentive, and most importantly, are very patient and polite with the client.

2. **What are the differences between shopping online and in-store?**

There are numerous differences between online shopping versus shopping from brick-and-mortar stores. First of all, online shopping is more convenient as it saves a lot of time and energy. Also, it can be done 24X7, whereas, the stores are generally open for 10-12 hours only. The only benefit of retail stores is that an individual can make a better judgment of the look and feel of the product, which is not possible online.

3. **What problems do customers often have while shopping?**

Generally, the customers are not able to easily find products/goods that match their needs or taste. For example, sometimes if a person likes a particular piece of clothing, he/she might not be able to find the right size for it. Other than that, sometimes they might have to deal with rude and impolite staff.

4. **What do you think customers should do when there are problems with products bought online?**

The customers should immediately lodge a complaint with the website from which they have bought the product. Also, they should go through the refund and return policy for the product and then take the necessary action.

5. **Can customer complaints help improve product quality?**

Yes, customer complaints can help improve product quality. They give companies feedback about what is wrong or not working properly. Companies can then fix these problems and make better products in the future.

6. **What do you think of people complaining when they buy poor-quality goods at a low price?**

I think people shouldn't expect high quality if they know they are paying a very low price. However, if the product breaks or doesn't work at all, people have the right to complain.

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77. Describe a difficult thing you did and succeeded in

You should say:

- What it was
- How you overcame the difficulties
- Whether you got help
- And explain how you felt after you succeeded

- Well, there are many things I've done in life that felt difficult at first but became easier with time and practice.
- For example, I found cooking to be very difficult at first, but now I can cook anything easily by just following the recipe.
- However, one challenging thing I would like to talk about today is when I assembled my own Personal Computer from scratch.
- This happened about three years ago, right after my exams were over.
- I had asked my parents for a new desktop computer.
- Some of my friends had already bought branded computers from companies like Dell and HP, which came pre-installed with all the software.
- However, being a gamer, I was more interested in getting a gaming computer with a more powerful configuration.
- Unfortunately, branded gaming computers were way too expensive and out of my budget.
- So, I discussed it with one of my friends who's good with tech.
- He suggested that I buy the computer parts separately and assemble them on my own, as it would cost much less than a branded PC.
- Since I did not have much knowledge about computer hardware at that time, it seemed very difficult to me to do this task on my own.
- But I was determined and decided to go ahead.
- I started reading a book on computer hardware and also started watching computer assembly videos on YouTube.
- Through the videos, I learnt a lot about the different computer parts and their functioning.
- Finally, after I gained enough confidence, I ordered all the components online – like the motherboard, processor, RAM, graphics card, etc., because it was much cheaper than buying from local shops.
- The most difficult part was definitely installing the processor and the cooling fans onto the motherboard.
- It required a very steady hand and careful handling.
- If this process is not done carefully, it could lead to a short circuit, and the processor could get damaged.
- I took my time and followed the instructions exactly.
- It took me an entire day to put everything together, and to my surprise, it actually worked.
- I didn't take any help directly, but I got a lot of guidance from online tutorials and forums.
- I was really proud of myself because I had done something I never thought I could do before.
- This experience taught me that no task is too difficult if you're willing to learn and be patient.
- It gave me a great sense of accomplishment.

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Follow-ups

1. **Should people set goals for themselves?**

Yes, people should set goals for themselves. Goals give purpose to their life and help them stay motivated. Goals make it easier to track their progress and give them a sense of accomplishment when they are reached.

2. **How would you define success?**

It is very difficult to define success. Success is a very subjective term. Different people give different meanings to success. For some, earning a lot of money means success. For others, leading a life in which they can help others means success. For a student, passing the exams with flying colors means success. So, defining success is not easy.

3. **How can we judge whether young people are successful nowadays?**

We can judge whether young people are successful by looking at a few things. One is that they are achieving their goals in work, studies, or personal life. Another is if they are happy, confident, and learning new skills. I think success today is not just about getting good marks in exams or earning a lot of money, it is also about being responsible, respectful, kind, and growing as a person.

4. **Are successful people often lonely?**

Yes, it can often be hard for successful people to find people who understand them. They may have busy schedules and have less time to spend with family and friends. However, not all successful people are lonely, it depends on how they balance their work and relationships.

5. **What kinds of success can students achieve at school?**

Students can achieve success in academics by getting good grades and winning competitions like the science fair and math Olympiad. They can also shine in sports, music, or art. Some may show leadership skills in various clubs and group projects.

6. **Should students be proud of their success?**

Yes, students should be proud of their success and celebrate their achievements. It shows that their hard work and effort paid off. It builds their confidence and motivates them to do even better in the future.

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78. Describe a time when you needed to search for information

You should say:

- What information you needed to search for
- When you searched for it
- Where you searched for it
- And explain why you needed to search for it

- Internet has made our lives really easy, especially when it comes to searching for information.
- We can find out about anything with a click of a button.
- In the 10th standard, my history teacher gave me a project to write about the life of a freedom fighter.
- One of the instructions for the project was that I was forbidden to use the internet.
- I had no clue what I could do to search for it.
- It made me realise how dependent I had become on the internet.
- It was like I couldn't survive without it.
- Then, I asked my parents for advice.
- They told me that I could visit the local library.
- There, I might find some past newspapers and articles, which could help me.
- The library told me that they were also going digital, and most of the articles and past newspapers had been uploaded to their website.
- Finally, I thought about the museum dedicated to Bhagat Singh, which is about half an hour's drive from my hometown.
- In the museum, I came to know a lot about his life.
- For example, 'he had a slogan Inquilab Zindabad' which means long live revolution.
- I had always thought the revolution meant freedom for India.
- However, it actually meant freedom from the tyranny of the rich and powerful.
- Bhagat Singh's ideas were too advanced for his age.
- I also learnt that although he was hanged for violence, he had stopped believing in violence long before he was even caught.
- Besides learning about Bhagat Singh's life, I gained an appreciation for the internet, and at the same time, I learned how we are becoming overdependent on it.

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How can people search for information now?
I believe that smartphones are the best option for looking up information anywhere and at any time. They just have to type a few words into google search engine and within milliseconds they can get hundreds of documents and videos about the information they are looking for.

What information can people get from television?
Although television is mainly considered an entertainment unit or sometimes also called an idiot box, I believe that if people watch the right channels, they can learn a lot about the world and increase their general knowledge by watching television.

Do you think libraries are still important in the digital age?
Yes, I feel that libraries still have an important role to play in our society. Apart from access to thousands of great books at the same time, libraries also provide a studious and focused environment for reading, which is hard to replicate elsewhere.

Does the development of the Internet have any impact on some disadvantaged people?
Yes, the internet has helped disadvantaged people by giving them free access to education, job opportunities, and ways to start small businesses. People can now learn new skills and can earn money online. For example, a taxi driver can find more customers using apps like Uber instead of waiting at one spot.

How do people identify reliable information on the Internet?
People can identify reliable information on the internet by checking trusted websites, like news channels, government websites, or educational websites.
They can look at the author's name and see if the source is well-known and an expert in the topic.

Is it good if people could have more access to information in the future?
Yes, it is good if people have more access to information in the future. It can help them learn new things, be more innovative, and solve problems faster. It can spread awareness and knowledge to more people.

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79. Describe a time when someone gave you something that you really wanted

You should say
- What it was
- When you received it
- Who gave it to you
- And explain how you felt when the person gave it to you

- I'd like to talk about a very special gift that I received — something I had been dreaming about for quite some time.
- This happened just after my 12th board exams were over.
- I was exploring my higher education options online and reading about the requirements for university programs.
- Many of the courses I was interested in suggested having a powerful laptop, like a MacBook or a high-end Windows computer with a good graphic card.
- I really wanted to get the latest MacBook, but I didn't bring it up with my parents.
- The reason was that I knew they were already going to spend a lot on my college fees and other expenses.
- So, I kept quiet and didn't expect anything.
- Then, on the day my 12th results were announced, I got the biggest surprise.
- My parents gifted me the latest MacBook Air with the new M4 chip, a 17-inch screen, 16 GB RAM, and 256 GB storage.
- It was exactly what I had been wishing for.
- Before that, I had a really old desktop computer — it was around 7 years old and very slow.
- I was honestly shocked and happy at the same time.
- I asked them how they knew I wanted this laptop.
- They told me they had heard me talking about it with my friend when he had visited our house.
- After hearing that, they secretly planned to gift it to me on my birthday.
- They even took help from that same friend — he went with them to the store to buy the exact model.
- That made it even more special because it showed how much effort they had put into it.
- I was really touched and felt grateful.
- That day, I got exactly what I had wished for without even asking.
- It made me feel that when you really want something and you work hard, somehow the universe helps you get it.
- I'll never forget that day — not just because of the gift, but because of the love and thought behind it.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Should employees have their own goals?
Yes, I believe employees should set their own goals. It helps them stay motivated and take ownership of their work. When people know what they want to achieve, they usually perform better. At the same time, these goals should match the company's overall direction.

2. How should bosses reward employees?
I think bosses should reward employees based on their performance. It can be through bonuses, promotions, or even a simple thank-you in front of the team. Sometimes, just being appreciated is more meaningful than money. But of course, fair financial rewards also matter.

3. What kinds of gifts do young people like to receive as rewards?
Most young people enjoy tech gadgets like headphones or smartwatches, or even gift cards so they can choose for themselves. Some also like experiences, like movie tickets or a trip. It really depends on the person, but useful and trendy gifts are quite popular.

4. How should children spend their allowance money?
In my opinion, children should learn to spend their allowance wisely. They can save a part of it, buy things they really need or want, and maybe even donate a little. Learning money habits early in life helps them in the future. But it's also okay if they treat themselves once in a while.

5. Why do people like shopping more now than in the past?
Shopping has become easier and more fun these days, especially with online stores. There are so many options, and people can buy things with just a click. Also, many shop for fun or to feel better, not just for need. In the past, it was more about buying only what was necessary.

6. Do you think shopping is good for a country's economy?
Yes, definitely. When people shop, businesses grow and more jobs are created. It helps money move through the system. But if people shop too much, especially on credit, it can cause problems too. So, shopping is good, but it needs to be balanced.

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80. Describe a famous person you would like to meet

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- How you knew him/her
- How/where you would like to meet him/her
- And explain why you would like to meet him/ her

- One famous person I would love to meet is Diljit Dosanjh.
- He's not only the most popular Punjabi singer, but also a successful Bollywood actor.
- I've known about him since I was a child — I grew up listening to his songs.
- In fact, I still remember doing a dance performance on one of his songs at my school's annual function.
- His music has been a part of many happy memories in my life.
- What I admire the most is his journey from being a small-town singer to becoming an international star.
- He worked really hard to reach where he is today.
- Recently, he completed a world tour, and I was lucky to attend one of his concerts in Chandigarh.
- I bought a fan pit ticket, which meant I was right in front of the stage.
- Seeing him perform live, that too from so close, felt like a dream come true.
- The energy, the vibe, the crowd — it was something I'll never forget.
- He's also the first Punjabi singer to perform at Coachella, one of the biggest music festivals in the world.
- That made me even more proud to be a fan of his.
- Apart from being talented, he is also very spiritual.
- I read that he recites Sikh religious text throughout the day and stays grounded in his faith.
- I would really love to spend a day with him.
- I want to ask him how he stays so disciplined and how he keeps working hard even after achieving so much.
- It would be inspiring to know his thoughts on success and how he deals with fame.
- I feel he has not only made a name for himself, but he has also put Punjabi music on the global map.
- Meeting him would be one of the best moments of my life.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a famous child?
I think the biggest advantage is that the child gets a lot of attention and opportunities at a young age. But the downside is, they lose their normal childhood. They are always under pressure and sometimes miss out on school or playtime with friends.

2. What can today's children do to become famous?
Nowadays, kids can become famous through social media, talent shows, or even YouTube. If they have a special skill like dancing, singing, or acting, they can post videos and get noticed. But not everyone wants that kind of life.

3. What can children do with their fame?
If they use their fame in a good way, they can inspire others and even support social causes. Some young stars help in raising money for charities or speak up about important issues. But it's also easy to get lost in attention and forget to stay grounded.

4. Do people become famous because of their talent?
Yes, many people do become famous because they are really talented. But in today's world, sometimes people also get fame just by doing something viral or controversial. I feel real talent lasts longer, while instant fame fades quickly.

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81. Describe an intelligent person you know

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How you knew this person
- What this person does
- And explain why you think this person is intelligent

- I would like to talk about my cousin who is one of the most intelligent people I have ever known.
- He is my maternal uncle's son and we have grown up together, so I know him really well.
- Right now, he lives in the USA, in Silicon Valley, and works at Google as a Vice President.
- Everyone in our family is really proud of him and looks up to him.
- He did his schooling from a convent school in Chandigarh and was always the top student in his class.
- I remember my aunt telling us that he never took tuitions, but still scored full marks in subjects like Maths and Science.
- After school, he cracked the toughest engineering entrance exam in India and got an All India Rank of 10.
- He then went on to study Computer Science at IIT Mumbai, which is the top engineering college in India.
- Later, he did his master's degree from Stanford University in the USA, which is another world-famous institute.
- He's very hardworking and focused. I've never seen him wasting time or getting distracted.
- Before joining Google, he worked at Apple and Amazon, and received many awards and recognitions for his work.
- Even in school days, he used to make innovative science projects and won many quiz competitions.
- I remember once, during his last visit to India, we were having tea at home, and he explained how Artificial Intelligence is going to change the future.
- He used very simple language to explain difficult things like machine learning and neural networks, and I was amazed.
- He told me he was leading a team at Google working on AI tools that can help doctors diagnose diseases more accurately.
- That day, I realized how intelligent he is — not just because of his job, but because he can break down tough topics into simple ideas.
- What I admire the most is that despite all his success, he is very humble and down-to-earth.
- He always motivates me to work hard and keep learning new things.
- I really look up to him and hope to achieve even a small part of what he has achieved.
- For me, intelligence is not just about books, it's also about applying knowledge to help others — and that's exactly what he does.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Why are some children more intelligent than others?
I think it depends on many things like genetics, environment, and the kind of learning they are exposed to. Some children grow up in homes where they are encouraged to read and ask questions, which helps a lot. Also, using books like the Makkar IELTS ideas book can develop strong thinking and speaking skills early on.

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2. Who do you think plays a more important role in a child's development, teachers or parents?
I believe both are important, but parents have a stronger influence in the early years.
They shape habits, values, and behaviour at home, which stays with the child for life.
However, good teachers also inspire children and guide their academic growth.
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3. Do you think smart people tend to be selfish?
Not always. Some smart people use their knowledge to help others and solve problems.
But yes, there are a few who become proud or think they are better than everyone else.
It depends more on a person's nature than just their intelligence.
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4. Are smart people happier than others?
I'm not sure. Being smart doesn't always mean being happy.
Some intelligent people overthink or feel lonely if they don't find like-minded people.
In fact, people with simple lives and less stress might be happier.
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82. Describe an article on health you read in a magazine or on the Internet

You should say:

- What it was
- Where you read it
- Why you read it
- And how you felt about it

- I'm very health conscious and I make sure to exercise every day, even if I'm busy.
- I also watch a lot of videos related to diet, fitness, and healthy living.
- So I naturally enjoy reading articles on health-related topics, especially from trusted sources.
- A few months back, just after my exams had ended, I went on a short vacation to Shimla.
- While I was travelling by bus, I was browsing news on the BBC app to pass the time.
- In the health section, I came across a really interesting article titled "What is the safe limit of alcohol consumption?"
- The article was written by Dr. Abby Philips, a well-known liver specialist who's also very active on social media.
- It immediately caught my attention because many people around me consume alcohol, thinking it's harmless if done occasionally.
- The article had two pages, and it also included images of a healthy liver and a fatty liver damaged due to alcohol.
- One shocking statement made by the doctor was that no amount of alcohol is safe for the human body.
- He explained that even weekend drinking or social drinking can cause serious and irreversible damage to the liver.
- I was surprised to learn that alcohol can leave traces in human hair for up to three months.
- The main idea was that alcohol leads to fat build-up in the liver which becomes permanent over time.
- If someone keeps drinking regularly, it can lead to liver failure, sometimes even at a young age.
- The article also mentioned that the only solution in the worst cases is a liver transplant, which is expensive and not easily available.
- I felt really shocked but also informed after reading this article.
- I immediately shared it with some of my friends and relatives who drink on weekends.
- After seeing the liver images and reading the facts, many of them promised they would stop drinking.
- I really appreciated the way Dr. Abby explained everything in simple words backed with science.
- Overall, the article left a deep impact on me and reminded me why staying away from alcohol is so important for long-term health.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Do you think people are healthier now than in the past?
I don't think so. Many people today have busy lifestyles and eat a lot of processed food, which affects their health.
Even though modern medicine has improved, problems like stress and obesity are more common now.
In the past, life was slower and food was more natural.
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2. How can you tell whether a website is reliable or not?
I usually check if the website is from a trusted source, like a government or well-known news site.
If the information is written by experts or has proper references, then I trust it more.
Also, I avoid websites that have too many ads or spelling mistakes.
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3. What activities can schools organize for children to keep fit?
Schools can arrange regular sports events, yoga classes, or dance sessions.
Even morning walks or fun games during breaks can help children stay active.
Physical activity not only improves fitness but also helps with focus and mood.
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4. What can governments do to improve people's health?
Governments can run awareness campaigns about healthy eating and exercise.
They should also build more public parks, walking tracks, and fitness centres.
In my opinion, they can even ban junk food ads near schools.
But some people believe it's the person's responsibility, not the government's.
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83. Describe a beautiful sky you enjoyed seeing

You should say:

- Where you saw it
- Who you saw it with
- What you saw
- And how you felt about it

- A few months ago, after my final exams, I went to Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh with my friends.
- It was springtime, and I was really looking forward to relaxing after a hectic exam schedule.
- We reached the lake around 6 in the evening, planning to catch the sunset.
- The environment there was so peaceful and refreshing.
- Sukhna Lake is a beautiful man-made lake with a walking path, clean water, and lots of greenery all around.
- There were ducks swimming, people boating, and children playing — a really happy vibe.
- The cool breeze was blowing gently, and across the lake, we could see the hills of Himachal Pradesh and a forest line, which made the scene even more beautiful.
- Around 7 pm, the sun started to set, and that's when the magic began.
- There were a few clouds in the sky, and the light from the setting sun gave the sky this stunning pink and orange hue.
- I usually don't pay much attention to the sky, but that day I just couldn't stop looking at it.
- It looked like a painting come to life.
- Everyone around us was pointing to the sky, taking pictures, and sharing them on Instagram — even I posted one on instagram.com/makkarielts.
- The calmness of the lake and the beauty of the sky made me feel completely relaxed and in the moment.
- I was just sitting there, smiling, feeling blessed and blissful.
- It reminded me how simple moments in nature can be so powerful.
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- After that day, I've started spending more time outdoors, especially during the evenings.
- It was honestly one of the most peaceful and beautiful skies I've ever seen.
- That sunset made me realise how nature can heal and uplift your mood.
- I'll never forget that view — it's etched in my memory forever.

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1. What kind of people are interested in stars?
People who are curious about space, like scientists or dreamers, often enjoy looking at stars. Some find peace in stargazing, while others do it as a hobby. I've also met people who just enjoy learning about the universe.

2. Is high technology helpful for star watching?
Yes, technology has made star watching much easier and more detailed. We can now use apps or telescopes to find constellations. It's more exciting than just looking with the naked eye.

3. Should kids know more about stars and planets?
Definitely. Learning about stars and planets can boost their interest in science. It also helps them understand how big and amazing our universe is.

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84. Describe a time when you made a plan to do an activity with a lot of people

You should say:

- What it was
- When and where you made it
- What the activity was
- And explain how you felt about the plan

- A few months ago, after my final exams ended, I was feeling really bored at home.
- I had been studying non-stop, so I was craving some fresh air and fun.
- One afternoon, I randomly called my best friend and said, "Let's go out somewhere!"
- He instantly said yes, and then we decided to ask our classmates too.
- Everyone loved the idea, and within an hour, we had created a WhatsApp group and made a plan for a one-day picnic to Kasauli.
- Kasauli is a small and beautiful hill station about 2 hours from Chandigarh.
- We decided to travel by bus, and a total of 15 of us confirmed the plan.
- We all divided responsibilities — some brought snacks, some brought lunch, and others packed games and a speaker.
- One of our friends even carried his guitar!
- We left around 10 in the morning and reached Kasauli by 12 noon.
- First, we explored the Mall Road, which is full of small shops and cafés.
- The weather was amazing — much cooler than Chandigarh — and it felt so nice to escape the heat.
- Around 2 PM, we started feeling hungry, so we headed to Gilbert Trail, our picnic spot.
- It was full of lush greenery, birds chirping, and stunning views of the Himalayas.
- We spread out some bedsheets and enjoyed a homemade lunch — everything tasted extra good in that fresh mountain air.
- After eating, we played games like dumb charades and antakshari.
- Then our friend played the guitar, and we all sang along — it was such a filmy moment.
- We took lots of pictures and some people even posted them on Instagram — you can see some at instagram.com/makkarielts.
- It was truly a memorable day, and we all still talk about it in class.
- I even mentioned this fun day in one of my blogs on makkarielts.com.
- I felt super happy that we planned something so quickly and made such amazing memories together.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. What kind of plans do young people often make?
Young people usually plan for their studies, jobs, or travel. Some also plan daily routines to manage time better. I often plan my study schedule to prepare for IELTS.

2. Why can't people always follow their plans?
Sometimes life is unpredictable—things change or problems come up. That's why even well-made plans can fail. But I believe planning is still useful, even if we don't follow everything exactly.

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85. Describe a photo you took that you are proud of

You should say:
- When you took it
- Where you took it
- What is in this photo
- And explain why you are proud of it

- This photo that I'm proud of was taken during a short trip to Kasauli, a beautiful hill station near Chandigarh.
- It was in the month of April, and our final exams had just ended.
- The weather in the city had started becoming hot, and I was getting bored sitting at home.
- One of my close friends called and suggested we go for a day trip to the hills.
- I immediately agreed, and the next morning we left early from Chandigarh.
- My friend is actually learning professional photography and is really passionate about wildlife photography too.
- I was always curious about photography, so I asked him to teach me the basics during the trip.
- After reaching Kasauli, we had breakfast at Mall Road and then went to a nearby viewpoint.
- There, he took out his DSLR camera and started explaining shutter speed, ISO settings, and focal length.
- He clicked a few landscape shots and showed me how to hold the camera and adjust the settings.
- Then I took some pictures of the hills and trees in landscape mode — they came out nice.
- I also experimented with portrait mode and blur effect, which was fun.
- While looking around, I noticed an eagle sitting on top of a tall tree.
- I quickly used the zoom lens and took a close-up shot of the eagle.
- When I saw the photo, I was honestly shocked and amazed.
- The eagle's shining feathers, sharp eyes, and the blurred background of blue sky and lake looked incredible.
- It looked like something out of National Geographic — I couldn't believe I clicked it!
- I immediately transferred the photo to my phone and shared it on social media.
- I got tons of likes and compliments, and people even asked if I had taken it myself.
- I later got this photo printed and framed, and now it hangs on the wall of my bedroom.
- Every time I look at it, I feel motivated and proud, because it reminds me that I can learn anything if I try.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Why do some people like to record important things with photos?
Photos help us remember special moments clearly. One picture can bring back a lot of emotions. That's why many people take photos at weddings, birthdays, and trips.

2. What can people learn from historical photographs?
They show us how people lived in the past—their clothes, houses, or lifestyle. It's like getting a visual lesson about history. These pictures help us connect with old times.

3. Is taking photos the best way to remember something?
It depends. Photos are great, but sometimes just being present in the moment creates stronger memories. Not everything has to be captured by a camera.

4. Which is better, taking photos or keeping a diary?
I think both are good. Photos show how things looked, but a diary shows how we felt. I prefer a mix of both, especially when I travel or have a special day.

5. When do people take photos?
People mostly take photos during happy moments—like birthdays, holidays, or when they meet friends. Some also click random things they find beautiful.

6. Why do some people like to keep old photos?
Old photos remind us of people and times we might forget. They have emotions attached. I often smile when I see my childhood pictures.

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86. Describe an object that you think is beautiful

You should say:

- What it is
- Where you saw it
- What it looks like
- And explain why you think it is beautiful

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- A few weeks ago, my exams had just finished, and I was feeling bored at home.
- One of my friends called and asked if I wanted to go watch a movie.
- We went to the nearby VR Punjab mall in Mohali.
- After the movie, we decided to walk around and do some window shopping.
- We entered a popular store called Home Centre.
- It had so many home décor items like flower vases, paintings, plants, lamps, and other household things.
- As I was walking through the décor section, something caught my eye.
- It was a beautiful wooden floor lamp from a brand called Homemake.
- The lamp had a classic, antique look with a tall, carved wooden stand in a matt finish.
- It stood around 5 feet tall and had a linen drum lampshade in soft beige.
- The design looked inspired by French– elegant and traditional.
- It had an E-27 bulb holder and the warm light it gave off created a soft, cosy glow.
- Honestly, it looked like something straight out of a designer magazine.
- I thought it would be perfect for the corner of my bedroom and would make my room look more stylish.
- The price tag said ₹3000, but I was lucky to get a discount too.
- I immediately bought it and brought it home.
- My parents saw it and appreciated my choice – they also said it looked very classy.
- The reason I found it so beautiful is its simplicity mixed with elegance.
- It's not flashy or bright, but the soft wooden colour and glow of the lamp give such a calming feeling.
- I feel proud every time someone comes to my room and compliments it.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Do you think there are more beautiful things now than in the past? Why?
In some ways, yes. We have modern buildings, new designs, and digital art. But natural beauty like mountains and rivers hasn't changed. So it depends on what kind of beauty we're talking about.

2. What beautiful scenery spots are there in your country?
India has many—like Kashmir, Himachal, Kerala, and the desert areas of Rajasthan. Each place offers something different, from snowy hills to sunny beaches.

3. Why do you think people create beautiful things?
People like to express their feelings through beauty. It makes the world more colorful and meaningful. Sometimes, it's just for peace or happiness.

4. Where do you think people usually come into contact with beautiful things?
Mostly in nature, art galleries, or even social media now. A walk in the park or visiting a temple can also feel beautiful. Beauty is everywhere if we notice.

5. Do people in your country prefer listening to music to appreciating paintings and literature?
Yes, I think music is more popular these days. It's easy to access and enjoy. But there are still people who love reading and looking at art.

6. Why do many people go to scenic spots in person instead of just reading about them in books?
Seeing a place in real life gives a different feeling. Books show the details, but standing there gives the experience. It's like the difference between hearing about food and tasting it.

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87. Describe something you had to share with others

You should say

- What it was
- Who you shared it with
- Why you had to share with others
- And explain how you felt about it

- After finishing my 12th board exams, I had a lot of free time and was feeling a bit lost.
- One of my close friends suggested that I should start preparing for the IELTS exam.
- I thought it was a good idea since I wanted to go abroad for higher studies.
- While many of my classmates joined IELTS coaching classes, I decided to prepare on my own from home.
- I began researching online about how to prepare for the IELTS exam.
- Almost every website and YouTube video recommended using Makkar IELTS books.
- I also asked a few seniors who had taken the exam last year and they gave the same advice.
- So, I purchased the Makkar IELTS Reading, Writing, and Speaking books from makkarielts.com.
- The books were really helpful — well-structured, full of practice questions, and easy to understand.
- A few days later, I met up with some friends who were attending coaching classes.
- While discussing preparation strategies, I told them about the Makkar IELTS books I was using.
- They were curious and said they had heard these books were quite famous and helpful.
- They asked me if I could share the books with them for a few days, as their exam was coming up soon.
- At first, I was a bit hesitant because I was also preparing and didn't want to lose study time.
- But then I realised their exam was sooner than mine, and sharing would really help them.
- I gave them the books, and they were extremely thankful.
- After their exam, they returned the books and even shared tips they had learned in coaching.
- They told me how useful the books were, especially for Speaking practice from instagram.com/makkarielts.
- I felt really happy and proud that I helped someone during an important time.
- That moment taught me the real meaning of "sharing is caring."
- Now, I never hesitate to share helpful things with others — especially when it comes to studies.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Do you think kids like to share? Why?
Yes, some kids do enjoy sharing, especially when they are taught from a young age. It helps them feel connected to others. But some children are a bit possessive, especially with their favourite toys. I think it depends on the child's nature and upbringing.
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2. How can parents teach their children to share?
Parents can teach sharing by setting an example. If children see their parents being generous or sharing things with others, they will likely copy that behaviour. Also, praising them when they share can really help.

3. What do you think is the benefit of sharing for children?
Sharing helps children build friendships and learn teamwork. It also teaches them empathy and kindness, which are important in life. I think kids who learn to share grow into better people.

4. Is there anything that parents persuade children to share with others?
Yes, parents often ask their kids to share toys, snacks, or even books. Sometimes the child agrees, but sometimes they need a little push, especially if it's something they really love.

5. How can governments encourage shared transport?
Governments can improve public transport and make it cheaper. They can also promote carpooling by giving tax benefits or special lanes. If it's comfortable and affordable, people will choose it.

6. Why is it important to share food with others during celebration?
Sharing food brings people together and makes the celebration more joyful. It shows love and care. In my culture, festivals are incomplete without offering food to guests and neighbours.

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88. Describe an advertisement which introduced a product you have seen

You should say

- When and where you saw the advertisement
- What was the product
- How you like the advertisement
- And explain how you felt about it

- To be honest, I'm not a big fan of advertisements.
- I feel they mostly distract you from what you are actually enjoying, like a cricket match or a movie.
- I remember one such moment clearly — I was watching an IPL match with my friends.
- It was around five years ago, a match between Punjab Kings and Chennai Super Kings.
- During a break, a new advertisement popped up — it was for Cadbury Dairy Milk Silk chocolate.
- The ad had a jingle that went "Kiss me, close your eyes, miss me" — really catchy and sweet.
- The ad was short, around 30 to 40 seconds, but it left a strong impact.
- It showed a young couple sharing a Silk chocolate bar in a fun, romantic way.
- The chemistry between the actors was very cute and humorous at the same time.
- The way they looked at each other and tried to steal the chocolate was really funny.
- Even though I had just finished my dinner, I suddenly got a craving for something sweet.
- And honestly, Cadbury Silk is my favourite chocolate, especially the caramel and original silk versions.
- The jingle got stuck in my head — I kept humming "kiss me…" the whole night.
- My friends kept teasing me for loving such a soft, romantic ad.
- But I really enjoy it for its simplicity and the emotions it conveys in just a few seconds.
- It's one of the rare ads I don't mind watching again and again.
- Even today, whenever this ad plays, I stop and watch it with a smile.
- I think it does a great job of promoting the product in a light-hearted, feel-good manner.
- It made me love the chocolate even more and I ended up buying one the very next day.
- It's funny how an ad I didn't expect to like actually became one of my favourites.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Where do you often see advertisements?
I mostly see ads on YouTube and Instagram these days. Sometimes they also pop up while I'm playing games or watching something online.
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2. What are the benefits of advertising?
Advertising helps people know about new products or offers. It saves time because we don't have to search much — we just see what's available. Also, for businesses, it increases sales.

3. Are advertisements good or bad for children?
It depends. Some ads are useful and teach good habits, but many ads make children want things they don't need. For example, too many junk food ads can affect their eating habits.

4. How does advertising affect people?
Advertising influences the way people think and shop. Sometimes, it pushes people to buy unnecessary things. But at the same time, it can help in making better choices when done right.

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89. Describe a friend from your childhood

You should say

- Who she/he is
- When and how you met each other
- What you often did together
- And explain what made you like him/her

- I'd like to talk about Rohit, who has been my childhood friend and someone I really admire.
- We first met on the very first day of school, back in Class 5.
- I still remember how nervous I was, sitting alone in the classroom, and he came and asked if I wanted to play during lunch break.
- That small moment was the start of a lifelong friendship.
- We quickly discovered that we had a lot in common — we both loved playing cricket and football, and we were always in the same team during sports periods.
- Apart from sports, one thing that made Rohit really stand out was that he was always the topper of our class.
- No matter how difficult the subject was, he used to understand it quickly and even helped me when I struggled, especially in Maths.
- His parents were in government jobs, so they used to keep shifting, but he stayed in our city for many years.
- Unfortunately, about two years ago, his family moved to a different city due to his father's transfer.
- Still, we have stayed in touch through phone calls and social media, and we've even visited each other's homes during holidays.
- What I loved most about him was his friendly nature and amazing sense of humour.
- We used to do funny pranks in class, like hiding each other's lunch boxes and pretending to be teachers.
- Even though he was very intelligent, he never showed off. That's what made everyone like him more.
- Recently, he gave an entrance exam for a top college, and as usual, he's expected to be among the toppers.
- I feel really lucky to have had such a friend in my childhood.
- Rohit taught me the value of friendship, fun, and also how to balance studies and enjoyment.
- Even today, whenever I talk to him, it feels like no time has passed.
- Our bond is strong and full of good memories, and I hope we stay best friends forever.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Do you still keep in touch with your friends from childhood? Why or why not?
Yes, I'm still in touch with a few close friends from childhood. We grew up together, so the bond is strong. Even if we don't meet often, we talk on WhatsApp or social media. Childhood friends are like family to me.

2. How important is childhood friendship to children?
I think it's very important because it helps children learn to share, trust, and understand emotions. These early friendships build their social skills and confidence. Also, such friendships often stay in our memories forever.

3. What do you think of communicating via social media?
It's useful because it keeps people connected, especially if they live far apart. But sometimes, it feels less personal than talking face-to-face. Still, it's helpful, especially for quick messages or updates.

4. Do you think online communication through social media will replace face-to-face communication?
No, I don't think so. Online chatting is convenient, but face-to-face talks build stronger connections. Emotions and expressions can't be fully understood through a screen. We need both in life.

5. What's the difference between having younger friends and older friends?
Younger friends bring energy and fun, while older ones give advice and maturity. I enjoy both kinds. They offer different perspectives, which helps me grow as a person.

6. Has technology changed people's friendships? How?
Yes, technology has made it easier to stay in touch, but sometimes people forget to meet in real life. Some friendships now feel more virtual than real. Still, I use platforms like facebook and instagram to connect with people who share the same goals as me.

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90. Describe an impressive English lesson you had and enjoyed

You should say

- What it was about
- When you had it
- What the teacher did
- And why you enjoyed the lesson

- One of the most impressive and enjoyable English lessons I ever had was on the first day of Class 6.
- That day, we were introduced to our new English teacher — her name was Kiranpreet Ma'am.
- She looked very friendly and energetic, and we were all curious about how she would teach.
- She told us that we were going to learn English tenses, and most of us thought it would be boring like usual grammar rules.
- But instead of just writing the rules on the board, she turned the whole lesson into a fun game.
- She made the class act like a human timeline — some students became Past, some were Present, and others were Future.
- Then she added Continuous tenses too, and gave us different sentences to act or speak in the correct tense.
- For example, I was part of the Present group and had to say something like "I am reading a book."
- She would walk across the timeline, explain the rules, and correct us in a fun and kind way.
- Anyone who gave the right answer or showed good participation got small prizes — a candy, a sticker, or even a pen.
- My friend Ayesha gave a brilliant answer for past perfect continuous and got a pen as a prize.
- Another friend, Rohan, made everyone laugh by acting like someone from the future building a robot.
- The whole class was active, smiling, and learning — it didn't feel like studying at all.
- I realised that day how interactive learning can make difficult topics so easy to understand.
- Usually, in other lessons, we just listen and make notes, but here we were thinking, moving, and speaking.
- I've never forgotten that lesson — not just because it was fun, but because it actually helped me understand tenses clearly.
- Even today, when I prepare for IELTS from resources like makkarielts.com or follow pages like instagram.com/makkarielts, I remember how important fun and clarity in learning are.
- I wish more teachers used such creative methods.
- That English class taught me a lot, and more importantly, it made me fall in love with learning English.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Why do people learn foreign languages?
People learn new languages for many reasons — jobs, travel, or studies. Some want to move abroad, while others do it out of interest. English, for example, is a global language, so it helps in many fields.

2. What makes a good foreign language teacher?
A good language teacher should be patient and able to explain things clearly. They should use fun ways to teach like stories or games. I follow makkarielts.com and their tips help a lot too.

3. Do you think grammar is important when learning foreign languages?
Yes, grammar is the base of any language. Without it, we might say the wrong thing. But I feel in the beginning, speaking with confidence matters more than perfect grammar.

4. Is it interesting to be a foreign language teacher? Why?
Yes, I think it's interesting because you meet people from different cultures and help them achieve their goals. Watching students improve feels very rewarding.

5. What is the impact of information technology on learning foreign languages?
Technology has made learning faster and more fun. We can watch videos, use apps, or join online classes anytime. I also use resources like makkarielts.com and instagram.com/makkarielts for practice.

6. What effect will it have on the students if the teacher is impatient with them?
If a teacher is impatient, students might feel nervous or lose interest. They may stop asking questions or even stop learning. A calm and kind teacher makes a big difference.

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91. Describe a person who inspired you to do something interesting.

You should say:
- Who he/she is
- How do you know him/her
- What interesting thing you did
- How he/she inspired you to do it

- A person who inspired me to do something interesting is my cousin's wife, Priya.
- My cousin got married a few years ago, and he and Priya moved to Ludhiana, about 40 minutes from my hometown.
- Priya is a computer engineer by profession and works at a software company.
- Once, while I was visiting them, she mentioned that she had started to learn Indian classical dance.
- I knew she was a good dancer as I had seen her dance at her wedding and other family functions before.
- But Indian classical dance is complex and takes a lot of training.
- She said she was driving home one day from work and saw the advertisement for a new classical dance academy close to her office.
- She knew it was her chance to learn something new.
- It was also convenient as it was on her route, so she wouldn't waste time commuting.
- She said she had been attending Bharatnatyam classes for almost six months.
- She was one of the top students in her batch, and the academy even hired her to start teaching children on weekends
- She was so passionate about it and talked about opening her own dancing studio one day.
- I was truly inspired to see that she managed to keep up with it, along with a full-time job.
- I shared with her my interest in music and how I have always wanted to learn to play guitar.
- Growing up, I was busy with studies and never got the time.
- And now that I am older, I feel it was too late to learn.
- She told me that age is just a number and learning anything new needs consistent practice. If she can learn a new skill at her age, so can I.
- I was so inspired after meeting her. I got myself a guitar and bought a couple of guitar books.
- I looked up YouTube videos to learn the basics.
- There were so many resources online for learning guitar, and even teachers who taught through zoom.
- After a few months of learning the basics, I found a guitar teacher near my home who could teach me in person.
- He helped me work with more complex music, and I was able to refine my skills.
- I was amazed by my progress and eventually started playing for family and friends.
- Now, it's a hobby that I really enjoy. It not only relaxes me but is a good escape from the stress of everyday life
- I will be thankful to Priya for inspiring me to pursue my passion.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

What qualities make someone a role model?
A role model is someone who shows kindness, honesty, and works hard. They treat everyone with respect and stay positive even during hard times. They lead by example and encourage others to follow their dreams.

Why should children learn from role models?
Children should learn from role models because they help children understand the difference between right and wrong. They inspire them to work hard and believe in themselves. They give children someone to look up to and learn from.

Who can influence children more, teachers or parents?
Both teachers and parents can influence children, but parents usually have a stronger impact because they spend more time with them and are with them from a very young age.
Teachers also have a big role as a kind teacher can boost children's confidence, motivate them, and help them discover their strengths.

What kind of international news inspires people?
International news that inspires people often includes stories of kindness, courage, and progress. Some examples are people helping others during disasters, students from poor backgrounds achieving success, scientists finding cures for diseases, athletes breaking world records, and global movements for human rights etc.

Besides parents and teachers, who else can motivate children?
Besides parents and teachers, children can be motivated by friends, siblings, relatives, and famous people like actors, athletes, and politicians.

Can online teaching motivate students to learn? How?
Yes, online teaching can motivate students to learn if it is engaging and well-designed. It also allows students to learn at their own pace. Interactive tools, instant feedback, and the freedom to study anytime can make learning more exciting and flexible for many students.

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92. Describe a skill that you can teach other people

- What is it
- When you learned it
- How can you teach others
- How do you feel about this skill

- A few years ago, my mother learned 3D origami from the internet.
- She made these beautiful flower vases and swans with paper pieces.
- They really looked beautiful, and we decorated our house with them.
- Every time someone visited us, they used to ask us about how we made them.
- During the Covid lockdown, I was stuck at home.
- So, I asked my mother to teach me 3D origami.
- I had a lot of free time and so I practiced it.
- 3D origami is not tough, but there is a learning curve.
- It takes some time to learn how to fold pieces and give them a 3D look.
- Basically, we fold papers, making small pockets in them, and the other pieces fit in these pockets.
- I can teach this skill to others now.
- So, first, I would teach anyone how the paper pieces need to be cut and how they need to be folded.
- I would tell them to be patient and just keep experimenting.
- Then, nearly any shape can be given to the pieces.
- Learning how to give shape to the pieces is a lot about practice and experience.
- I found this part very difficult in the beginning, but now it seems very easy.
- There are also some YouTube videos that have some ideas about different shapes we can make.
- That's how I made my first few designs, but now I have started experimenting as well.
- I am really proud of this skill.
- I don't think I am an expert, and I am good enough to get compliments when someone sees the 3D shapes I made.
- Recently, I made an airplane, and it was one of the most complex designs I have made till now.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Should teachers be funny when they teach?

Yes, I think teachers should use humor while teaching. It lightens the class atmosphere and improves the relationship between students and teachers. In other words, students feel comfortable discussing their doubts and problems with the teachers. However, teachers must learn when to be strict, otherwise, it can impact the discipline in the classroom.

2. What qualities should teachers have?

Firstly, I think the most important skill that teachers should have is good communication skills. They need to understand how to teach in simple words. Secondly, they should be good observers. They need to be able to pick up the fears and anxieties students have. Only then can they build their confidence. Finally, teaching is about patience. Teachers need to be ready to explain the concepts again and again if their students are facing any difficulty.

3. Which do you think are more important, practical skills or academic skills?

Practical skills and academic skills have their own importance. I think it depends on the person's profession. If a person wants to be a teacher, a lawyer, or a researcher, they need to be an expert in academics. However, in other fields like business, trades, or creative work, practical skills are more important.

4. Which age group is the best at learning new things?

I am a strong believer in the fact that there is no age for learning. We can learn anything at any age. I believe that we should keep learning new skills, as it keeps the mind sharp and active.

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93. Describe a time you saw children behave badly in public

You should say
- Where it was
- What the children were doing
- How others reacted to it
- And explain how you felt about it

- I go for a walk every day at a park near my home.
- Usually, I also see a few children playing at the park during that time.
- And they are always accompanied by an adult.
- Last week, when I went to the park, I saw that the children instead of playing were uprooting the flowers and plants.
- I tried to see if there was an adult nearby who knew the children.
- There were a few others who were here for a walk like me, but I didn't think anyone knew the children.
- Some of them had also stopped and were thinking about what to do.
- However, an old uncle couldn't watch this any longer.
- He went up to the kids and told them to stop doing that immediately.
- However, instead of scolding, he started telling them that plants are living beings like us and uprooting them is like killing them.
- He then tried to make the best of the situation and asked the children to help him replant the trees.
- Seeing this, some of the other people and I also joined in and helped him.
- At first, I was very angry, but I also knew that the children didn't understand the consequences of their actions.
- After listening to the uncle, they stopped and actually helped in replanting the plants.
- Still, some of the plants had broken roots and we knew nothing could be done to save them.
- But we didn't say anything to the children because we didn't want to make them feel even more guilty.
- When a person came to pick them up, we explained the situation.
- He apologized on behalf of the children and told us that he was sorry for leaving them unattended.
- I learned one thing from that old man - rather than scolding children for their mistakes, it is our responsibility as a society to guide them and enable them to become better human beings.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. What bad behavior do children usually have?

Normally, the bad behavior I associate with children is being noisy, breaking things, disrespecting elders, scribbling on walls, etc. I have to admit, I was guilty of doing all of these when I was younger.

2. How should parents stop their children from behaving badly in public?

Parents should calmly talk to their children and explain why the behavior is not okay. They can gently remove the child from the situation, set clear rules, and use positive discipline like rewards for good behavior. Staying patient and consistent helps children learn better behavior over time.

3. Are parents these days stricter than those in the past?

Parents today are often less strict than in the past. Many now focus more on understanding their children and talking things through, instead of using strict rules or punishments.

4. Whose influence on children is more? Friends or parents?

I think in the early years, the parent's influence is second to none as children spend the majority of their time with the parents. But as children grow older, they spend considerably more time with their friends, and I think during these years it is their friends that influence their behavior and thinking the most.

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94. Describe a person who persuaded you to do something

You should say:

- When it happened
- What he/she persuaded you to do
- Why he/she persuaded you to do it
- Whether you did it at last

- I remember when I was in 10th grade, my best friend Kritika persuaded me to join the debate team.
- I was very good at academics in school, but one thing that always scared me was public speaking.
- Kritika had known me since childhood, and we had been in the same school since kindergarten.
- Kritika had been part of the debate team for a while and loved it.
- Sometimes she would discuss her debate topics with me, and I would always have a strong opinion for or against them.
- One day, when we were discussing one of the topics, she said, “You know, you’d be really great at debate.
- At first, I laughed and told her I wasn’t confident enough to speak in front of others.
- But she didn’t give up. She kept telling me how debate had helped her become more confident.
- She also said it would improve my public speaking skills and help in future interviews or presentations.
- She offered to help me prepare for the tryouts.
- Her support meant a lot to me and made me feel less nervous.
- She told me it was ok to make mistakes, and I should not think too much and just go for it.
- After a few days of thinking, I finally decided to give it a try.
- I went for the debate team tryouts and, surprisingly, I got selected.
- At first, I was nervous, but slowly I got better at it.
- I started enjoying debate and looking forward to the competitions.
- Looking back, I am really thankful to Kritika for pushing me to try something new.
- She believed in me when I didn’t believe in myself.
- If it weren’t for her, I would have missed out on a great experience.
- I think sometimes all we need is a little push to discover what we’re capable of.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

What impact does advertising have on children and their parents?
Advertising can make children want things they see on TV or online. This often puts pressure on parents to buy those products, even if they don't need them.

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95. Describe a person who likes to grow plants

- Who the person is
- What he/she grows
- Where he/she grows them
- Why does he/she enjoy growing plants

- Gardening is a very popular hobby in India.
- I know quite a few people who are passionate about it.
- But today, I would like to talk about someone very close to me - my grandfather
- I have learned a lot about plants and gardening from him.
- He has inspired my interest in this area.
- My grandfather began gardening seriously after he retired.
- He used to work as a lecturer in the agricultural department at Punjab University, so he had pretty good knowledge of plants, soil, fertilizers, and sustainable farming practices.
- However, due to his busy schedule before retirement, he didn't get much time to pursue this hobby.
- After retiring he turned the large backyard of his house into a green paradise.
- He initially started by planting flowers like roses, jasmine, and marigold.
- The entire backyard smelled wonderful, especially in the mornings.
- Gradually he moved on to planting fruit trees such as mango, papaya, and bananas.
- Now, he has a fully functional kitchen garden where he grows seasonal vegetables like tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, okra, spinach, etc.
- One of the main reasons he enjoys gardening is because he strongly believes in eating healthy and staying close to nature.
- He often says that these days, too many chemicals and pesticides are used in farming, which can harm our health.
- While organic vegetables are available in the markets now, they are often costly.
- So, he prefers to grow his own food at home using organic methods.
- He makes compost from kitchen waste and avoids all artificial fertilizers
- I remember during the COVID lockdown, I had a lot of free time, so I spent many afternoons helping him in the garden.
- That's when I realized how passionate and knowledgeable he is about plants.
- He would talk about plant diseases, soil conditions, and even how the sun's position affects plant growth.
- I often think he could write a book on gardening - that's how much he knows

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Are there many people growing their own vegetables now?

Yes, many people are growing their own vegetables these days, especially after the pandemic. They want fresh and chemical-free food at home.

2. Do you think it's good to let kids learn how to plant?

Yes, it's a great hobby and it teaches them patience and responsibility. It also helps them connect with nature and fosters a love for gardening.

3. What do you think of the job of a farmer?

Farmers grow the food we eat, and farming is a very important and hardworking job. If farmers will not grow any crops, then we will not have any food on our table and there will be hunger and starvation everywhere. I feel disappointed that farmers don't get enough support or respect.

4. What are the differences between traditional and modern agriculture?

Traditional agriculture used a lot of chemicals to increase the yield and prevent the crops from diseases, but modern agriculture is shifting towards organic and more environment friendly approach.

5. What happened to the farmers' income during the pandemic?

Many farmers faced losses during the pandemic due to market closures and transport issues. Some couldn't sell their crops on time, which lowered their income.

6. How do people grow plants in cities?

In cities, people grow plants in pots on balconies, if they live in apartments. Some grow them on rooftops or in small gardens in front of their homes.

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96. Describe a time when you received money as a gift.

You should say:

- When it happened?
- Who gave you the money
- Why he/she gave you the money
- And explain how he used the money

- It always feels nice to give and receive gifts.
- However, I normally, don't like to receive money as a gift because my mother takes it from me, and I never get to see that money again.
- Today, I am going to talk about a time, when I actually got to spend the money I got as a gift.
- In Indian culture, when we visit an elder relative's house for the first time, they give us money as a present.
- It's a tradition.
- Recently, I visited my father's cousin for the first time.
- He used to live in the US, but he shifted back to India after his retirement last month.
- He was very excited to see me, and we had a wonderful time at this house.
- When we were leaving, he handed me a small envelope with money.
- I expected it to be a small amount, but it was actually 100 dollars.
- So, I was completely shocked.
- At the same time, I was sad too because I knew I would never get to spend it
- My mother told me to return it, but my uncle refused to take it back.
- I knew my mother was going to take it from me so before she could, I handed it to my grandma for safekeeping.
- This is how I outwitted my mother, if I had given it to my mother, she would have told me that she spent it buying food for me and paying my electricity bills.
- Then after a few days, my phone broke, and I had to buy a new one.
- So, I used the money to buy myself a new Samsung phone.
- The first thing I did was to take a photograph of the phone and send it to my uncle along with a thank you note.

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- Money as a gift is extremely popular in my country.
- In fact, it can be called a tradition as well.
- People usually gift money to each other during weddings, birthdays, etc.
- Today, I would like to talk about one such occasion (out of so many others), when I received money from someone instead of an actual gift item.
- The occasion was my 18th birthday.
- And as per Indian laws I became an adult on this day
- My parents gifted me a motorbike on my birthday as I was now eligible to drive a motor vehicle
- When my friends came to know about this, all of them wanted a party from me.
- Unfortunately, I did not have much savings at that time, to give a party to my friends.
- But luckily my grandparents were visiting us during that time.
- They had come to spend their winters with us.

- I love my grandparents a lot, they are humble and polite.
- They always teach me a lot of good moral values and they love me a lot as well.
- Since my grandparents are too old, they could not go to the market to buy a gift for me.
- Moreover, they were not sure about what gift they should buy for me, which would make me happy.
- So, they decided it was best to give me money as a gift so that I could use it to buy anything I like.
- Initially I refused to accept the money but then my parents said I should not say no to the elders as it would be a disrespect to them.
- I then thanked my grandparents, and they gave me their blessings as well.
- I also told them that I had everything that I needed but my friends were asking for a party so I would use that money for the purpose of celebrating my birthday.
- My grandparents were happy that I was using the money to have a good time and share happiness with my friends.
- They wished me good luck for the party.
- I had a great outdoor party with my friends.
- So, this was one of the occasions when I received money as a gift, and I used it for celebrating with my friends.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Why do people rarely use cash now?
People rarely use cash now because it is more convenient to use debit/credit cards, mobile wallets, and online banking. Electronic payments are more secure, and it is easy to replace a credit card if it gets lost.

When do children begin to comprehend the value of money?
I don't think there is a particular age as it varies depending upon their upbringing. Typically, children begin to understand the value of money between ages 5-7. By this age, they realize that money is needed to buy things and must be earned or saved.

Should parents reward children with money?
I think it's ok to reward children with money to teach them the value of working hard. They can be rewarded for completing house chores or achieving certain goals.

Is it good and necessary to teach children to save money?
Yes, it is very important to teach children to save money so that in their adult life they understand the value/importance of money, not waste it, and are better at managing their finances in the future.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of credit cards?
Credit cards are more convenient for online and in-person transactions. Many cards offer incentives like cashback or travel miles. However, they can lead to overspending, accumulating debt, and incurring fees for late payments.

Do you think it's a good thing that more people are using digital payments?
Yes, I think it's a good thing as they are more convenient and secure than carrying physical cash everywhere. It also allows people to budget and keep track of their spending.

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97. Describe an unusual but interesting building you would like to visit.

You should say:

- Where is it
- What it looks like
- Why do you think it is unusual and interesting
- And explain why you would like to visit it

- One unusual but fascinating building I would love to visit is the Lotus Temple.
- It is a Bahá'í House of Worship in Kalkaji in New Delhi.
- It is notable for its unique flower-like architecture which resembles a blooming lotus.
- It is made up of 27 white marble petals arranged in clusters to form the shape of a lotus flower.
- It has 9 doors opening onto a central hall with a height of about 34 meters.
- The temple is surrounded by nine ponds, which not only enhance its beauty but also help cool the building naturally.
- It doesn't have any sharp angles or lines, which gives it a very organic and peaceful feel.
- The lotus temple has been featured in many newspapers and magazines and has won many architectural awards.
- I think it's unusual because it is very different from most religious buildings around the world.
- Instead of domes, towers, or traditional shapes, it's built to look like a giant lotus flower.
- What makes it even more unusual is its purpose and philosophy.
- Although it's a place of worship, it doesn't belong to just one region. It is open to people of all religious backgrounds and faiths.
- There are no religious ceremonies performed inside, and visitors are encouraged to sit in silence and meditate or reflect.
- It promotes unity, peace, and spiritual growth, which I find deeply meaningful.
- I would love to visit it not only because of its stunning architecture and unconventional design but also because of the values it represents.
- The combination of architectural beauty and spiritual openness makes it a very special destination in my opinion.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Why do some people choose to build houses by themselves?
Some people choose to build houses by themselves because they want to design everything the way they like and use the best materials. It can also be cheaper than buying a ready-made house, and they feel proud of building it on their own.

What factors do you consider when choosing a house or an apartment?
When choosing a house or an apartment I consider the location first, like if it's close to work because I don't like long commutes. I also look at the price, size, and if it's in a safe neighborhood.

Do you think a city's buildings affect its vibe or atmosphere?
Yes, I think buildings really affect a city's vibe. For example, tall skyscrapers can make a city feel modern, fast-paced, and full of business activity. On the other hand, old buildings and colorful streets can make a city feel historic, charming and artistic.

Do you think old buildings should be preserved?
Yes, I think old buildings should be preserved because they are part of a city's culture and history. They tell stories about the past and how people lived before. Keeping them help maintain the culture and charm of a place.

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98. Describe a person who shows his/her feelings very openly.

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- How do you know him/her
- Why do you think he/she is such a person
- And explain how you feel about him/her

- I would like to talk about my 10-year-old nephew, Tanay, who is someone who always shows his feelings very openly.
- I have known Tanay since he was born, and I've watched him grow into a very emotional and expressive child.
- He is the type of person who doesn't hide what he feels whether he is happy, sad, or even angry.
- I think he is like that because of how my sister and brother-in-law have raised him.
- They have always encouraged him to be honest about his feelings.
- They have taught him from a young age that it's ok to share your emotions.
- This kind of upbringing has made it easier for him to express himself without fear of judgment.
- For example, when he is excited about something like a new toy or hearing about a family vacation, his whole face lights up, and he can't stop talking about it.
- On the other hand, if he is upset about losing a game, a bad grade, or something serious like being bullied at school, he comes home and talks about it.
- I have picked him up from school sometimes and he tells me in detail all about his day, his friends, his teachers, etc.
- I really admire that he is not afraid to share his emotions.
- He is very genuine, and it is very easy to connect with him.
- His openness helps him build strong relationships, not only with family but also with friends. He is very popular and has so many friends.
- For me personally, I find it very refreshing to be around him. I remember, one day I cooked something for him, and he told me the food was ok and not as good as his mom's.
- I appreciated that he didn't lie to me and was so honest.
- He has taught me to be more open with my own emotions.
- Sometimes, as adults, we try to hide what we feel but Tanay's nature reminds me that it's ok to be vulnerable and share what's on our minds.
- I feel proud that he is so emotionally intelligent at such a young age and I think this quality will help him throughout his life.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Do you think it's good for people to show their feelings openly?
I think it's good for people to show their feelings openly because it helps them feel understood and supported. It can also improve their relationships and reduce stress. However, it is also important to be mindful of the situation and the people around them.

Who tends to show their feelings more openly, adults or children?
Children tend to show their feelings more openly than adults. They express emotions like happiness, sadness, or anger right away because they haven't learned to hide them yet. Adults usually mask their feelings and control their emotions in front of others.

Regarding showing emotions, are there any differences between men and women?
I think women tend to express their emotions more openly, especially feelings like sadness, empathy, and joy. I think it's because of social expectations - men are often told to toughen up and keep emotions in while women are encouraged to talk about feelings.

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99. Describe a time you made a decision to wait for something

You should say

- When it happened
- What you waited for
- Why you made the decision
- And explain how you felt while waiting

- One time I made a decision to wait for something was when I wanted to buy a new mobile phone.
- This happened about a year ago.
- My old phone had become quite slow, and I really wanted to get a better one with a good camera and more storage.
- I had even shortlisted the phone I wanted — it was a bit expensive but had great features.
- However, instead of buying it right away, I decided to wait for the Diwali festival sale, which I knew would be coming in a few weeks.
- During these sales, many online shopping apps offer heavy discounts, and I thought I might save some money if I waited.
- It was not an easy decision because my current phone was giving me trouble, and I was tempted to just go ahead and buy the new one.
- But I stayed patient, kept checking the offers daily, and finally, during the sale, the price dropped by almost 20%.
- I was really happy that I had waited.
- While I was waiting, I sometimes felt a little frustrated because my phone would hang or take too long to open apps.
- But I reminded myself that it was just a matter of time, and I would soon get a better phone at a lower price.
- In the end, I felt proud of my decision because I saved money and bought the phone I really wanted.
- This experience taught me that sometimes it's better to wait than to rush into things, especially when it comes to spending money.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. What do people in your country often do while waiting?

I think today people everywhere spend time on the phone. They might call or chat with another person, watch a video, play a game or listen to music.

2. Why do some people like a slow-paced life?

I think a slow-paced life reduces stress and gives a person time to spend with loved ones. It also leads to better physical and mental health as people can sleep properly. Otherwise, most people are sleep deprived today because of the fast pace of life.

3. Is being patient good for people? Why?

Yes, I think it's very important. Lack of patience can create a lot of problems like stress. It can also spoil relationships.

4. Are people less patient now than people in the past? Why?

Yeah, as technology has spread, more and more people are now dependent upon it. As a result, they are also less patient as they want things done quickly. One reason for the growth of online shopping as people can't wait.

5. Why do people lack patience?

Like I said, the first reason is of course technology, which offers quick results. Pressure and stress also lead to impatience as people can get frustrated with delays. Finally, I think unrealistic expectations also lead to impatience. When reality doesn't match people's expectation, they become impatient.

6. How can people become more patient?

I think one of the best ways is have realistic expectations. For example, if a process a certain time from 1 week to 2 weeks, we should expect the maximum rather than the minimum. Another way is to do meditation. Impatience is lack of ability to control our mind. The best way to become patient is to calm our mind, which can be done by mediation and other mental exercises.

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100. Describe a shop/store you often visit

You should say

- What the shop's name is
- Where it is
- How often you visit it
- And explain why you like to visit it

- One shop that I often visit these days is MR.DIY.
- It has recently opened in my hometown, and I was really excited when I saw it for the first time because I had heard about it from my friends and seen it in bigger cities.
- It is located in a shopping area near the main market, so it's easy to reach.
- I usually go there once every one or two weeks, sometimes with my parents and sometimes with friends.
- We often visit it on weekends when we go out for other shopping.
- I really like visiting MR.DIY because it has a huge variety of useful items at very reasonable prices.
- They sell everything—like stationery, home décor, kitchen items, tools, toys, beauty products, and even small electronics.
- I always find something interesting, even when I don't plan to buy anything.
- The best part is that the store is neat, well-organized, and the items are displayed properly, so it's easy to look around.
- The staff is also polite and the billing is quick, so we don't have to wait in long lines.
- What I like most is that I can buy useful things for my room or for school at low prices.
- Once I bought a set of organizers and some cute pens that I couldn't find anywhere else.
- I also enjoy looking at their home decoration section because it gives me new ideas to decorate my room.
- Sometimes they have seasonal items like Diwali lights or gift wrapping materials, which I find very helpful.
- Overall, MR.DIY has become one of my favourite stores.
- It's fun to visit, and I always enjoy exploring what's new there.
- It has made shopping in my hometown more exciting and convenient.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Do people in your country go to the shopping mall frequently?

Yes, a lot of people go to shopping malls frequently. However, street markets are also very popular.

2. How have people's shopping habits changed in recent decades?

As disposable incomes have increased, people's spending habits have changed from essential items to luxuries. Moreover, more and more people are shopping online instead of going to street markets and shopping malls.

3. Do you think shops and shopping malls will disappear in the future?

I don't think they will disappear completely. For me shopping is not just about buying something, it is also about spending quality with friends and family and online shopping cannot fulfill this purpose. Moreover, many people prefer to buy items like shoes and clothes only after trying them out, so there will always be a space for physical stores.

4. What are the differences between shopping in street markets and big shopping malls?

The biggest difference is in the variety of products. Street markets sell handmade, local, or unique items, while shopping malls sell branded and mass-produced items. Moreover, there is a lot of bargaining in street markets, while prices in shopping malls are generally fixed.

5. What are the differences between shopping habits of different age groups?

Younger people tend to spend more on clothes, fashion and latest electronic gadgets, whereas older people care much more practical and essential items. Secondly, I think older people prefer shopping in person, while youngsters prefer shopping online.

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101. Describe a goal you set that you tried your best to achieve

You should say

- What it was
- When you set it
- What you did to achieve it
- And explain how you felt about it

- One goal I set for myself was to improve my spoken English so that I could confidently participate in group discussions and interviews.
- I set this goal about two years ago when I realized that although I had a decent understanding of grammar and vocabulary, I struggled to speak fluently in real-life situations.
- This weakness made me feel nervous and underconfident, especially in professional settings.
- To achieve this goal, I created a structured routine.
- I started by watching English news channels and talk shows daily to become more familiar with natural speech.
- I also joined an online speaking club where I could practice with other learners.
- Apart from that, I recorded myself speaking on random topics and listened back to identify areas of improvement.
- Reading aloud, and maintaining a diary of new words also helped a lot.
- I tried to stay consistent, even on days when I felt tired or discouraged.
- After a few months, I noticed a big improvement in my fluency and confidence.
- I was finally able to express my thoughts clearly and participate actively in discussions.
- I felt very proud of myself because this goal required a lot of patience and daily effort.
- It taught me that with the right approach and determination, I could overcome any weakness.
- Most importantly, it gave me the courage to set even higher goals for myself.

Another version

- One goal that I set for myself was to do well in my 12th class board exams.
- I set this goal at the beginning of the school year because I knew that these marks would be very important for my future.
- Good marks could help me get into a good college and also make my family proud.
- At first, I was not very confident because some of the subjects were difficult for me, especially Maths and Chemistry.
- But I was determined to try my best.
- So I made a proper study timetable and tried to follow it every day.
- I gave more time to the difficult subjects and revised the easy ones regularly.
- I also stopped wasting time on social media and playing games on my phone.
- I also took help from my teachers whenever I had doubts and sometimes studied in a group with my friends.
- That helped me stay motivated.
- There were times when I felt very tired or stressed, but I reminded myself of my goal.
- My parents also encouraged me a lot and made sure I had a peaceful environment to study in.

- Finally, when the results came out, I was very happy.
- I got good marks, better than I expected, and my hard work paid off.
- I felt proud of myself because I had really tried my best.
- This experience taught me that setting a clear goal and working towards it with full focus can really give good results.
- It gave me more confidence to work hard in the future as well.

Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Do people in your country set goals?

Yes, people do set goals. Goals give people a sense of direction and purpose. It also acts as a source of motivation. Imagining the goal in our mind, can help people work harder and achieve it.

2. Do people usually set long-term goals or short-term ones?

I think both. Long term goals like buying a house, becoming a manager or earning a degree give an overall sense of direction. Short term goals like finishing a presentation, completing an assignment are like small steps towards the main long-term goal. People make both.

3. Why is setting goals important in the workplace?

Firstly, I think goals give clarity about responsibilities and priorities to employees. It also acts as a source of motivation and finally, it helps to track progress and help finish projects on time.

4. What is the difference between goals set by old people and young people?

I think the main difference is the focus. Goals of old people focus on stability and health like spending time with family members, saving for retirement and say on, whereas young people's goals are more about growth and exploration like earning a degree, travelling to a foreign country. Moreover, young people are more ambitious in their girls, whereas old people are much more realistic.

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102. Describe an impressive talk/conversation you had that you remember well

You should say

- Who you talked to
- When and where you had the talk
- What you talked about
- And explain why you think it was impressive

- One conversation that I remember very well and found truly impressive was with my neighbour and close friend, who had gone abroad to study.
- This happened around a year ago when he returned to India during his semester break.
- We met at his house one evening, and we ended up talking for a long time.
- He had gone to Canada for his higher studies, and I was very curious to know about his experience.
- He shared so many interesting things about student life there — the education system, part-time jobs, how people live independently, and how important time management is abroad.
- He also spoke about the challenges like homesickness and extreme weather, but more importantly, how he became more confident and responsible after moving there.
- What really impressed me was the way he had adapted to a completely new lifestyle and culture.
- He told me how going abroad had changed his mind set and given him a lot of exposure.
- He was speaking with so much clarity and maturity that I could feel how much he had grown as a person.
- After that conversation, I felt very inspired and motivated.
- I had always thought about studying abroad, but after hearing his real-life experience,
- I made up my mind to seriously prepare for the IELTS exam.
- His words gave me the push I needed to take that first step toward my goal.
- I think this conversation was impressive because it didn't just give me information—it gave me direction.
- It made me believe that if he could do it, so could I, and that one talk changed the way I looked at my future.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. What topics do young people like to talk about?

Young people like to talk about various things, but the most common topics are fashion, sports and gadgets. And I think most girls and boys also talk about each other.

2. Is it important to have good communication skills at work?

Yes, I think good communication skills are important everywhere not only at work but also in personal life as well. At work, it is important for teamwork, if people need to work together, they must be able to communicate effectively. Moreover, good communication skills help to resolve conflicts. Finally, if people can express confidently, they have better chances of promotions and getting leadership positions.

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103. Describe a place you visited and enjoyed in the countryside

You should say

- Where it was in the countryside
- What did you do there
- And explain how you felt about the visit

- I was born in a city, and I have spent most of my time living in the city only.
- However, during summer vacations, once I visited my paternal grandparents, who at that time, lived in a small village in Punjab, Farala.
- There was a famous pond in the village, and I had a lot of fun there.
- My parents had enrolled me in a summer camp at the village, where they taught Punjabi martial arts like Gatka.
- I had a lot of fun learning Gatka, but it was also very tiring.
- They made us to do martial arts poses during the hot summer days.
- We were completely drained and sweaty by the evening.
- At that time, I and most of the other kids enrolled at the camp would go to the pond.
- The water would have cooled down enough by that time.
- It used to be so relaxing and refreshing.
- The pond was not very deep, so there was no risk of drowning.
- We used to swim and do summersaults in the pond.
- Time would just fly by, and I enjoyed it so much that I never came out of the pond on my own.
- My grandparents had to drag me out of the pond.
- I remember praying to God to make days longer so I could enjoy more time at the pond.
- I really enjoyed the whole experience.
- Unfortunately, I couldn't enjoy the experience again as my grandparents moved to the city to live with us the following year.
- They were getting old, and my parents were really worried about their health.
- But I still miss the experience a lot.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Where do people like to visit in the countryside?
People normally visit old buildings and streets, agricultural fields and religious places. For example, there are many famous Gurudwaras in Punjabi villages and people come from far-away places to visit them.

What are consequences of the decrease of population in the countryside?
There are many consequences of decrease of population in the countryside. Firstly, many old people in village are facing problems like loneliness and depression. Secondly, there is a huge shortage of agricultural labor in villages, and this has an adverse effect on the agricultural sector.

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104. Describe a photo that you enjoy looking at

You should say:

- Who took it
- When and where was it taken
- What was the photo about

- One of my favourite photos was taken by my best friend when I was in 12th class.
- It was clicked during our farewell party at school, about one year ago.
- The event was held in the school auditorium, and we were all dressed in formal clothes.
- I was wearing a saree for the first time, so I felt a bit nervous but also very excited.
- In the photo, I'm standing with a big smile, holding a bouquet of flowers.
- My classmates are in the background, and there are colourful decorations on the wall.
- The lighting is perfect, and everything looks bright and cheerful.
- I enjoy looking at this photo because it reminds me of the last day of school — a mix of happiness and sadness.
- It was a special moment because we were all saying goodbye to each other but also dreaming about our future.
- This picture shows my true emotions — excitement for a new journey and love for my school friends.
- I have kept it as my phone wallpaper, and every time I see it, I feel nostalgic.
- So, this is one photo of mine that I really enjoy looking at.

Another version

- One of my favourite photos of myself was taken by my sister.
- This photo was taken about two years ago during a family trip to Shimla.
- We were staying at a beautiful hotel on the hills.
- One morning, I was standing on the balcony with a cup of tea in my hand.
- The sun was rising, and the view was amazing.
- My sister suddenly said, "Don't move!" and clicked a picture of me.
- In the photo, I am smiling and looking at the mountains.
- I am wearing a red shawl, and there is soft sunlight on my face.
- The background shows green trees, blue sky, and some clouds. It looks peaceful and natural.
- I enjoy looking at this photo because it reminds me of a happy and relaxing time.
- The weather was perfect, and we were all together.
- That moment was calm and special for me.
- Also, I like the way I look in the photo.
- It's not posed or artificial. It's a real moment, full of peace and joy.
- I have framed this photo and kept it in my room.
- Every time I see it, I feel happy and thankful.
- So, this is a photo that I really enjoy looking at.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1.) Why do many people like to share photos on social media platforms?
I think the major reason is to show friends and family members what is happening in their lives and keep them up to date, even if they are far away. Secondly, it is also a means to boost one's self esteem as there is a system to gain likes, comments and shares. It gives people validation about their looks. On the other hand, people also feel pressurized to do it as they want to show that they are also interesting. They don't want to feel left behind.

2.) On what occasions do most people like to take photographs?
Most people like to take photos to capture special, meaningful and unique moments. For example, birthday parties and weddings. They also take photos during vacation and travel to capture those memories. With the selfie culture, most people often don't even need an occasion, and everyday life is an occasion.

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105. Describe a place where you saw animals

You should say

- When you went there
- Who you went with
- What animals you saw there
- And explain how you felt about the place

- Last year, my parents, my sister's family and I went to on a vacation to Darjeeling in West Bengal.
- There, we had the opportunity to visit the Darjeeling Zoo.
- It was a bright and cool day.
- My sister's children were very excited because they love animals.
- The Darjeeling Zoo is also called the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park.
- It is a very famous zoo, and it is on a hill.
- The air was fresh, and the view of the mountains was beautiful.
- We saw many animals that live in cold places, like snow leopards, red pandas, and Himalayan bears.
- The first animal we saw was the red panda.
- It was so cute! It was sitting on a tree and eating.
- The kids were very happy to see it.
- Then we saw the snow leopard.
- It looked strong and beautiful.
- It was resting in the shade.
- We also saw a black bear lying in the sun.
- It looked very lazy but peaceful.
- We walked around the zoo slowly, looking at the animals.
- The zoo was clean and green, and the animals looked healthy.
- The children asked many questions, and we all enjoyed learning new things.
- At lunchtime, we sat on a bench and ate the food we brought.
- We had sandwiches, fruit, and juice. After eating, we visited a small shop near the zoo.
- In the evening, we left the zoo and returned to our hotel. Everyone was tired but happy. It was a lovely trip.

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1. Why do stories and movies for children always feature animals?

Stories and movies for children often feature animals because animals are fun, interesting, and easy for children to understand. Also, animals can teach moral lessons in a simple and gentle way. For example, a lion can teach courage, a rabbit can show cleverness, and a turtle can teach patience.

2. How did animals help people in the past?

In the past, animals helped people in many important ways. Before machines, people used animals for work, travel, and food. For example, horses, donkeys, and camels were used to carry people and heavy goods from one place to another. Dogs were used for security. Many animals like chicken, cows, pigs and goat were used for food. In fact, they are still used for food now.

3. Do you think people are more interested in animals now than they were in the past?

Yes, I think people are more interested in animals now than they were in the past, but in a different way. In the past, people mostly cared about animals because they were useful for farming, travel, or food. Today, people care about animals not just for their use, but also because they want to protect them and learn about them.

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106. Describe an unforgettable experience that you had

You should say:

- When and where it happened
- What happened
- Who you were with
- And explain why it is unforgettable

- One unforgettable experience I had was when I went on a school trip to Shimla two years ago.
- It happened during our final year of school. I was around 16 years old at that time.
- The school arranged a three-day trip to Shimla for all students in our class.
- It was my first time going to the hills, so I was very excited.
- I went with my classmates and a few teachers. We travelled by bus, and the journey itself was full of fun.
- We sang songs, played games, and clicked many photos on the way.
- When we reached Shimla, the weather was very cold and fresh.
- I still remember the feeling of cool wind on my face.
- We stayed in a small but beautiful hotel surrounded by pine trees.
- On the second day, it snowed, and that was the most amazing part.
- It was my first time seeing snow in real life. I couldn't stop smiling.
- My friends and I made snowballs, had a snow fight, and built a snowman.
- We also went to Mall Road and bought some woollen caps and souvenirs.
- In the evening, we sat near a bonfire, danced, and enjoyed hot soup.
- It felt like a dream.
- I think this trip is unforgettable because everything was new for me — snow, hills, and even staying away from home.
- Also, I made great memories with my friends.
- We laughed a lot and enjoyed each moment.
- I felt very happy and free during those days.
- Even today, when I look at the pictures from that trip, I feel very emotional.
- That experience will always be special to me.
- It was the perfect ending to my school life and a memory I will never forget.

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Is the organisation of big events very important in your country?
Yes, it's quite important. People expect things to be well-planned during weddings, festivals, and public functions. If something goes wrong, people often talk about it. For example, I attended a wedding last month where food was delayed, and many guests were upset.

What do people usually do during big events?
People dress up nicely, enjoy music and dance, take pictures, and eat special food. These events are a way to meet family and friends. In India, weddings and festivals are full of lights and traditional songs.

Do most people prefer to take part in big events or in small activities?
It depends on the person. Some people enjoy large crowds and loud music, while others prefer quiet get-togethers. Personally, I like small gatherings as they feel more comfortable and relaxed.

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107. Describe something you bought that you really wanted to return

You should say:

- What it is
- When and where you bought it
- Why you wanted to return it
- And explain whether you returned it in the end

- Last year, I bought a smartwatch that I really wanted to return.
- I saw it online on a shopping website during a big sale.
- It looked very stylish and had many features like step counting, heart rate monitor, and message alerts.
- I had been saving money for a long time, so I was very excited to buy it.
- I ordered it from an app and got it after five days.
- When I opened the box, I was a little disappointed.
- The watch did not look as good as it did in the pictures.
- The screen was smaller, and the strap felt very cheap.
- I still tried to use it for a few days.
- But it had many problems. The battery died very fast.
- The heart rate sensor was not working properly.
- Sometimes, the watch did not connect to my phone.
- I felt very bad because I had spent around ₹2500 on it.
- It was a lot of money for me as a student.
- I felt like I had made a wrong decision.
- I told my parents about it, and they also said I should try to return it.
- I checked the app, and luckily, there was a 7-day return option.
- I quickly packed it again and requested a return.
- A delivery person came after two days and took the watch back.
- I got my money refunded in my account after one week.
- I was very happy and also learned a lesson.
- Now, I always read reviews before buying anything online.
- This experience was not good, but I'm glad I could return the product.
- It taught me to be more careful while shopping.

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What do you think of advertisements?
Advertisements are helpful when we want to know about new products. But sometimes, they are too many and can feel annoying. For example, on YouTube, ads interrupt videos too often.

Do you think physical stores will disappear in the future?
I don't think they will disappear completely. Online shopping is growing, but many people still like to see and touch things before buying. Also, small shops in local areas are still very popular.

108. Describe a kind of foreign food you like and you have had

You should say:

- What it is
- When and where you had it
- Why you like it
- And explain how you feel about it

- One foreign food that I really like is pizza.
- Pizza is an Italian dish, but it is now famous all over the world, including in India.
- The first time I had pizza was about four years ago.
- I went to a Domino's outlet in my hometown with my cousins.
- I saw many types of pizza on the menu like cheese burst, veggie delight, and paneer pizza.
- I ordered a medium-sized cheese burst pizza with extra toppings.
- When I took the first bite, it tasted amazing.
- The melted cheese, soft bread base, and spicy toppings made it very tasty.
- Since then, I have had pizza many times.
- I usually eat it on special days like birthdays or when I go out with friends.
- Sometimes, I also order it at home during weekends.
- I like both vegetarian and non-vegetarian pizzas.
- One reason I love pizza is that it is easy to eat and very filling.
- Also, I can choose my own toppings like olives, mushrooms, paneer, or even chicken.
- It is hot, cheesy, and has a lovely smell.
- The best part is the cheese — it stretches when we pull a slice!
- Pizza is different from Indian food, but still it suits our taste.
- Now many Indian restaurants also serve desi-style pizzas with spicy flavours.
- I think it is a good mix of foreign and Indian tastes.
- I feel happy and satisfied whenever I eat pizza.
- It is not something I eat every day, but I enjoy it once in a while.
- So, pizza is one foreign food that I like the most and have enjoyed many times.
- It has become a part of my fun moments with family and friends.

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Do most people like to eat the food they are familiar with or try new food?
Most people prefer familiar food because it gives comfort. But younger people often like trying new dishes. For example, I recently tried Korean food and found it quite tasty.

What kinds of foreign food are popular in your country?
Chinese, Italian, and American fast food are very popular in India. Dishes like noodles, pizza, and burgers are easily found in most cities. Even small towns have shops selling these items now.

Do you like to cook at home?
Yes, I enjoy cooking simple meals. It feels healthier and more satisfying. I usually cook rice and vegetables in the evening. But on weekends, I try something new.

Is it expensive to eat out in your country?
It depends on where you go. Street food is cheap, but restaurants can be expensive. For example, a good meal at a decent restaurant may cost around ₹500 for one person.

What's the difference between Indian food and Western food?
Indian food is usually spicy and uses a lot of herbs. Western food is simpler and less spicy. For example, a typical Indian lunch has many items, while a Western meal may just have one or two.

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109. Describe a place with a lot of trees that you would like to visit (e.g. a forest, oasis)

You should say:

- Where it is
- How you knew this place
- What it is like
- And explain why you would like to visit it

- One place with a lot of trees that I would like to visit is Jim Corbett National Park.
- It is in the state of Uttarakhand, in northern India.
- I came to know about this place through a travel show on TV.
- Later, I also read about it in a magazine and searched for it on YouTube.
- This park is full of tall trees, green forests, rivers, and wild animals.
- It is one of the oldest national parks in India.
- Many people visit it to enjoy nature and wildlife.
- There are many types of trees like sal, peepal, and mango trees.
- You can also see animals like tigers, elephants, deer, and monkeys there.
- People go on jungle safaris in open jeeps to explore the forest.
- There are also nature walks and birdwatching tours.
- I have never been to a real forest, so I really want to experience it.
- The air there must be very fresh and clean.
- I think it would be very peaceful and calm, far from the noise of the city.
- I also love taking photos, and this place looks very beautiful in pictures.
- I would love to go there with my family or friends.
- One more reason I want to visit is because I love animals and trees.
- It would be great to see them in their natural home.
- I also want to learn how forests help our environment.
- They give us oxygen, food, and help control the climate.
- I believe visiting such a place would be a new and exciting experience for me.
- It would also teach me to care more about nature and wildlife.
- So, Jim Corbett National Park is the place I dream of visiting.
- I hope I get the chance to go there soon.

Why do people like visiting places with trees or forests?
People go there to relax and enjoy nature. Forests offer fresh air and peace. I once visited a hill station with lots of trees and felt really refreshed after the trip.

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110. Describe a live performance you enjoyed watching

You should say:

- Who performed in it
- What kind of performance it was
- When you watched it
- And explain why you enjoyed

- One live performance I really enjoyed was a music concert by Diljit Dosanjh.
- It happened in Ludhiana last year at a big open-air stadium.
- I went there with my cousin and two close friends.
- We had bought the tickets one month in advance because we are big fans of Diljit Dosanjh.
- The concert started in the evening and lasted for around three hours.
- The stage was huge, with colourful lights, big screens, and loud speakers.
- When Diljit Dosanjh came on the stage, the crowd started cheering loudly.
- He sang many popular songs like “Do You Know”, “Lover”, and “Vibe”.
- The atmosphere was electric.
- Everyone was singing along with him.
- Some people were even dancing.
- I could feel the music in my heart.
- Diljit Dosanjh has a very soothing and emotional voice.
- He also spoke to the audience and made us feel very connected.
- I enjoyed the concert because it was my first time seeing a live performance by a famous singer.
- Usually, I only listen to songs on YouTube or the radio, but this time, it was real.
- I also liked the energy of the crowd — everyone looked so happy and excited.
- There were food stalls and merchandise counters as well.
- Another reason I enjoyed it was because I went with my friends.
- We clicked many pictures and made lovely memories.
- Even now, when I watch those videos on my phone, I feel the same happiness again.
- This concert gave me a break from my studies and daily routine.
- It was one of the best evenings of my life.
- I would love to go to another Diljit Dosanjh concert in the future.
- So, this was a live performance that I truly enjoyed and will never forget.

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What kind of party have you had so far?
I've had small birthday parties with friends and family. We usually have cake, music, and games. I enjoy such parties because they are simple and fun.

Do you think it is hard for people to perform in front of their friends?
Yes, for many people it's harder than performing in front of strangers. They feel nervous about being judged. I remember I once forgot my lines during a school play in front of my classmates.

Is it easy to invite your friends to attend your party or your performance?
Yes, it's usually easy because friends support you. But sometimes they might not come due to personal reasons or busy schedules.

Is it expensive to watch a live performance in your country?
Some shows are expensive, especially famous concerts or plays. But local performances are usually affordable. Students and families often go to such events.

Why do many people prefer to watch a live performance rather than watch it on TV?
Live shows feel more exciting and real. The energy of the crowd and seeing artists in front of you is special. Watching on TV is convenient, but it doesn't feel the same.

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111. Describe a person who helps to protect the environment

You should say:

- Who this person is
- When this person does this
- What has the person done
- And explain why you think this is important

- I would like to talk about a person who truly cares about the environment.
- His name is Mr. Syal, and he is my neighbour.
- He is around 55 years old and lives just two houses away from mine.
- He is a retired government officer and now spends a lot of his time in social work.
- Mr. Syal does many things to protect nature.
- Every morning, he goes out to clean the area around our colony.
- He picks up plastic waste and tells others not to throw garbage on the roads.
- He has also planted many trees in the nearby park.
- I have seen him watering those trees regularly.
- He also teaches children in the area about the importance of saving water and electricity.
- During festivals, he always uses eco-friendly decorations.
- He has solar panels on his roof and encourages others to install them too.
- He never uses plastic bags. He always carries a cloth bag when he goes shopping.
- Mr. Syal also started a small group in our society.
- This group collects old clothes and gives them to poor people.
- They also collect waste paper and send it for recycling.
- Sometimes, he invites experts to give talks on how to reduce pollution.
- I think his work is very important because today, the environment is in danger.
- There is too much pollution, deforestation, and waste.
- If more people were like Mr. Syal, the world would become a cleaner and healthier place.
- He is a great example for all of us.
- I feel lucky to have such a neighbour.
- He has inspired me to stop using plastic bottles and to save electricity.
- This is why I really respect Mr. Syal and think he is doing a great job for the environment.

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Why can recycling help the environment?
Recycling reduces waste and saves natural resources. For example, using old paper to make new paper saves trees. It also helps in keeping the environment clean.

What have people done to damage the environment?
People throw plastic, cut trees, and use too many vehicles. These actions cause pollution. In my area, lakes are getting dirty because of garbage and chemicals.

Do you think technology can improve environment-related problems?
Yes, it can. Machines that clean water, electric cars, and solar panels are good examples. But people also need to change their habits.

Is it important to teach students environmental protection at school?
Yes, it's very important. When children learn young, they grow up to care about nature. I remember planting a tree in school during Environment Week.

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112. Describe a sport that you really like

You should say:

- What it is
- How often you do it
- How you learned to do it
- And explain why you like it

- One sport that I really like is cricket.
- It is the most popular sport in India, and almost every child plays it at some point.
- I started playing cricket when I was around 10 years old.
- At first, I used to play with my friends in the street near my house.
- Later, I joined a small cricket coaching centre in my town.
- There, I learned how to hold the bat properly, how to bowl, and how to field.
- My coach was very helpful and friendly.
- He taught me the basic rules and also told me how to stay fit and active.
- I usually play cricket twice or thrice a week.
- Sometimes, we have friendly matches on Sundays with boys from nearby areas.
- Whenever there is a school tournament, I try to take part.
- I mostly enjoy batting, but I am also good at fielding.
- I like cricket because it is a team game.
- It teaches me discipline, teamwork, and focus.
- When we win a match, we all celebrate together, and that feels amazing.
- Even when we lose, we learn something and try to do better next time.
- Cricket also keeps me physically fit.
- I have made many good friends through this sport.
- I enjoy watching cricket matches on TV as well, especially when India is playing.
- My favourite player is Virat Kohli because he plays with great energy and passion.
- Playing cricket helps me take a break from studies and refresh my mind.
- It brings happiness and excitement into my daily life.
- That is why cricket is the sport I really like, and I will always enjoy playing it.

Are sports important for children?
Yes, sports help children stay active and healthy. They also learn teamwork and discipline. I used to play football in school and it made me more confident.

How can we make children aware of the importance of sports?
Schools can hold fun sports events and tell kids about the benefits. Parents should also encourage outdoor play. Giving rewards can also help in motivating them

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113. Describe a TV series you like

You should say:

- What is the name of the TV series
- When you watched it
- What it is about
- And explain why you like it.

- One TV series that I really like is "Kota Factory."
- I watched it for the first time about one year ago on YouTube and Netflix.
- My friend told me about it and said it was very interesting and useful for students. So I decided to give it a try.
- "Kota Factory" is an Indian web series.
- It is about a teenage boy named Vaibhav who goes to Kota, a city famous for coaching centres.
- He wants to prepare for the IIT entrance exam, which is a very tough exam in India.
- The series shows the problems and pressure students face in these coaching institutes.
- The story is very real and emotional.
- It shows friendship, stress, hard work, and family support.
- The main character, Jeetu Bhaiya, is a teacher and a guide for many students.
- I really liked his way of explaining things and motivating students.
- I like this series because it is very relatable.
- Many students in India go through the same stress when preparing for competitive exams.
- The acting is very natural and the story feels real.
- It is also shot in black and white, which gives it a unique and serious look.
- After watching this series, I felt more motivated to study hard and follow my goals.
- It taught me that hard work, discipline, and focus are very important in life.
- I also learned that support from teachers and friends can make a big difference.
- I have watched all the episodes and I am waiting for the next season.
- Whenever I have free time, I watch some scenes again because they inspire me.
- So, "Kota Factory" is my favourite TV series and I would recommend it to all students.

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Is it beneficial to insert advertisements within a TV series?
It depends. Some ads are well-placed and feel natural, but others can be annoying. If they appear too often, they break the flow. I usually skip them when watching online.

Do you think that parents should limit their children from watching television?
Yes, too much TV is bad for kids. It can affect their studies and sleep. My cousin used to watch cartoons all day until her parents set rules, and now she's more active.

Would your family watch TV together?
Yes, we often watch news or movies together in the evening. It's a good way to spend time with family and discuss things. Watching comedy shows is our favourite.

What are the differences in television viewing habits between the elderly and young people?
Older people prefer news, religious shows, or old movies, while young people watch web series, music, or sports. My grandmother watches devotional songs every morning, but my brother prefers Netflix.

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114. Describe a plan that you had to change recently

You should say:

- When this happened
- What made you change the plan
- What the new plan was
- And how you felt about the change

- A plan that I had to change recently was a trip to Manali with my friends.
- It was supposed to happen last month during a long weekend.
- We had planned everything — hotel booking, travel by bus, and sightseeing.
- We were all very excited about the trip because we needed a break from our busy schedules.
- But sadly, two days before the trip, heavy rainfall was reported in Himachal Pradesh.
- There were news updates about landslides and blocked roads.
- Our parents also got worried and told us it was not safe to travel.
- So, we had to cancel our trip to Manali.
- At first, we felt very disappointed.
- We had been looking forward to the trip for many weeks.
- We even bought new clothes and packed our bags.
- But we knew that safety is more important than fun.
- So we made a new plan quickly.
- Instead of going to Manali, we decided to have a short one-day picnic at a local resort nearby.
- It had a swimming pool, indoor games, and a small garden.
- We carried food and had a great time together.
- We clicked many photos and enjoyed each other's company.
- Even though it was not as exciting as Manali, we were still happy.
- We got to spend quality time with our friends.
- Also, we promised to plan the Manali trip again in the future when the weather is better.
- In the end, I felt that changing the plan was the right decision.
- It taught me that sometimes we must adjust according to the situation.
- Plans may change, but what matters is making the best of what we have.
- So this is a recent plan I had to change, and I learned something from it.

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Do people often change their plans?
Yes, many people change plans due to work, health, or other reasons. I also do it sometimes if something urgent comes up. It's quite common nowadays.

Would you tell others if you change your plan?
Yes, I always inform them. It's respectful and avoids confusion. Once I forgot to tell a friend, and he waited for me for an hour—I felt really bad.

Why do you think parents still make plans for their children nowadays?
Parents want the best for their kids. They guide them because they have more experience. But sometimes children feel too much pressure if the plans are not realistic.

How does technology help people make plans?
Technology makes planning easier. We can set reminders, use calendars, or book tickets online. I always use my phone to plan my weekly schedule—it saves time.

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115. Describe a water sport you would like to try in the future

You should say:

- What it is
- Where you would like to try it
- Whether it is difficult
- And explain why you would like to try it

- One water sport I would like to try in the future is parasailing.
- Parasailing is a fun activity where a person is tied to a parachute and pulled by a speed boat on water.
- The parachute goes up in the air, and the person flies high above the sea.
- I saw parasailing in a video on YouTube and found it very exciting.
- I would like to try it in Goa, which is a famous tourist place in India.
- Goa has many beaches like Baga Beach and Calangute Beach where people do parasailing.
- I think parasailing is a little scary but also fun.
- You are flying high in the air, and the sea is below you.
- But trained people are there to help, so I believe it is safe.
- I want to try parasailing because I love adventure and heights.
- I also want to overcome my fear of heights.
- It will give me a chance to do something new and exciting.
- It will also give me beautiful views of the sea and the beach.
- I would like to do it with my friends, so we can enjoy and laugh together.
- I will also take some photos and videos to share on social media.
- I think it will be one of the best experiences of my life.
- Also, trying new things helps us become more confident and brave.
- I don't want to miss the chance to enjoy something so thrilling.
- So, parasailing is a water sport I would love to try in India one day.
- I hope I can go to Goa during my next holidays and make this dream come true.

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What do you think of the people who waste water?
I think it's very careless. Water is precious, and many people still don't get clean water. Everyone should use it wisely—for example, turning off taps while brushing.

What are the characteristics of goods transported by water?
Water transport is used for large, heavy goods like oil, coal, or machinery. It's cheaper but slower than air or road transport. Ships carry a lot in one trip.

Do you think it is good to teach swimming in school?
Yes, it's a life-saving skill. Children should learn swimming early. In my school, we didn't have a pool, and I still regret not learning it when I had time.

What kinds of water sports are popular nowadays?
People enjoy boating, jet skiing, and scuba diving. In tourist places like Goa, such activities are very popular. Young people love trying them for fun and adventure.

Why do people like to live near water?
Living near water feels peaceful. It's good for health and offers a nice view. My uncle lives near a river, and his house always feels cool and fresh.

What are the advantages of water transportation?
It's cheaper for transporting heavy goods and less polluting than road transport. It's good for long-distance trade. But it's slow and depends on weather.

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116. Describe a time you enjoyed a free day off work or school

You should say:

- Where you were
- What you did
- Who you were with
- And how you felt about it

- One day I remember very well was a free day off from school.
- It was a Monday, and it was a holiday because of a local festival.
- I was at home in Phagwara, my hometown in Punjab.
- Usually, Mondays are busy and tiring.
- But that day, I woke up late and felt very relaxed.
- There was no school, no homework, and no pressure.
- I spent the morning watching my favourite TV shows.
- Later, I helped my mother in the kitchen for some time.
- We made chole bhature, my favourite food.
- In the afternoon, I met my friends in the park nearby.
- We played cricket for two hours and had a lot of fun.
- Then we went to a juice shop and drank fresh mango juice.
- In the evening, I watched a Bollywood movie at home with my family.
- We laughed, ate popcorn, and enjoyed the time together.
- I also played some mobile games before going to bed.
- That day made me feel happy and stress-free.
- I enjoyed every moment because I did things I love.
- Spending time with family and friends made it more special.
- I feel that free days like this are very important.
- They give us time to relax and take a break from daily routine.
- They help us feel fresh and energetic again.
- So, this was a day I truly enjoyed, and I still remember it fondly.
- I hope to have more such relaxing and happy days in the future.

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Why is working extra hours common nowadays?
Many people work more to earn extra or meet deadlines. Companies also expect quick results. My friend in IT often works late to complete projects on time.

What can we do to stop working long hours?
We should plan better and take breaks. Companies should also respect work-life balance. If people are fresh, they work better in less time.

Do people nowadays have more free time than in the past?
It doesn't seem like it. Even with technology, people stay busy. In the past, life was slower. Now, even children have packed schedules.

What do people like to do when they are free in your country?
They watch movies, spend time with family, or go shopping. Many people also enjoy eating out or going on short trips on weekends.

Do you think most people are able to manage their free time well?
Not really. Many people waste time on phones or social media. I also used to scroll Instagram for hours until I started using time limits on my apps.

What's the difference between the things people did in their free time in the past and the things they do nowadays?
Earlier, people used to talk more, go for walks, or read books. Now, most people use mobile phones or watch videos. The lifestyle has become more digital.

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117. Describe a noisy place you have been to

You should say:

- Where it is
- When you went there
- What you did there
- And explain why you feel it's a noisy place

- With the ever increasing population, noisy and crowded places are not uncommon.
- Here, I would like to talk about a noisy place I remember visiting.
- It is a local market in Delhi, called Sarojini Nagar.
- I went there last year during my summer holidays with my cousins.
- We were in Delhi for a few days, and someone told us that this market is great for shopping, especially clothes at low prices.
- We went there in the afternoon, and it was super crowded.
- There were street vendors shouting loudly to attract customers.
- People were bargaining, music was playing in many shops, and cars and scooters were honking on the nearby road.
- It felt like a never-ending noise.
- We did a lot of shopping — I bought some T-shirts, a pair of jeans, and a handbag.
- It was fun, but at the same time, a bit stressful because of the noise and crowd.
- I feel this place is noisy because there is cacophony of sounds of people, vehicles, music, loudspeakers.
- It's very different from quiet places like a library or my home.
- I don't think I could stay there for long.
- Nonetheless, it was an interesting experience.
- So this is one noisy place I've been to.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Do you think it is good for children to make noise?

It is neither good nor bad. It is a part of being a child. I think noise is the essence of childhood and a child can never truly enjoy himself if we ask him/her to be quiet. However, I also believe that it is necessary to be respectful to our neighbours and ask children to be less noisy in case they are being excessively loud.

2. Should children not be allowed to make noise under any circumstances?

No, I think there should be restrictions. Children have the right to make noise but people around them also have a right to peaceful environment. For example, children shouldn't be allowed to be noisy at night as it might impact others' sleep and they shouldn't be allowed to make noise in a movie theatre as it might ruin the experience of other movie goers.

3. What kinds of noises are there in our life?

There are so many noises in our life. Firstly, there is noise of vehicles, the engine sounds and horns. If people are living close to an industry, then there is that noise as well. Then, there is the noise of everyday appliances like air conditioners, fans, grinders, machines and so on. Finally, there is the noise from other living beings around us like insects, animals like dogs barking and just other people talking to each other or on the phone.

4. Which area is exposed to noise more, the city or the countryside?

I think it is certainly cities, which are noisier. I think the one of the biggest sources of noise is technology. It may be in the form of cars or industrial machinery or household appliances. Another source of noise is us humans. Both these factors are much more common in cities than in the countryside and thus cities are noisier.

5. How would people usually respond to noises in your country?

Indians generally don't mind noise that much. We are very densely populated country and thus it is hard to find a peaceful or quiet environment. Moreover, there is no segregation between commercial and residential areas. Thus, most people accept noise as a part of life. It's like there is no point complaining about something we can't do anything about. In recent years, however, I have seen people moving to suburbs to avoid excessive noise.

6. How can people consider others' feelings when chatting in public?

Firstly, if it is not urgent, they can just tell the other person they will call them back. However, if it is urgent, they should go out and talk. If that is not possible, then they should at least talk in a low volume.

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118. Describe a disagreement you had with someone

You should say:

- Who you had the disagreement with
- What the disagreement was
- What happened
- And explain how you felt about it

- One disagreement I remember clearly was with my school friend Aman.
- We had been good friends for many years, but once during our 11th-grade science project, we had a serious difference of opinion.
- We were assigned to make a presentation on environmental pollution.
- Aman wanted to create a large colourful poster with charts and pictures.
- But I felt we should make a PowerPoint presentation with a short video to make it look more modern and interesting.
- We both felt strongly about our own ideas, and so the argument slowly became heated.
- We spent more time arguing than actually working.
- The next day at school, our teacher noticed something was wrong and asked us.
- We explained everything, and she calmly told us that good teamwork means understanding and combining strengths.
- She gave us the idea to mix both methods — make a short video and also prepare a poster for display. We agreed to try that.
- To our surprise, the final presentation was really well balanced.
- The poster helped those who liked visual displays, and the video made it interactive.
- We got great feedback, and it became one of our best school projects.
- This experience taught me that disagreements are not always bad.
- They help us see things from a new angle.
- Now, I try to listen more and understand others' views before reacting.
- It also brought Aman and me closer as friends because we realised that teamwork is more important than being right.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. What do you do if you disagree with someone?

Firstly, I listen to the person carefully to avoid any misunderstanding. Then, I share my opinion along with suitable evidence and reasoning to support it. Finally, I try to find some common ground, which satisfies me as well as the other person.

2. How can we stop an argument from escalating into a fight?

Firstly, I try to avoid personal attacks. I also just calm down and reply based on facts and not on emotions. If I don't see a resolution, I just agree to disagree and move on.

3. Who do you think should teach children to respect their teachers?

I think it is the responsibility of parents and grandparents. I think these are basic etiquettes and parents have the utmost responsibility in this regard. If they feel their children disrespect or behave badly with their teachers, they should understand the reasons for the same and if it is unjustified they should tell their children to apologise.

4. What disagreement do parents and children usually have?

I think it is mostly about freedom and independence like curfew time, screen time, chores and responsibility. There can also be disagreements about academic performance and finally there maybe disputes about lifestyle choices like unhealthy diet, mobile phone usage and friend circle.

5. Why do some people avoid arguing with others?

I think the two major reasons are lack of confidence and trying to avoid the matter from escalating and spoiling the relationship. Some people just don't believe they will be able to explain their point of view and fear being misunderstood so they avoid arguing at all. At other times, they just believe they might say something hurtful, which might spoil their friendship.

6. How do we show respect to others when we disagree with them?

Firstly, we should try and listen to their viewpoint without any prejudice or bias. Secondly, we should avoid personal attacks. If they disagree with someone, doesn't mean they are a bad person. Finally, to avoid it escalating, we can just agree to disagree.

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119. Describe a person you disliked at first but ended up being friends with

You should say

- Who he/she is
- How you knew him/her
- Why you dislike him/her at first but changed your mind
- And explain how you feel about the experience

- One person I initially disliked but later became quite friendly with is Simrat, a fellow student from my IELTS coaching class.
- We met when we joined the same batch.
- At first, I found her a bit too serious and unfriendly.
- She rarely interacted with others, always sat alone, and corrected people during discussions.
- I assumed she was arrogant or trying to show off.
- However, my opinion changed when my tutor made teams of students to practice speaking.
- Simrat and I were in the same team.
- That is when I came to know her more closely.
- During our conversations, I discovered that she was actually very warm and thoughtful.
- She gave me genuine feedback on my answers and even shared her own strategies to improve fluency and coherence.
- After that, we started studying together and even helped each other with writing tasks.
- Over time, I realised she was just introverted and deeply focused on her goals, not rude or proud as I had assumed.
- This experience taught me an important life lesson: first impressions can often be misleading, and that we should never judge a book by its cover.
- I'm glad I got the chance to know her better and form a meaningful friendship.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. What do you think of making friends online?

I don't think it is a good idea. I feel like the internet is the place to maintain friendship and it's not suitable for making new friends. There are so many people who pretend to be someone else on the internet, I just don't think it is safe. So, I use the internet to keep in touch with my friends by chatting with them from time to time.

2. Is it a good idea to make friends who are much older than you?

I don't consider it to be a good idea, but I don't think of it as a problem as an adult. If the person shares some interests with you, there is no problem being friends with that person. I remember I used to love playing an online game and many of other people who played that game were older people, so I became friends with a few of them. For children, I would consider it to be a bit inappropriate as they are not mature enough to judge the intentions of the other person.

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120. Describe a friend of yours who is well dressed and is good at dressing up

You should say

- Who he/she is
- How you knew him/her
- What his/her dressing style is
- And explain why he/she dresses this way

- One of my friends who is always well dressed is Manveer.
- She was my classmate in school, and we became good friends in the 9th grade.
- Even now, we stay in touch.
- Manveer has a great sense of style.
- She always wears clothes that suit her body shape and the occasion.
- On casual days, she wears jeans with smart tops, and for formal events, she wears Indian suits or elegant dresses.
- She also likes to match her outfits with small accessories like earrings, watches, or handbags.
- Even her shoes are always clean and stylish.
- She dresses this way because she believes first impressions matter.
- She takes good care of her clothes so that she does not have to spend a lot on new clothes.
- She mixes and matches her clothes such that it looks as if she is wearing a new attire every day, but actually it is not so.
- For example, she will wear the same shirt with a different salwar or dupatta to give it an entirely new look.
- She says dressing well shows that you respect yourself and others.
- Also, her mother is a fashion designer, so maybe that's where she got her sense of style from.
- Whenever we have an event or party, I always ask Manveer for advice on what to wear.
- Whenever I follow her advice, and wear what she suggests then I get a lot of compliments.
- I really admire how confident and comfortable she looks in whatever she wears.

Another version

- One of my male friends who always dresses really well is Arjun.
- I met him during my coaching classes for IELTS, and we became friends because we had the same batch timings.
- Arjun has a very classy and neat dressing style.
- For regular classes, he usually wears well-fitted jeans and shirts or polo T-shirts.
- His clothes are always ironed, and he pays attention to small details like wearing a watch or using good shoes.
- For special occasions, he wears formal suits or traditional Indian clothes like kurta-pajama, and he looks very elegant in them.
- He dresses this way because he believes that looking good builds confidence.
- He once told me that when you dress well, people take you more seriously, and it helps create a positive image.
- He also follows fashion trends and gets ideas from Instagram and Pinterest.

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- He believes in spending money on good clothes, but does not buy too many.
- He just takes good care of them so that they last long.
- Arjun's dressing sense really stands out, and many of us take inspiration from him before any special event or outing.
- He has taught me also to dress up well and guides me also on what to wear for different occasions.
- Earlier I used to wear whatever I got hold of, but ever since Arjun has started guiding me, I feel that my confidence has grown manyfold.
- So, Arjun is my friend who has an excellent sense of dressing up.

Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Do most people in your country prefer to buy clothes online or at the street market? Why?
Online shopping is becoming popular, but street markets are still the most popular means of shopping. I think it is just about the quality and fitting; it is nearly impossible to judge these factors when shopping online.

2. Do you think young people know more about fashion and are better at dressing up than elderly people?
No, I wouldn't say that. I think older people and youngsters have a different sense of fashion; I don't think they are better than the other. Some people just have a better sense of dressing up and fashion than others. It doesn't have anything to do with age.

3. Do you think people would use clothing to show their identity?
I don't think people try to do that, but clothing inadvertently does show people's personality. For example, people who wear casual clothes even to semi formal occasions are generally more carefree. Similarly, people are who are normally dressed in formal clothes even in their day to day lives are more serious and disciplined.

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121. Describe an important thing you learned (not at school or college)

You should say:

- What it was
- When you learned it
- How you learned it
- And explain why it was important

- One important thing I learned outside of school was how to make 3D origami.
- Origami is a Japanese art but 3 D origami is a form of Chinese paper art
- It is made by joining many small folded triangles together.
- I learned it from my aunt during the summer holidays last year.
- She visited our house and brought some beautiful pieces she had made — like birds, flowers, and even small animals.
- I was very interested and asked her to teach me.
- We sat together every evening.
- First, she taught me how to fold small triangular pieces from coloured paper.
- Then we joined many of them to make one 3D model.
- We made a swan.
- It looked very difficult at first, but with her help, I learned quickly.
- This skill was important for me because it made me more patient and creative.
- It also helped me stay calm and focused.
- I made many swans since then and gifted to my friends.
- They all loved the swans and many of them have learned this art from me.
- Now we go on you tube and there are many channels which are full of interesting things to make.
- I even made a peacock and gave it to my teacher as a gift.
- So, learning 3D origami was not just fun — it gave me confidence and a new hobby I still enjoy.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. What can children learn from parents?

Children learn many things from their parents. Firstly, they learn basic household skills like cooking, cleaning and ironing clothes. They also learn money management from their parents. Finally and most importantly, they learn etiquettes and moral values from them.

2. Do you think some children are well-behaved because of the influence of their parents?

Both yes and no. I do believe parents play a very significant role in the upbringing of their children and imparting them moral values, which in turn impact their behaviour. However, I believe their behaviour is also influenced by other factors like their friend circle and the TV channels they watch.

3. Is it necessary for adults to learn new things?

Yes, I think it is so necessary to keep up with the times. Professionally, people may even lose their jobs if they don't learn new things from time to time. Even personally I think if people don't change themselves, they would be considered dull and boring.

4. How can people learn new things?

The most accessible source for learning new things is certainly the internet. There is information on nearly everything available on the internet. However, in some cases, face to face learning is the only solution like in driving.

5. Does the internet make learning easier or more difficult?

I believe it makes it much easier. There is endless information available on the internet. If people have the willpower, they can learn anything from the internet in today's time.

6. Can people acquire more knowledge now than before?

Yes, again, I think because of internet, it is much easier to access new information. Moreover, we are getting information in the form of videos, which is easier to retain and understand than reading it from a book.

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122. Describe a foreign country you would like to visit in the future

You should say:
- What it is
- What you have known about it
- Who you would like to go there with
- And explain why you would like to visit it

- I have always been fascinated by exploring different cultures and meeting people from various backgrounds.
- Among all the countries, Japan is the one I would love to visit the most.
- I enjoy watching Japanese movies.
- During my childhood, I read a lot of Japanese manga (graphic novels) and watched anime (Japanese cartoons).
- Even now, I often watch anime on YouTube or Netflix, which keeps my interest alive.
- Japan stands out for its values and discipline.
- After the 2011 tsunami, there was no looting or violence, which I found very surprising.
- I later learned that moral values and ethics are taught from a young age in schools.
- Japanese students clean their schools in rotation, promoting responsibility and cleanliness.
- They follow hygienic practices like using different shoes indoors and outdoors to prevent the spread of germs.
- Japan refused to sell nuclear technology to India because they no longer use it themselves.
- This reflects their commitment to their beliefs and principles.
- Buddhism, which originated in India, is a major religion in Japan, creating a cultural link between the two countries.
- Although my current knowledge about Japan comes from anime, manga, and news, I would love to visit and experience the culture first hand.
- Visiting Japan would give me the opportunity to explore its traditions, people, and lifestyle more deeply.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

What do you think makes countries different?
I think there are many things thats make country different, but the two biggest factors geography and culture. All the other differences emanate from these two factors in some way or another.

Do you think reading is a good way to get to know other countries? Why?
Yes, to a certain extent, we can learn about countries by reading about them. However, I believe it cannot come close to actually visiting the country and experiencing the culture first hand. Moreover, I believe books are always biased based on the writer's experience. So, it can never give the complete picture.

How do people get information about other countries?
I think its mainly by watching movies and documentaries from that country. Moreover, people can also get information by actually visiting that country.

How does travelling abroad affect young people?
Travelling abroad has many effects. Firstly, it makes people more broad minded as it exposes them to another culture. Besides that, it teaches youngsters adaptability as they learn how to adjust in a different environment. It can also teach how to deal with problems like racism.

What are the advantages of working in an international company?
The biggest advantage that it offers is the opportunity to learn about foreign cultures as people have to deal with clients ,colleagues or superiors from other countries.

What do you think of national identity?
I think national identity is good as long as it is about being proud of one's culture and history. However, it can be bad when it leads to feelings of superiority or ill treatment of others from a different identity than us. National identity can be both a unifier or a divider based on how we see it.

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123. Describe a rule that is important in your school or at work

You should say:
- What the rule is about
- What happens when people break the rule
- Why do you think it is an important rule
- And explain how you feel about the rule

- Rules and laws are made to create a peaceful and harmonious society.
- If we all obey the rules and laws then we would all be benefited.
- There are rules everywhere.
- Schools are the first place where children learn about the rules and codes of conduct.
- Every school has rules, like wearing the prescribed uniform, coming in time, doing homework regularly and so on.
- My school also had rules.
- We had two uniforms.
- It was navy blue skirt and white shirt on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- However, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, we had a totally white uniform.
- All students and I agreed with this rule.
- Uniform creates an atmosphere of discipline.
- Everybody feels connected because of the uniform.
- If students broke this rule, and didn't come in uniform, they were punished.
- Our principal used to make such students stand outside on one leg for half an hour.
- Sometimes there was a fine of Rs 100/- also.
- Even if a tie, belt or badge was missing we had to pay the fine.
- So, this was the rule in school, we all had to follow.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

When people break rules, how would they be punished in your country?
Normally, there are fines or small punishments when people break rules. Also, punishments can change depending upon how seriousness of the issue or if it is first time offence or a repeat offence.

What are the reasons that cause people to break the rules?
There are many reasons why people break rules. Firstly, they might be unaware about the rule. Secondly, a lot of people break rules just because they are in hurry. For example, a major reason for breaking traffic rules is just to save a few seconds or minutes. Finally, people also break rules because of losing senses due to drinking.

What kinds of rules do people need to follow in public places?
Individuals should conduct themselves in a way that is in accordance to the rules of the places they are visiting. For example, when dining at a restaurant, individuals should keep in mind the rules of "no shoes, no shirt, no service" and dress appropriately. Additionally, where appropriate, individuals should leave tips for restaurant staff.

What rules should people follow when using public transport?
I think firstly they should not sit at places reserved for disabled, women or elderly. In addition, they should use headphones so as to not disturb people around them. Finally, they should keep their bags and luggage underneath the seats or in the baggage compartment so that they do not clutter the walking space.

On what occasions can children be forgiven if they don't follow some rules?
I think children should be forgiven if they break the rule unknowingly and they are really apologetic for their mistake. It should also depend upon whether they are breaking a rule for the first time or they have broken it previously.

What rules should children follow at home in your country?
I was thinking they should sleep on time, not play loud music, listen to their parents, not waste food, finish the household chores and homework before playing. However, I also believe if there are too many rules, children cannot relax and enjoy, so there should be some leniency in the enforcements of rules at least at home.

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124. Describe an area/subject of science (biology, robotics, etc.) that you are interested in and would like to learn more about

You should say:
- Which area/subject it is
- When and where you came to know this area/subject
- How you get information about this area/subject
- And explain why you are interested in this area/subject

- Science is very important in a student's life.
- It's through the science subjects that we begin to think logically and find answers to our questions.
- I found all the aspects of science interesting, like physics, biology and chemistry, as these sciences answer everyday questions about why things happen and how we evolved.
- Today I will be talking about a science, which I find the most interesting.
- It is computer science.
- I remember that I started becoming interested in it when we started with the computer science lessons in the 6th standard.
- We had a wonderful teacher who taught us this subject in a very interesting way.
- Her name is Ms. Meenakshi.
- We used to have both theory and practical lessons for this subject.
- We used to look forward to the lab sessions as we got to work on the computers at that time and try out several things we had learned in class.
- The lab sessions were always enjoyable, but our teacher taught it in a very interesting way and we all enjoyed the theory lessons a lot too.
- There are many interesting things that I have learned from this science.
- The first thing is how we can use computers not just as a source of entertainment, but it's use is much more vast than that.
- It can be used to organize and plan things at home. It can be used for many other day-to-day activities like, banking, research work, shopping, connecting with friends and relatives and so on.
- Not only that, it helps the artists creates new art and helps designers create clothes, cars, buildings, etc.
- Another reason that I have an interest in this science is because I know that in every field today we need to use computers.
- It will help me with my higher studies and also in my career later.
- In this contemporary world, the computer science has become an important science and it is essential that everyone is computer savvy to be able to do well in their studies or work or even if it is used as a source of entertainment.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Should scientists explain the research process to the public?
I think it would be really beneficial if scientists explain the research process.To begin with, it will address problems like superstition which exists due to lack of understanding of scientific phenomena. Secondly, it would also attract more youth towards the field of science. Today, many people consider science so difficult, they don't pursue a career in science.

How do you get to know about scientific news?
I mainly get scientific news from newspapers or magazines. I read the newspaper the Hindu and every Thursday, there is column on recent scientific advancements. Moreover, I also learn about scientific advancements by listening to podcasts.

Should people continue to study science after graduating from school?
I am firm believer of the saying that Knowledge never goes to waste. So I believe studying science will benefit people in some way or another. For example, it might people a new business idea.

Which science subject is the most important for children to learn?
I think all science subjects are useful, but the most important in my opinion is biology. I think we all need to have a basic understanding of how the human body works, so we can take steps to remain fit and healthy.

Is it important to study science at school?
Yeah, it is important. It is important to have a basic understanding of how the world works and for that studying science is really important. Moreover, scientific knowledge can help them in many ways like fixing broken appliances and so on. It also helps keep children away from superstitions.

Why do some children not like learning science at school?
I think it is just because some scientific concepts are difficult to understand just by reading. I think it is really important that school teacher have experiments and physical lessons to explain concepts in a better way.

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125. Describe a quiet place you like to go

- Where is it?
- How you knew it
- How often do you go there?
- What do you do there?
- And explain how you feel about the place

- It isn't easy to find quiet places in the fast-paced life of today.
- However, I would like to talk about a place where I go quite often and I find great peace there.
- The place I am referring to is a Sikh temple in my hometown, Gurdwara Sukhchainana Sahib.
- I go there once a week, sometimes with family and sometimes with friends.
- Sometimes we walk to the gurdwara and sometimes we go by car. It is about 3 km from my home.
- It is away from the main road, so it is very quiet there.
- Whenever I go there, I do circumambulation of the holy book inside the main hall and pay obeisance to the almighty.
- There is a well-maintained fishpond in the gurdwara, which has many fish species.
- I just sit on the steps of the pond and listen to the holy chants going on all the time there.
- It gives me great peace of mind. makk@r|eLtS
- Sometimes I take some bread from home and feed the fish.
- There are two catfish among the other many, who seem to be talking to me.
- I know it is all my imagination, but I love it over there.
- I feel that the tempo of life has slowed down a bit.
- It is so relaxing to watch the movements of the fish in the water.
- This activity takes all the physical and mental tiredness away from my body.
- I feel very light-hearted after that.
- Even though there is always a great rush in this temple, one can find peace and quiet over there.
- Sometimes, I offer voluntary services in the community kitchen over there.
- Free food is offered to one and all in the community kitchen and this service is round the clock.
- I generally go there on weekends and spend a good two hours over there.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Why are there more noises made at home now than in the past?

Homes are nosier now because many people are working and studying from home because of remote jobs and online classes. Also, now people use more appliances, electronic gadgets and smart devices which contribute to the noise.

Why do old people prefer to live in quiet places?

Old people prefer quiet places because loud noises can be very overwhelming and stressful. Quiet places help them relax and enjoy the peace.

Do you think only old people have time for leisure?

It is true that many old people are retired, which gives them more free time to relax and enjoy their hobbies. However, young people can also find time for leisure activities if they can balance their work, studies, and other responsibilities.

How does technology affect the way people spend their leisure time?

Technology has made leisure time more fun and convenient by offering online games, movies, and social media. But because of technology, people spend less time on outdoor and face-to-face activities.

How do people spend their leisure time in your country?

In my country people spend leisure time watching movies, playing video games, visiting friends and family, shopping, playing cricket with friends on the streets, etc.

Is it easy to find quiet places in your country? Why?

It is very hard to find quiet places in my country because cities are crowded and noisy with traffic and activities. However, rural areas are much quieter and peaceful.

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126. Describe an interesting discussion you had with your friend

You should say:

- What the discussion was about
- What opinions you and your friend had
- Why do you think the discussion was interesting?
- And how you felt about it

- I am a person who loves meaningful conversations and discussions.
- I enjoy talking about a variety of topics like politics, sports, religion, economics, stock markets, health, education, and the environment.
- Today, I would like to talk about a discussion I had with my friend Gurleen.
- The discussion was about our future education and career.
- We specifically discussed which country would be the best for pursuing higher education.
- The debate was about whether to continue studying in India or move to a developed country like the USA, Canada, the UK, Australia, or European nations.
- We explored the pros and cons of studying abroad during our conversation.
- My friend highlighted the challenges, like the high cost of education abroad and the emotional difficulty of being away from family.
- On the other hand, I emphasized the positives, such as exposure to a new culture, gaining confidence and independence, and acquiring valuable skills.
- We also shared insights from YouTube videos we had watched on the topic.
- Additionally, we discussed the experiences of friends who had moved abroad; some had positive feedback, while others found it to be a struggle.
- This discussion was particularly interesting because it allowed us to organize our thoughts and gain new perspectives.
- Before the conversation, our ideas were just scattered opinions, but afterward, they felt more structured and informed.
- I appreciated that despite having different views, we didn't argue and instead respected each other's perspectives.
- I felt great about the discussion because it was not just enlightening but also strengthened our friendship.
- Overall, it was a meaningful exchange of ideas that left me feeling more informed and open-minded.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Why do some young people refuse to communicate with others?
Some young people refuse to communicate with others because they may feel shy, anxious, or insecure. Social pressures, fear of judgment, or past negative experiences can also make them hesitant to open up. Additionally, some may prefer solitude or feel overwhelmed in social situations.

2. Should parents consider their children's opinions on everything? Why?
Parents should consider their children's opinions, but it may not always be necessary to agree with them on everything. Listening to their views helps develop their confidence and decision-making skills, and it can improve the parent-child relationship. However, parents should also guide their children when necessary, as they have more experience and knowledge.

3. In what industries do you think communication is a necessary skill?
Communication is a necessary skill in almost every industry, but it is especially crucial in fields like marketing, sales, customer service, healthcare, teaching, and media. Effective communication helps build relationships, convey information clearly, and resolve conflicts, all of which are vital for success in these sectors.

4. Should parents require their children to obey them?
Parents should require their children to follow rules, as discipline helps guide behavior and ensure safety. However, it's important for parents to also explain the reasons behind the rules and allow room for discussion, so children can understand the value of following them rather than just obeying blindly.

5. Do children have strong opinions?
Yes, children can have strong opinions, especially as they grow older and become more exposed to the world. As they develop their personalities and critical thinking skills, they often form views on various issues, although these opinions may be influenced by their environment, upbringing, and peers.

6. When do children normally form their own views?
Children typically start forming their own views during their pre-teens and early teenage years. This is the time when they become more independent thinkers, question authority, and develop a sense of individuality. Their views are shaped by their experiences, education, and the influence of family and friends.

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127. Describe a toy you liked in your childhood

You should say:

- What kind of toy it is
- When you received it
- How you played it
- And how you felt about it

- I had many toys in my childhood but here I am going to talk about my electric toy car.
- My father gifted it to me on my 11th birthday.
- I used to spend hours playing with it.
- I was greatly fascinated by it
- It was red in colour
- It worked with four pen torch batteries fixed in a box under the car
- When I switched it on, it would move in all directions
- If there was an obstacle on the way then the car could change directions
- Along with that it had lights which flickered at times.
- I was so fascinated by this car that I used to finish its batteries very soon.
- I used to show it to my friends with pride.
- None of my other friends had such a beautiful toy car.
- I just loved it when I saw the jealous look in their eyes.
- I remember, once I took it to school in my bag.
- When I came home I got a big spanking from my mother.
- I was very possessive about my car and never used to let anyone touch it.
- Even though I don't play with the car any more I still have it in my room
- Its colour has faded now but it has emotional value for me.
- That is why I have never thought of giving it away to my younger cousins.
- It brings back nostalgic memories of my childhood

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

What are the advantages and disadvantages of modern toys?
Modern toys often have the advantage of being educational, interactive, and designed to enhance children's learning and development. They can introduce kids to technology, foster creativity, and improve problem-solving skills. However, the disadvantage is that some modern toys can be too reliant on screens or technology, reducing physical play and face-to-face social interactions. Additionally, they can sometimes be expensive.

What's the difference between the toys boys play with and girls play with?
Traditionally, toys for boys are often action-oriented, such as cars, trucks, and building sets, encouraging physical play and construction. Girls, on the other hand, might be given dolls or cooking sets, promoting nurturing behaviors and domestic skills. However, these distinctions are becoming less rigid as society moves towards more gender-neutral toys that encourage all children to explore various interests and activities.

Do you think parents should buy more toys for their kids or spend more time with them?
While toys can be valuable for a child's development, I believe spending quality time with children is more important. Interaction, like playing games, reading together, or engaging in conversations, fosters emotional bonding and learning in ways that toys alone cannot. Parents' time and attention provide a sense of security and love that no material item can replace.

What's the difference between the toys kids play now and those they played in the past?
Toys today often incorporate technology, such as interactive robots or educational apps, offering a more immersive experience. In the past, toys were simpler, like wooden blocks or dolls, and encouraged imaginative play. Today's toys can be more focused on individual play with screens, while older toys often encouraged more physical and social interaction among children.

Should advertising aimed at children be prohibited?
Yes, advertising targeted at children can be problematic, as it often encourages materialism, unhealthy eating habits, or unrealistic expectations. Children may not have the critical thinking skills to recognize advertising tactics, which can influence their behavior and desires in harmful ways. Some level of regulation is important to protect young audiences from being manipulated.

How do advertisements influence children?
Advertisements can have a strong influence on children by shaping their desires and opinions. They often create a sense of need for products, whether it's toys, snacks, or even clothing. Children are impressionable and can be persuaded to ask their parents for products they see in ads, even if they don't fully understand the product's value.

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128. Describe an important river/lake in your country

You should say:

- Where is it located
- How big/long it is
- What it looks like
- And explain why it is important

- India is a diverse country.
- There are many rivers, lakes, beaches in India which are important.
- One important river that I would like to talk about here is the river Ganges or the Ganga, as we popularly call it
- River Ganga is a sacred river and treated as a Goddess among the Hindus.
- It has significant influence on the life of the Indians.
- It is one of the longest rivers of the world and is the longest river in India.
- The River Ganga emerges out of the Himalayas and falls into the Bay of Bengal.
- It has a number of tributaries like Yamuna, Ramganga, and Ghagra, etc.
- The Ganga is a perennial river as water is available throughout the year.
- The river has formed one of the most fertile flood plains of the world.
- We get the golden crops from the fertile lands on the bank of River Ganga.
- The water of River Ganga is widely used for agriculture purpose.
- The Ganga has been made national waterways of India.
- It is navigable up to Hardwar.
- The Ganga plain is one of the most fertile plain and is the granary of India.
- Our Government has initiated projects for wider utilization of kind water of River Ganga.
- This would bring enormous prosperity and economic development in our country.
- All these features made the river as the Ideal river of India.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Are rivers and lakes important to a country?
Yes, rivers and lakes are very important to a country. They provide essential water resources for drinking, agriculture, and industry. Additionally, they support biodiversity and offer recreational opportunities. In many countries, they play a key role in cultural heritage and tourism.

What are the popular water sports in your country?
In my country, some popular water sports include swimming, boating, kayaking, and fishing. In coastal areas, people also enjoy surfing, jet-skiing, and windsurfing. These activities are enjoyed by people of all ages and are often seen as fun ways to stay active and connected to nature.

Are rivers and lakes good for transportation? Why?
Yes, rivers and lakes can be good for transportation, especially in areas where roads and railways are limited. They can serve as important trade routes, allowing for the movement of goods and people. However, the feasibility depends on the size of the river or lake and the infrastructure available for boats and ships.

How do rivers and lakes affect local tourism?
Rivers and lakes often attract tourists due to their natural beauty and opportunities for outdoor activities like fishing, boating, and hiking. Tourists also visit for scenic views and to engage in cultural or eco-tourism. Local communities can benefit economically from the influx of tourists, who spend money on accommodation, food, and activities.

Do you think rivers and lakes attract tourists?
Yes, I think rivers and lakes do attract tourists. The serene and picturesque landscapes they offer often serve as a major draw for people seeking relaxation or adventure. Many tourist destinations are centered around famous rivers or lakes, such as the Ganges in India or the Great Lakes in North America.

How can rivers and lakes benefit local people?
Rivers and lakes provide local communities with water for drinking, agriculture, and industry. They also offer opportunities for fishing and other forms of livelihood. Furthermore, they support tourism, which can create jobs and boost the local economy. Additionally, these natural resources often play an essential role in local cultures and traditions.

Do people like that river in your country?
Yes, people generally have a deep connection with the rivers in my country, especially the major ones like the Ganges and Yamuna. These rivers hold cultural, religious, and historical significance. Many people visit them for religious ceremonies, festivals, and even for spiritual purposes, making them an integral part of daily life.

Do you like any activities on water?
Yes, I enjoy activities like swimming and kayaking. Water activities are refreshing and offer a sense of freedom. Being on water can be both relaxing and thrilling, depending on the activity, and it's a great way to connect with nature.

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Is it necessary for everyone to learn swimming?
I believe learning to swim is important for safety reasons. It can prevent drowning and allow people to enjoy water activities with confidence. Additionally, swimming is a great form of exercise. While it may not be essential for everyone, it is certainly a valuable life skill.

Do people in your country go to swim in their spare time?
Yes, many people in my country enjoy swimming in their spare time, especially during the hot summer months. Public pools and natural bodies of water like rivers and lakes are popular spots for leisure swimming. It's a great way to cool off and stay active.

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129. Describe an old person you know who has had an interesting life

You should say:

- Who is this person?
- Where he/she lives
- What he/she has done in his/her life
- And explain how you feel about him/her

- I know many old persons, but here I would like to talk about my friend Sonia's grandfather.
- I met him about 6 months ago and I found him very interesting.
- His name is Mr Jaswant Singh.
- He is in his mid seventies.
- He is not tall, but looks very handsome.
- Even at this age he is very lithe and agile.
- Sonia tells me that he is very health conscious, and never misses his morning and evening walk.
- He retired as a colonel from the Indian army.
- Once i visited Sonia's place to work on a project and there I met him for the first time.
- He was sitting in the lobby doing something on his laptop.
- I found it very interesting that a person of his age was so comfortable with a laptop.
- He was placing an order at Amazon.in for some headphones.
- My parents find it difficult to handle a smartphone and he was using a laptop like a pro.
- He greeted me very warmly and so I started chatting with him.
- I was amazed at his vast knowledge.
- He told me many interesting stories of his life in the army.
- He told me how he participated actively in the Kargil war.
- So now whenever I go to Sonia's house, I make it a point to sit with him for some time and learn something new.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Do you think old people's life will improve with the development of technology?

Yes, I think the development of technology can greatly improve the lives of older people. With advancements like medical devices, online health consultations, and home automation, they can live more independently and safely. Technology also allows them to stay connected with family and friends, reducing feelings of isolation.

Do old people prefer to stay at home or go outside? Why?

It varies, but many older people prefer staying at home due to comfort and familiarity. However, some enjoy going outside for social interaction, exercise, or to engage in activities like shopping or visiting parks. The preference often depends on their health and mobility.

What are the benefits of elderly people living alone?

Living alone can offer elderly people a sense of independence and autonomy. They can maintain their own routines and enjoy peace and solitude. However, it's important for them to have support systems in place for emergencies or when they need help with daily tasks.

Can old people and their grandchildren learn from each other when they live together?

Yes, when old people and their grandchildren live together, there is a great opportunity for mutual learning. Older people can share their life experiences, wisdom, and traditions, while grandchildren can teach them about technology and new trends. It creates a bond and helps both generations grow.

Why do some people live with old people?

Some people choose to live with elderly relatives to provide care and support. It can be out of love, a sense of duty, or to ensure that older family members are not left alone, especially if they have health issues. Living together also helps maintain family connections and provides emotional support.

What do old people often do in their daily lives?

The daily activities of older people can vary based on their health and interests. Many spend time on hobbies like reading, gardening, or knitting. Some engage in social activities, such as meeting friends or attending community events. Others might focus on maintaining their health through exercise or medical appointments.

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130. Describe a movie you watched recently

- You should say:
- When and where you watched it
- Who you watched it with https://amzn.to/3MZe8HX
- What it was about
- And explain why you watched this movie

- I am a movie buff and like to watch a lot of movies.
- I used to go to the movie theatres and watch most movies on the big screen.
- But recently streaming platforms like Netflix, Prime Video, Hotstar, etc. have such a big collection of movies that I rarely go to the movie theatres.
- Most movies get released in the theatres first and about 2 months later they come on either of these platforms. https://amzn.to/3MZe8HX
- Recently I watched a movie on Netflix called Laapataa Ladies.
- Netflix usually releases movies on Friday and after I came back from work my mother suggested that we should do something fun as a family
- We ordered dinner from our favorite place and decided to watch this movie.
- This movie is the story of two newlywed brides who get exchanged during a train ride to their husband's homes.
- It shows the funny and chaotic situations that happen as the families and police try to find the missing women. https://amzn.to/3MZe8HX
- I really liked that it explores themes like gender roles, marriage, traditions, and societal expectations in a humorous manner.
- I watched this movie because I really liked the trailer.
- Also, this movie is directed by Kiran Rao and this is her second movie as a director.
- I loved her first movie and also some other movies in which she was the assistant director.
- Aamir Khan has co-produced this movie and he has always been my favourite actor. I knew anything coming from him would be good.
- The main actors in the movie are all newcomers and I had no idea about them before I watched this movie.
- All of them impressed me with their acting skills.
- I wish more directors would make movies like this in the future.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. Why do people prefer to watch movies in the cinema?
   I think people prefer to watch movies in the cinema because the large screens, high quality sound makes the movies more engaging. Also, it's fun to watch movies in the cinema with friends and family. Cinemas also offer formats like IMAX OR 3D that enhance audio and visual quality.

2. Do you think successful movies should have well-known actors or actresses in leading roles?
   Having well-known actors or actresses can generate initial interest and make a movie successful by attracting large audiences. However, a good story, a creative director, and solid performances are more important for lasting success. Lesser-known actors can perform exceptionally well and make the movie a success. https://amzn.to/3z1O23H

3. Do you think only well-known directors can create the best movies?
   I don't think that only well-known directors can create the best movies. Many outstanding movies have been made by directors making their debut. A passionate director, a unique compelling story, and good performances by actors can make a movie successful.

4. Do Indian people prefer to watch domestic movies or foreign movies?
   I think Indian people prefer to watch domestic films especially Bollywood movies and movies made in regional languages like Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Bengali, Malayalam, and Marathi that they speak. These films resonate better with Indian audiences as they reflect local culture, traditions, and social issues.

5. What are the factors that make a successful movie? https://amzn.to/3z1O23H
   There are many factors that make a movie successful. Most important is the story which should be original, relatable, and meaningful. Next is a good director who can bring the story to life and guide the actors well. Another factor is good talented actors and exceptional performances.

6. What kinds of movies do you think are successful in your country?
   In my country, movies that have a blend of romance, drama, and comedy appeal to a wide audience and are usually successful. Also, films that have a good social message that resonates with the audience's real-life experiences do well. Lastly, high energy action movies with larger-than-life heroes and a lot of dramatic stunts attract big crowds.

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131. Describe an ideal and perfect place where you would like to stay (e.g. a house, an apartment)

- You should say:
  - Where it would be
  - What it would look like
  - What special features it would have
  - Whether it would be big or small
- And explain why it would be an ideal place for you

- An ideal and perfect place where I would like to stay would be a house by the sea.
- It would be located on a quiet beach, with beautiful views of the ocean.
- The house would be modern but cozy, painted in soft colours like white and light blue to match the peaceful surroundings. https://g.co/kgs/xBR5EKQ
- The house would have large windows so that I could always see the sea, and it would have a small balcony where I could sit and enjoy the sunset.
- Inside, there would be a comfortable living room with soft sofas, a kitchen where I could cook fresh meals, and two bedrooms—one for me and one for my parents.
- One special feature of the house would be a small garden with flowers and plants.
- My parents love gardening and so the house should have space for a kitchen garden.
- The house would not be too big, just the right size for a small family.
- I think a small house feels cozier and easier to manage. https://amzn.to/4gcbYC9
- It would also be close to nature, with the beach just steps away, and perhaps a forest nearby for walks.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. **What do you think buildings will be like in the future?**

In the future, buildings will likely be taller and smarter. They might have eco-friendly designs with solar panels and green spaces to help the environment. Many future buildings could be fully automated, using technology to control lights, temperature, and security. Some buildings might even be built underground or underwater to save space.

2. **Why do some people choose to live in the city centre?**

Some people prefer living in the city centre because it is close to work, shops, and entertainment. They can save time on traveling and enjoy a more active lifestyle. City centres often have better public transport, restaurants, and cultural events. It's also convenient for people who like being in the middle of the action and want everything nearby.

3. **Do different people have different preferences for houses or apartments?** Yes, different people have different preferences. Some people prefer houses because they want more space, privacy, and perhaps a garden. Others like apartments because they are easier to maintain, often located in convenient areas, and can be more affordable. It depends on a person's lifestyle, family size, and budget. https://g.co/kgs/xBR5EKQ

4. **What would people normally consider when they rent or buy a house or an apartment?** People consider several things, such as location, size, price, and safety. They also think about how close the house or apartment is to work, schools, and shops. Other important factors include the quality of the neighbourhood, the condition of the property, and whether it fits their family's needs. https://amzn.to/4gcbYC9

5. **Why are apartments popular in some places while not in other places?** Apartments are popular in crowded cities where land is limited and expensive. In these places, apartments are more affordable and convenient. In rural areas or smaller towns, people may prefer houses because there is more space available, and houses can be cheaper than in cities.

6. **What are apartments like in your country?**

In India, apartments come in different sizes and styles. In big cities like Mumbai and Delhi, apartments can be small due to limited space, and they are often expensive. However, in smaller cities, apartments are more spacious and affordable. Many new apartments are built with modern designs, and some even have shared facilities like gyms or gardens.

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132. Describe something that you did with someone/a group of people

You should say:
- What it was
- Who you did it with
- How long it took you to do this
- And explain why you did it together

- One of the most memorable activities that I did with my school friends was a weekend camping trip.
- We had been planning for this trip for weeks, and we were all excited to finally be able to spend some quality time together in the great outdoors.
- The trip started early on a Friday morning, when we all met at a designated location to pack our gear and set off on our journey.
- We had planned to camp at a nearby hill station called Kasauli, and we had all brought our own tents, sleeping bags, and other essentials.
- As we drove to the hill station, we chatted and laughed, eager to start our adventure.
- Once we arrived at the hill station, we set up our campsite and started to explore the area.
- We hiked through the forest, taking in the beautiful scenery and enjoying the fresh air.
- We stopped to have a picnic lunch by a stream, and we even went swimming in a nearby lake.
- The evenings were spent around the campfire, telling stories and roasting vegetables and meat.
- We laughed and joked, and it was a great way to bond with each other.
- We even played games and sang songs; the memories of that night are still fresh in my mind. https://g.co/kgs/xBR5EKQ
- On the second day, we decided to go on a longer hike.
- We set off early in the morning, and the hike was challenging, but also very rewarding.
- We were able to see some amazing views from the top of the mountain, and we even came across a waterfall.
- It was a great way to spend the day, and we were all proud of ourselves for making it to the top.
- On the last day, we packed up our gear and said goodbye to the beautiful campsite.
- We all hugged each other, and promised to do it again soon.
- Overall, the camping trip was an unforgettable experience.
- The reason why we did it together was because it was a great way for my friends and I to spend time together, and to bond in a way that we never had before.
- We were able to disconnect from the world for a little while and reconnect with each other and with nature.
- It was a weekend filled with laughter, adventure, and memories that will last a lifetime.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. How do you get along with your neighbors?

I have a very good relationship with my neighbors as I have known them for more than 10 years now. It almost feels like that they are part of our family now, as we spend a lot of time at each other's place. We support each other during both good and bad times. Sometimes I think that our neighbors play a more important role in our lives as compared to our relatives.

2. How do neighbors help each other?

Neighbors can help each other in a variety of ways, such as by lending tools or household items, watching each other's homes when one is away, assisting with household repairs or projects, offering to take care of pets or children, and sharing gardening or cooking tips. They may also look out for one another's safety and well-being, and provide emotional support during difficult times. Additionally, neighbors may work together to improve the community through volunteerism or organizing neighborhood events.

3. Do you think neighbors help each other more often in the countryside than in the city?

It's possible that neighbors may help each other more often in rural or suburban areas compared to urban areas. The reason being that in rural or suburban areas, neighbors may have a greater sense of community, and may be more likely to know each other personally, and therefore be more likely to offer help when needed. Additionally, in rural and suburban areas, people may have more opportunities to interact with each other, such as while working on shared projects or participating in community events.

4. How do children learn to cooperate with each other?

Children learn to cooperate with each other through a combination of socialization, modeling, and direct teaching. For example, they can learn cooperation by playing with other children, as they learn to share toys, take turns, and work together to achieve a common goal.

5. Do you think parents should teach children how to cooperate with others? How?

Yes, I believe that parents play a vital role in teaching children how to cooperate with others. Cooperation is an important life skill that is needed in a wide variety of contexts, such as in the family, at school, in the workplace, and in the community. Children learn by example, so when parents demonstrate cooperation and collaboration in their own relationships and daily activities, children will learn how to do the same. Parents can also provide opportunities for children to practice cooperation by setting up games and activities that require teamwork. Additionally, parents can teach children the importance of listening to others' ideas and opinions, compromising, and taking turns.

6. Do you think it's important for children to learn about cooperation?

Yes, it is very important for children to learn about cooperation. Cooperation is a key social skill that is essential for success in many aspects of life. Children who learn to cooperate with others are more likely to develop positive relationship and achieve academic success.

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133. Describe a time when missed or were late for an important meeting/event

You should say:

- When it happened
- What happened
- Why you missed/were late for it
- And explain how you felt about this experience

- I am not a very punctual person, but I try to be on time for important meetings and events.
- In fact, I have rarely been late for important meetings.
- But recently, I got late due to an small mistake on my part.
- I mistook the timing for my best friend Ravi's birthday.
- My friend normally celebrates his birthday in the evenings and the timing is around 7 o clock.
- So, when he set me the birthday e- invite, I didn't check the time.
- I thought it would be in the evening like previous years.
- However, this time due to some reason he had decided to celebrate in the afternoon.
- He is very close to me and we never miss each other's birthday.
- The timing of the function was 12 o clock but when I didn't reach by even 1 o clock, my friend called me and asked me if everything was alright.
- When I said yes, he asked why I wasn't at the function.
- I took us about 15 secs to clear up the confusion.
- I got ready in such a haste, but I still reached at about 2 o clock as the venue was about 10 kms from my house.
- My friend had refused to cut the cake without me.
- So, everyone was waiting on me.
- I apologised to each and every person there.
- Now, it is a funny story and we laugh every time thinking about it whenever someone is late.
- However, this whole experience brought about a change in me as I now check the timings of events at least 2 times whenever I receive any invite.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

Are you a punctual person?
I am ashamed to say, but no I am not a very punctual person. I have been trying to be better though. I am kind of laid back when it comes to meetings or appointments but I am trying to change that.

Do you think it important to be on time?
Yes, I think it is important to be on time. I think if we don't value other people's time, people won't value our time as well. It also gives others the feeling that we are not serious about the work we are doing.

Do you always avoid being late?
I try to avoid being late but I do get late sometimes. I have been trying to reduce it by giving myself a 10-15 minute for any unseen circumstances.

Why are people often late for meetings or appointments?
I think people are late for various reasons but the major reason is not getting up on time. Most people are late for morning appointments because they sleep late and thus are unable to get up on time. Sometimes it is also due to unseen events like car breakdown or traffic congestion.

Are people in your country often late for meetings?
Yes, people are often late. We are sadly not known for our punctuality. We are more laid back and happy go lucky kind of people and we don't give a lot of importance to punctuality.

Do you think people are born with time management skills or they can develop them?
I think time management skills are certainly teachable. The biggest example I can think of is the army. I have had cousins who have become very punctual and disciplined after joining the army. They are not just disciplined in their professional life but also their personal life.

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SPEAKING PART 1

INTRO QUESTIONS

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1. First set of questions, asked to almost all students

1. May I know your full name?
   My full name is Kiranpreet Kaur Makkar.
   (Note: Full name means given name + middle name if any + surname. Mostly students will speak the name given in the passport, which may not have the surname. So, you must speak your full name in answer to this question)

2. How may I address you?
   You may address me as Kiran.
   (Note 1: Here you may even speak your nickname. It just means that while asking the next questions, the examiner will call you by that name.
   Note 2: Many students start speaking their address here. Here, the word 'address' has been used as a verb, which means 'call'. In other words, the question is - How may I call you?)

3. May I see your ID?
   Here is my passport. (Note: open the first page of the passport and show it to the examiner. You don't need to say 'Yes')

4. Where do you come from?
   I come from Phagwara. It is a small town between Jalandhar and Ludhiana.

2. Work or Studies

(General Training students are likely to be asked questions related to their job experience which could be personal)

WORK

1. What work do you do?
   (personal answer)

2. Why did you choose to do that type of work (or that job)?
   I chose that work, because I was interested in it.

3. Do you like your job?
   Yes, I like my job. It is very interesting.

4. Is it very interesting?
   Yes, it is very interesting.

5. Do you miss being a student?
   Yes, I miss being a student. Now, when I look back I realize that they were the happiest days of my life.

STUDIES

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1. What subject(s) are you studying?
   I've just completed my senior secondary in commerce stream. Now I wish to go abroad for my higher education.

2. Why did you choose to study that subject/those subjects?
   I chose these subjects because I was interested in them.

3. Do you like your subject? Why/Why not?
   Yes, I like my subjects. I think they're very interesting.

4. Is it very interesting?
   Yes, my subjects are very interesting.

5. Are you looking forward to working?
   Yes, I'm looking forward to a part-time job when I go abroad to study.

6. Do you prefer to study in the mornings or afternoons?
   I prefer to study in the mornings because at that time I feel very fresh and I can concentrate on my studies.

3. Home/Accommodation

1. Do you live in a house or flat? Or What kind of housing/accommodation do you live in?
   I live in a house. It is a two storey brick house.

2. Please describe it a little.
   It is a two storey brick house. There're four bedrooms with attached bathrooms, a kitchen, a living room and a drawing room. There is a small lawn in the front and a kitchen garden in the backyard.

3. What's your favorite room in your home?
   My favorite room is my own room, because I've decorated it according to my taste.

4. What have you done to your room to make it look nice?
   I keep my room spic and span. The walls are painted light pink because it is my favorite color. There are floral curtains.

5. Who do you live with?
   I live with my parents and brother.

6. Which room does your family spend most of the time in?
   My family spends most time in the living room. We have our meals there. We watch TV together and also entertain informal guests in that room.

7. How long have you lived there?
   I have lived there since my birth.

8. Do you plan to live there a long time?
   Presently I plan to go abroad for my studies. But, but I love my home and would like to come back there.

9. (If you answer you haven't lived there long) What's the difference between where you are living now and where you have lived in the past?

10. What do you usually do in your house/flat/room?

I do many things in my house. I spend time with my parents, eat there, sleep there, Study there and entertaining guests in my house.

11. Are the transport facilities to your hometown very good?
    Yes, the transport facilities to my house are very good. The bus service is ready frequent and the railway station is also very near.

12. Do you plan to move?
    I plan to go abroad for higher education. Apart from that I do not plan to move.

13. Would you like to move to another place to live? (Why/why not?)
    I plan to go abroad for my higher education. If I like it there, I might think of settling there.

14. Are you prepared to move?
    No, I am not prepared to move.

4. Hometown

1. What's (the name of) your hometown?
   I am from Phagwara, which a small but beautiful town between Jalandhar and Ludhiana.

2. Is it a big city or a small place?
   It is a town with a population of about 1.5 lakhs. It is on the national highway.

3. Please describe your hometown a little.
   My hometown is very beautiful. All facilities are available here. There are good educational facilities, good hospitals, good job opportunities and already good shopping center.

4. How long have you been living there?
   I have been living there since my birth.

5. Do you like your hometown?
   Yes, I love my hometown.

6. Do you like living there?
   Yes, I like living there.

7. Would you say it's an interesting place?
   Yes, I would say it is an interesting place. The shopping center is very nice. In fact it is called a shoppers paradise. There are many historical places. There are three Sikh temples.

8. What do you like (most) about your hometown?
   I like everything about my hometown, but what I like the most is that it does on the main road and so it is well connected by roadways and railways

9. What's your favorite part of your hometown?
   My favorite part of my hometown is a park, where I go every morning for my morning walk.

10. Is there anything you dislike about it?
    As such there is nothing I dislike about my hometown, but yes, the drainage system could be improved. Whenever there is rainfall there is a lot of water logging on the roads.

11. Do you think you will continue living there for long time?
    Yes, I think I would continue living there for a long time. I wish to go abroad for sometime for my higher education, but would definitely like to come back here.

12. Are there any tourist attractions in your hometown?
    Yes, there are two Sikh temples, dedicated to the sixth guru of Sikhs. There is an ancient Shiva Temple and there is a famous hotel Haveli, which is very popular among the tourists.

13. Did your friends also grow up in the same place as you?
    Yes, most of my school friends grew up in the same place.

14. Would you like to live there in the future?
    Yes, I would like to live there in the future because it's a beautiful place.

5. Buildings

Q: Are there tall buildings near your home?
Yes, there are a few tall apartments near my home, and I pass them every day on my way to work.

Q: Do you take photos of buildings?
Not really, I usually take photos of people or food, unless a building has a unique design.

Q: Is there a building that you would like to visit?
Yes, I'd love to visit the Burj Khalifa one day because I want to see the view from the top.

Q: Do you want to live in a tall building?
I think yes, because it feels quieter and you get a nice view of the city.

6. Scenery

Q: Do you look out the window at the scenery when travelling by bus or car?
Yes, I often look outside because it relaxes me, especially during long drives.

Q: Do you prefer the mountains or the sea?
I prefer the sea because the sound of waves makes me feel calm.

Q: Do you like to take scenery pictures?
Yes, when I travel I take photos of nature so I can remember the moment later.

Q: What are the most beautiful sights you have seen while travelling?
The most beautiful sight for me was a sunset at a beach in Goa because the sky was full of colors.

7. Reading

Q: Do you like reading?
Yes, I like reading in my free time because it helps me switch off from screens.

Q: Do you prefer to read on paper or on a screen?
I prefer reading on paper because it feels easier on my eyes.

Q: When do you need to read carefully, and when not?

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I read carefully when it's something important like instructions, but I skim when it's just news or social media.

Q: Do you prefer scanning or detailed reading?
Most of the time I scan for key information, but I read in detail when I'm learning something new.

8. Sports Team

Q: Have you ever been part of a sports team?
Yes, I played cricket for my school team, and it was fun because we practised together after classes.

Q: Are team sports popular in your culture?
Yes, team sports like cricket and football are very popular, and people talk about matches almost every day.

Q: Do you like watching team games? Why?
Yes, I enjoy watching team games because they feel exciting and unpredictable.

Q: What are the differences between team sports and individual sports?
Team sports need cooperation between players, while individual sports depend mainly on one person's performance.

9. Typing

Do you prefer typing or handwriting?
I prefer typing to writing by hand because I type faster. Also, I can easily edit what I type, which makes it more convenient. Moreover, I have bad handwriting, so people sometimes find it difficult to understand.

Do you type on a desktop or laptop keyboard every day?
I usually type on a laptop. I wouldn't say every day, but I do type assignments or write emails at least two or three times a week.

When did you learn how to type on a keyboard?
I never formally learned typing. I just started doing it on my own, and gradually I became faster.

How did you improve your typing?
As I mentioned, it improved naturally over time. Playing computer games also helped a lot because my mind got used to the location of the keys.

10. Food

What is your favourite food?
It changes from time to time. Right now, I love Indo-Chinese food like hakka noodles, Manchurian, chilli cheese, and spring rolls.

What kind of food did you like when you were young?

When I was younger, I mainly liked pizzas and burgers. I still enjoy them occasionally, but I wouldn't say they are my favourites now.

Has your favourite food changed since you were a child?
Yes, it has. As I mentioned earlier, I enjoyed pizzas and burgers when I was younger. Now, I prefer Indo-Chinese cuisine. There was also a time when I loved South Indian food like dosa, idli, and vada. I used to eat dosa almost every day.

Do you eat different foods at different times of the year?
No, my staple diet remains almost the same. It usually includes lentils and vegetables with roti. However, the type of vegetables changes according to the season. For example, in winter, I eat a lot of spinach and carrots.

11. Hobbies

Do you have any hobbies?
Yes, I do. I enjoy playing sports like table tennis and badminton. Apart from that, I like playing video games and reading fantasy novels.

Did you have any hobbies when you were a child?
Yes, I had similar hobbies as a child. However, I played cricket more than table tennis and badminton at that time.

Do you have a hobby that you've had since childhood?
Yes, I still have the same hobbies that I had during my childhood.

Do you have the same hobbies as your family members?
No, not really. My parents and my sister are strictly against video games. Also, they don't play outdoor sports like I do.

12. Gifts

What gift have you received recently?
Recently, my uncle gifted me a Parker pen on my birthday. I use it sometimes, but not very often.

Have you ever sent handmade gifts to others?
Yes, I used to make birthday cards for my grandparents when I was younger. In recent years, I don't remember making any handmade gifts.

Have you ever received a great gift?
Yes, many times. My maternal aunt often gifts me cool things like interesting gadgets. She lives in the US, so whenever she visits, she brings something unique for me.

What do you consider when choosing a gift?
I mainly consider two things: my relationship with the person and their needs. These factors decide everything else, such as the budget and the type of gift.

13. Day Off

When was the last time you had a few days off?
I think it was during Diwali. We usually get two or three days off, and I spent that time with my parents.

What do you usually do when you have days off?
I usually go on vacation with my parents or visit my grandparents or other relatives.

Do you usually spend your days off with your parents or friends?
Most of the time, I spend them with my parents. Occasionally, I've gone to hill stations with my friends.

What would you like to do if you had a day off tomorrow?
I recently bought a new video game, so I would probably spend the entire day glued to the TV screen playing it.

14. Keys

Do you always bring a lot of keys with you?
No, I usually carry just one key, which is my car key.

Have you ever lost your keys?
Yes, I'm quite careless with keys. I've lost them many times, but I've always managed to find them later.

Do you often forget your keys and lock yourself out?
No, that doesn't happen often. We don't have that kind of lock system at home. We need a key to both open and lock the door.

Do you think it's a good idea to leave your keys with a neighbour?
Yes, if they are long-term neighbours and you trust them.

15. Morning Time

Do you like getting up early in the morning?
No, not really. I do wake up early these days, but I prefer sleeping late and waking up late.

What do you usually do in the morning?
I usually make myself a cup of coffee, watch the news, and get ready. I've been thinking about waking up earlier to exercise, but it's easier said than done.

What did you do in the morning when you were little? Why?
I definitely didn't watch the news. I was quite serious as a child, so I used to wake up and study for two or three hours most days.

Are there any differences between your mornings now and in the past?
Yes, there's a huge difference. I'm very interested in the news now, so I read newspapers or watch the news regularly. I never did that as a child. Also, I don't study anymore — that phase of my life is over.

Do you spend your mornings doing the same things on weekends and weekdays? Why?
No, on weekends I wake up late and usually sit in front of the TV watching a movie or a TV series.

16. Dreams

Can you remember the dreams you have?
I can remember them for a short time after waking up, but I usually forget them by the next day.

Do you share your dreams with others?
Sometimes, especially if the person appeared in the dream. However, most of the time I forget my dreams very quickly.

Do you think dreams have special meanings?
No, I don't think so. I believe they are just manifestations of our fears and goals.

Do you want to make your dreams come true?
Yes, of course. I have many dreams, such as becoming very rich and owning a sports car.

17. Pets and Animals

What's your favourite animal? Why?
My favourite animal is a dog. I love dogs because they are excellent companions.

Where do you prefer to keep your pet, indoors or outdoors?
I have two Shih Tzus, which are indoor breeds. In fact, they sleep with me on my bed.

Have you ever had a pet before?
Apart from dogs, no. I've had dogs since childhood.

What is the most popular animal in India?
I think cows are the most popular animals in India. They have religious significance, and especially in rural areas, people treat them like family members.

18. Mobile Phone

What was your first mobile phone?
I think it was a Nokia 3310. It was a basic keypad phone, and I mainly used it for calling.

Do you often use your mobile phone for texting or calling?
I prefer calling. I don't have the patience to wait for someone to read my message and reply.

Will you buy a new phone in the future?
Yes, but not anytime soon. I usually buy a new phone only when my current one starts causing problems.

How has your mobile phone changed your life?

It has changed my life in many ways. I honestly can't imagine my life without it now, as there are so many things I can do using my phone.

Have you ever lost your mobile phone?
I didn't lose it, but it was stolen once. I went to a café and accidentally left it on the table. I realised it after about ten minutes, but when I returned, it was gone. I asked the café staff, but they hadn't seen it.

19. Walking

Do you walk a lot?
Yes, I walk quite a lot, especially in the evenings, because it helps me clear my mind and stay active.

Did you often go outside to have a walk when you were a child?
Yes, I did, mostly with my cousins, and it was a fun way for us to play and explore the neighborhood.

Why do people like to walk in parks?
People enjoy walking in parks because the environment feels peaceful and refreshing compared to busy streets.

Where would you like to take a long walk if you had the chance?
If I had the chance, I'd love to take a long walk along a beach because the waves and open view feel very calming.

Where did you go for a walk lately?
Recently, I went for a walk around a lake near my house, and it was quiet and relaxing.

20. Rules

Are there any rules for students at your school?
I am not in school anymore. But, yes, there are quite a few rules at my school like students had to wear the proper uniform, attend classes on time, and maintain discipline in the classroom. There were also rules about using mobile phones — we weren't allowed to use them during lessons.

Do you think students would benefit more from more rules?
No, I think too many rules can hinder creativity and create a very restrictive environment. It can also make them rebellious as they see rules as unnecessary.

Have you ever had a really dedicated teacher?
Yes, I did. One of my most dedicated teachers was Mr. Anson, who taught me computer science in 10th standard. I remember he even took extra online classes during holidays, and he wasn't just focused on finishing the curriculum but also on going beyond it to make sure we truly understood the subject.

Do you prefer to have more or fewer rules at school?

Like I said earlier, I like a few basic rules. Too many rules create a restrictive environment, which hampers learning.

21. Doing Something Well

1. Do you have an experience when you did something well?
Yes, I remember once I helped organize a small event at school, and everything went smoothly, so I felt I had done it well.

2. Do you have an experience when your teacher thought you did a good job?
Yeah, once I wrote an essay in English class and my teacher praised me for it. That really made me happy.

3. Do you often tell your friends when they do something well?
Mostly yes, if a friend does something good, like winning a game or giving a nice answer in class, I usually appreciate them.

22. Public Places

Have you ever talked with someone you don't know in public places?
Yes, many times. I have often talked to strangers when I am travelling in public transport. I have also had conversations with new people at parks and shopping malls.

Do you wear headphones in public places?
I don't like wearing headphones. I feel irritated and, but I do it sometimes when I want to watch information videos.

Would you like to see more public places near where you live?
Absolutely, more public spaces like parks or community centers would give people places to relax, exercise, and meet others, which would make the area more enjoyable.

Do you often go to public places with your friends?
No, I don't go often to public places with my friends. I think I travel to public places alone.

23. Staying with old people

Have you ever worked with old people?
I have never worked in my life, but I don't think I would mind working with old people.

Are you happy to work with people who are older than you?
I have never thought of age as a factor. I would love to work with both younger and older people. It doesn't matter to me.

Do you enjoy spending time with old people?

It depends upon the person. I loved to spend time with my maternal grandfather. He used to tell amazing stories.

What are the benefits of being friends with or working with old people?
There are many benefits of being friends with or working with old people. Their experience can guide us on how to deal with difficult situations. Also, we get to hear amazing stories.

24. Growing vegetables/fruits

Are you interested in growing vegetables and fruits?
Yes, I am interested, but I don't have the space to grow fruits and vegetables. Maybe, if I shift to a house with open space, I will try it.

Is growing vegetables popular in your country?
Yes, it is quite popular. A lot of people grow some vegetables in their backyards, and it has become even more popular after awareness about increasing use of chemicals and pesticides in crops.

Do many people grow vegetables in your city?
Yes, many grow vegetables in my city. I think most of friends have small vegetable gardens in their home.

Do you think it's easy to grow vegetables?
No, I don't think it is easy, but I also don't think it's difficult. I think anyone can learn it, if they put their mind to it.

Should schools teach students how to grow vegetables?
Absolutely, I am in favour of teaching practical skills like growing plants, cooking in schools. I think it is a necessity.

25. Going out

Do you bring food or snacks with you when going out?
No, I don't carry food or snacks when going out. I just buy them from local shops.

Do you always take your mobile phone with you when going out?
Yes, of course. I mostly take my phone when I go out. However, when I go out to walk my dogs, I don't take my phone with me.

Do you often bring cash with you?
No, I am very bad with cash. I have dropped it many times while taking out my phone from my pocket.

How often do you use cash?
I rarely use cash. I normally use UPI payments.

26. Quiet/noisy places

Do you like quiet or noisy places?
I might be an exception, but I like noisy places more. I just feel like if there is some noise around me, I can concentrate more.

Do you like to go to quiet or noisy places on weekends when you are free?
I like to go to cafés. I think they are slightly noisy.

27. Advertisement

What kind of advertising do you like?
I like advertisements that are funny, creative or tell a story. I also like ads that address social issues and challenge stereotypes.

Do you like advertisements?
I don't mind ads if they are not too long and intrusive.

Do you see a lot of advertising on trains or other transport?
Yes, I see a lot of advertising on trains or other transport like buses and autos. I think it is good way to advertise as it can reach a lot of people at once as many people commute daily via public transport.

Is there an advertisement that made an impression on you when you were a child?
Yes, I remember an ad about Cadbury chocolate where a girl jumps in the middle of a cricket match after the player hits a boundary. She is dancing while eating and enjoying chocolate.

28. Crowded place

Is the city where you live crowded?
No, I live in a small town. I don't think it is that crowded. In fact, I can reach anywhere within fifteen minutes.

Is there a crowded place near where you live?
Yes, there is an outdoor mall – Eastwood village about 10 minutes from my home. It is always crowded. In fact, on weekends, it is impossible to find a parking spot there.

Do you like crowded places?
I don't mind crowded places themselves, but I hate spending excessive time in travelling. So, I don't like going to crowded areas.

Do most people like crowded places?
No, on the contrary, I think I most people don't.

When was the last time you were in a crowded place?
The last time I was in a crowded place was just last weekend. I went to my local Gurudwara on a festival. It was really crowded and there was a no space to take a single step.

29. Chatting

Do you like chatting with friends?
No, I don't like chatting. I prefer doing something productive rather than chatting with friends.

What do you usually chat about with friends?
Like I said, I don't usually chat with friends but if I do talk, it's about what's happening in my life or their life. Sometimes, I also talk about the news.

Do you prefer to chat with a group of people or with only one friend?
When I do chat, it's normally with only one friend. I don't like chatting with many people at one time.

Do you prefer to communicate face-to-face or via social media?
I normally Facetime my friends. Most of friends live far away, so it's not possible to meet them face to face often.

Do you argue with friends?
Yes, of course. I do argue sometimes. One of my friends is always late. I have had many arguments with him about it. Once I missed my train just because of him.

30. Friends

Do you invite friends to your home?
Yes, I love having friends over at my place, we always have a good time.

Do you prefer to spend time with one friend or with a group of friends?
I prefer spending time with a smaller group of friends as it feels more personal and I get time to interact with everyone.

Do you often go out with your friends?
Yes, we often go out to movies, malls, cafe's etc.

Where do you often meet each other?
We usually meet at home, coffee shops, malls and movie theaters.

Do you have a friend you have known for a long time?
Yes, I have one friend I have known for years. He is very important to me, and we always make time to catch up.
What do you usually do with your friends?
We usually go out for meals, movies or just hang out at home.

How important are friends to you?
Friends are very important to me, especially my childhood friends. We know each other so well and always make time to stay in touch.

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Why are some places suitable for a meeting while others are not?
It's just because there is no privacy in some places and it is quite challenging
Is there a difference between where you meet friends now and where you used to meet them in the past?

31. Art

Do you like art?
Yes, I like art. Art gives meaning to life. Art is what differentiates us from animals. I like all sorts of art.

Do you like visiting art galleries?
I live in small town. Unfortunately, there are no art galleries in my hometown. If I get a chance to visit a renowned art gallery while travelling, I will surely visit it.

Do you want to be an artist?
No, I don't want to be artist. I am not that talented. I love enjoying art, but I don't think I would be good at creating art.

Do you like modern art or traditional art?
I like both. I love certain modern art forms like 3D origami, but I also like traditional art forms like pottery.

32. Shoes

Do you like buying shoes? How often?
No, I don't like buying shoes. I have just 2-3 pairs. One for running, one for casual wear and one set of formal leather shoes

Have you ever bought shoes online?
Once I bought shoes online for my mother, but I have never bought shoes for myself online.

How much money do you usually spend on shoes?
It ranges. I have spent even as low as Rs 300 and as high as Rs 15000. But normally, I buy shoes in the range of Rs 2000 to Rs 3000.

Which do you prefer, fashionable shoes or comfortable shoes?
Comfort over looks any day. My feet are quite sensitive, and they start aching all over if wear something uncomfortable, so I prefer comfortable shoes.

33. Museum

Do you think museums are important?
Yes, I do. Museums are important because they preserve history, culture, and art, and they also give people a chance to learn in a more interactive way.

Are there many museums in your hometown?
Not really. My hometown doesn't have many museums, but there is small museum on Bhagat Singh about 15 kms from my hometown.

Do you often visit a museum?
To be honest, not very often. I usually only when I am traveling to another city.

When was the last time you visited a museum?
The last time I visited a museum was about a year ago, when I went to a history museum in Delhi. I remember being really impressed by the ancient artifacts there.

34. Having a Break

How often do you take a rest or a break?
I usually take short breaks of around 5-10 mins after every hour or so, especially when I'm studying or working for long hours.

What do you usually do when you are resting?
Normally, I just scroll through my phone, have a cup of tea. Sometimes, I also listen to music to relax.

Do you take a nap when you are taking your rest?
Not usually, but if I'm really tired, I take a short nap during the afternoons.

How do you feel after taking a nap?
If it's a short nap, I feel refreshed and more energetic. But if I sleep too long, I actually feel a bit lazy afterward.

35. Internet

1. When did you start using the internet?
I started using the internet when I was in 10th standard. At that time, I got my first smartphone and so I bought a net pack and started using the internet and the first thing I did was to make an email account.

2. How often do you go online?
I usually spend at least four to five hours on the internet. I use it for studies, for watching, playing games and chatting with my friends.

3. How does the internet influence people?
Firstly, people are going out less because they can almost anything sitting at their home like shopping or banking. Secondly, people have become less social as they meet each other face to face less often. Finally, it has impacted their health.

4. Do you think you spend too much time online?
Yes, I think so. I am spending about four to five hours on the internet every day and I think I should not spending more than 2 hours.

5. What would you do without the internet?
I can't imagine a life without the internet but if it happened I think I would spend more time with my loved ones and I would give more time to my hobbies and interests.

36. Praise/ encouragement

1. Have you had any achievements recently?
Just two months, I graduated in bachelor's of nursing and I stood second in the whole class.

2. How do you feel when you are praised?
I feel very happy when someone praises me. I feel motivated to do even better.

3. When was the last time when you praised someone?
Last year, I praised my friend when she came first in a dance competition.

4. Do you think parents should often praise and encourage their children?
Yes, parents should often praise and encourage their children so that they do better in the future and feel motivated.

5. Have you ever been praised or encouraged by your teacher?
Yes, in my third year of graduation when teacher praised me when I stood 1st in the whole class.

37. Holidays

1. Where did you go for your last holiday?
I went to Shimla for the last holiday. It's a famous hill station in the foothills of Himalayas.

2. Do you like holidays? Why?
Of course. Who doesn't like holidays. I think they are just release the stress of work and studies and provide a break from the monotony of everyday life.

3. Which public holiday do you like the best?
I like Diwali the best. We get a lot of gifts on Diwali. Also, I love lighting up the house with diyas and candles.

4. What do you do on holidays?
If it's a festival, we take part in special traditions like cooking special food and decorating the house or go to a religious place. Otherwise, I spend time with my family. We either go out and just stay home and watch a TV show or a movie.

5. Do you like to spend your day at home?
Yes, sometimes. After a few hectic or busy days, I prefer to just stay home and chill. However, sometimes I also get bored staying at home and doing nothing.

6. Do you prefer a leisurely or a busy holiday?
It depends upon the company. With my friends, I prefer a busy holiday like going to different tourist sites, doing trekking, trying new cuisines. On the other hand, with my parents, I just like to stay at a resort and relax.

38. Library

1. Do you often go to library?
No, unfortunately, my city doesn't have a public library.

2. What do you usually in the library?
Like I said, I don't normally go to the library. However, people normally just go read books or complete their assignments or work. Nowadays, people visit libraries more for their peaceful environment than for borrowing books or other reference material.

3. Did you go to the library when you were a kid?
Yes, my school had a very spacious library. I used to go there every week to borrow books.

4. Do Indian kids often go to the library?
I don't think reading is a very popular hobby in India. So, I don't think children go to libraries often. But, I think there has been a shift after Harry Potter, which has made reading more fashionable.

39. Small business

1. Do you know many small businesses where you live?
Yes, there are many small businesses where I live like clothes shops, pharmacies, grocery stores and so on. There are also a few small scale industries in my area.

2. Do you prefer buying things from big companies or small businesses?
I prefer buying things from big companies because I feel the quality of products from big companies is better.
3. Have you ever thought about starting your own business?
No, I have never thought of starting my own business. I want to do a job. I think businesses involve much stress and uncertainty.
4. Have you ever worked In small businesses?
No, I have actually never worked in my life till now. I just recently completed my bachelors and now I want to do masters. Maybe after that I will start working.

40. Chocolates

1. Do you like eating chocolates? Why or why not?
Yes, I often eat chocolate. My favourite chocolate is dairy milk.

2. How often do you eat chocolates?
I eat chocolate once or twice a month.

3. Did you often eat chocolate when you were a kid?
Yes, I ate chocolate when I a child. I think I ate it much more than now.

4. Why do you think chocolate is popular around the world?
There are many reasons for this. Firstly, it is of course the taste. Chocolate has a rich creamy texture and sweet flavour which appeals to a wide variety of palates. Secondly, I think chocolate releases certain chemicals, which mildly boost a person's mood and energy.

5. What yours favourite flavour of chocolate?
My favourite chocolate is dark chocolate. I don't like overly sweet things and dark chocolate suits my palate perfectly.

6. Do you think it is good to use chocolate as gifts to others?
   Yes, it is wonderful gift. Chocolate is associated with feelings of love and celebration and so giving a chocolate shows the care and love towards the other person.

41. Singing

1. Do you like singing? Why?
   I like it, but I am a terrible singer. So, I sing mostly when I am alone.

2. Have you ever learnt how to sing?
   No, I just sing casually. I don't think I am talented at it. If I was, maybe then I would have learnt it professionally.

3. Who do you want to sing for?
   Like I said before, I only sing when I am alone, so I guess I sing for myself.

4. Do you think singing can bring happiness to people?
   Yes, definitely. Singing is associated with release of certain chemicals like endorphins and dopamine which uplift mood. Singing also allows us to express our emotions and this release of suppressed emotions can be very cathartic.

42. Outer space and stars

1. Have you ever learnt about outer space and stars?
   Yes, I learnt about outer space and stars when I was in school. It was a part of geography.

2. Do you like science fiction movies? Why?
   Yes, I love science fiction movies. For me, these movies showcase an alternate reality, which is always exciting to watch. I like fantasy movies as well for the same reason.

3. Do you want to know more about outer space?
   Yes, I would love to. I do try to keep up with the news about advancements in space. Especially, since India has achieved a lot in the realm of space in recent years, my interest in outer space has only increased.

4. Do you want to go into outer space in the future?
   Yes, but not immediately. After the new travel technologies have been properly tested, I would love to travel to other planets then.

43. List

1. Do you make a list when you shop?
   Yes, I am very forgetful, so I do make a list. Whenever I run out of something at home, I note it down on my mobile phone and I get it in my next visit to the supermarket.

2. Do you make a list for your work? Does it work?
   I don't make one separately for work. I make one for all the things I need to do at the beginning of the week. It does work. It saves me from procrastination or forgetting important things at least.

3. Why don't some people like making lists?
   There are many reasons. Firstly, some people are just good at mentally processing things so making a list seems unhelpful to them. Secondly, it can sometimes get overwhelming, looking

at the number of the things one has to finish. Finally, some people feel like making a list is restrictive and it just limits flexibility and freedom.

4. Do you prefer to make a list on paper or your mobile phone?
Earlier it was paper, but since the last 3-4 years I have gone completely digital. I make lists using apps like reminders and notes.

44. Housework and cooking

1. Do you do some cooking or help your family cook at home now?
Frankly, we have a maid and she does most of the cooking. I do help in minor things like washing the utensils or chopping vegetables when she is on leave.

2. Did you do some house cleaning when you were young?
Yes, I did not much. I used to clean my own room every weekend. My mother didn't let me do much as she wanted me to focus on studies.

3. Do you have breakfast at home every day?
No, I don't like breakfast. I just makes me feel bloated and heavy throughout the day. However, if I have a very light dinner, I do eat some egg whites the next morning.

4. Do you want to learn how to cook well?
I want to learn cooking to survive. I want to just learn the basics so that if I have to cook for a few days, I don't end up ordering out every day. I don't want to learn cooking otherwise.

5. Do you think your house is clean and tidy?
Yes, my mother is very particular about cleanliness. So, she makes sure that the whole house is very clean. We all have to clean our room every week.

6. What housework do you like or dislike doing?
I don't like cooking as I said before. I am good with all other housework. I like washing utensils and cutlery. I don't know, I just find it relaxing.

45. Text Messages

1 How often do you send text messages?
I send messages very often. I normally communicate using text messages. However, if I need to communicate urgently, I call instead of sending a text message.

2 Is sending messages popular in your country?
Both yes and no. I think it is popular in the younger generation, but the older people still prefer calling over sending text messages.

3 Did you send more messages when you were younger?
No, I think I send more messages now. I rarely sent messages when I was younger as I got a mobile phone very late. I used to communicate with my friends by borrowing my parent's phone and then I usually called instead of texting.

4 Do you reply to messages as soon as you receive them?
No, I only reply to messages immediately if it is something urgent. Otherwise, I respond only when I get free.

46. Being busy

1. Are you busier now than when you were a child?
   Yes, I am working now, and I also need to do household chores like cooking and washing clothes. These were all managed by my parents when I was a child, so I feel a lot busier now.

2. When was the last time you were very busy?
   The last time I was very busy was about 6 months ago. My college exams were going on and at the same time there was a cricket competition in our village, and I was the captain of the cricket team. I barely got any free time then. I think I hardly slept for 4-5 hours for a whole week.

47. Puzzles

1. Did you solve puzzles in your childhood?
   Yes, I solved a lot of puzzles when I was a child. I especially loved doing jig-saw puzzles. Besides that, I also solved some crossword puzzles and number puzzles like Sudoku in the newspaper.

2. When do you solve puzzles, while travelling or when you feel bored?
   I normally solve them at both times. I solve jig saw puzzles at home, it is a hassle to carry all the small pieces, and I am afraid of dropping them. I do solve crossword and number puzzles while travelling.

3. Do you like solving word puzzles or number puzzles? Which is more difficult for you?
   I am good at math, so I find number puzzles easier, but I also love solving word puzzles. I also solve 'Wordle' nowadays. I consider word puzzles to be slightly difficult for me as my vocabulary is limited.

4. Do you think it is good for old people to solve puzzles?
   Yes definitely, it keeps their mind sharp and active.

48. Saying 'thank you'

1. Do people in your country often say, 'thank you'?
   No, it's not common. People do smile and show their appreciation through other gestures, but people don't often say thank you.

2. On what occasions do people often say, 'thank you'?
   People normally say thank you when the other person goes out of the way to help them. People don't often say thank you in everyday life.

49. Public transportation

1. What kind of public transportation do you usually take?
   I normally use the train. In buses, I feel road sick, so I prefer the train.

2. When do you usually take public transportation, in your everyday life or when you are travelling?
   For short distances, I prefer using my own car and I only use public transportation for long distances.

50. Names

1. Does your name have any special meaning?
   Yes, my name is Indroop. It means the avatar of Lord Inder, the God of Rain, according to Hindu mythology.

2. How would you choose names for your next generation?
   I would like to keep a unique name. So, I think I will be taking the help of Chatgpt or any other AI for keeping the name.

3. Does anyone in your family have the same name as you?
   No, I am the only one with this name in my family and it is a pretty unique name. I think there are very few people with the same name globally.

4. Are there any differences between how Indians name their children now and in the past?
   Yes, in the past, people used to give importance to religious books. A special letter was chosen by religious gurus, and the name was kept starting with that letter. Nowadays, people don't believe in such traditions and people just name their kid with the help of the internet.

5. Are there any names that are more popular than others in India?
   Yes, there are certain names like Gurpreet, Gagan, Aakash, Rahul and Shahrukh which are common. I remember in my class there were three girls with the name Gagan and none of them used sir names. It led to some big misunderstandings.

51. Jewelry

1. Do you often wear jewelry?
   No, I personally, I don't like the feel of anything like a metal or plastic touching my skin. So, I don't wear jewelry. I don't even like wearing a wristwatch for the same reason.

2. What types of jewelry do you like?
   I like plain, subtle jewelry. I think it gives a more elegant look.

3. Do you usually buy jewelry?
   No, I have never bought jewelry. I have accompanied my parents to the jewelry store, but I have never chosen the jewelry.

4. Why do you think some people like to wear a piece of jewelry for a long time?
   Some people like to wear a piece of jewelry for a long time as it has emotional value. For example, a family member or loved one may have gifted them that piece of jewelry. Moreover, jewelry like rings become a part of the person and people feel something is missing when they take it off. Finally, a jewelry may have religious significance like the 'Kara' in Sikh religion.

52. Geography

1. Do you like geography?
   Yes, I do. I love travelling and exploring new places. I think this passion developed only out of my love for geography.

2. Do you think geography is useful?
   Yes, I think geography is very useful. It gives insight into the layout and physical features of the earth like mountains, rivers and oceans. It is also important in certain professions like city planning, environmental protection, and travel and tourism. Finally, it improves understanding of global issues like migration, global warming and so on.

3. Have you ever learned geography?
   Yes, I learnt geography when I was in school. It was a compulsory subject till 10th standard.

4. Do you want to be a geography teacher?

No, I am interested in learning more about geography, but I don't want to be a teacher. I think teaching is a very challenging profession. It requires a lot of patience, and I lack that.

5. Do you want to learn more about the geography of other countries?
   Yes, I would love to learn more about geography of other countries if I get the opportunity. It gives certain insights about culture which are very fascinating. For example, recently I learnt that in hot countries eat more spicy food because it makes them sweat, which in turn helps them cool down.

53. Flowers

1. Do people in your country often give flowers to others?
   Yes, people in my country often give flowers and bouquets on special occasions like birthdays, wedding ceremonies, anniversaries and even professional events like retirement or promotions. Nowadays, people have also started giving plants as gifts instead of flowers.

2. Do you know anyone who loves flowers?
   Yes, in fact I know many people who love flowers. My mother is also one of them. She has more than a 100 flower pots.

3. Are there a lot of flowers where you live?
   No, there are not a lot of flowers, where I live. I live in an urban area and there are not many gardens near my house. However, my mother has a lot of flowerpots. So, there are flowers at our home.

54. Birthday

1. What do you usually do on your birthday?
   In the morning, I go to the Gurudwara and take blessings from God. In the evening, I go out with either my friends or family members for a meal.

2. What did you do on your birthday when you were young?
   My day started exactly like it starts now, with a visit to the Gurudwara. In the evening, my parents invited all my friends to my home, I cut the cake, and we played some fun party games.

3. Do you think it is important for you to celebrate your birthday?
   Yes, I think birthdays should be celebrated. I think it is a celebration of being alive and moreover, it brings all friends and family members together.

4. Whose birthday do you think is the most important to celebrate in India?
   I think 2nd October – the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi is the most important birthday celebrated in India. He is considered the father of the nation, and his principles of non-violence are still reflected in our countries' principles today. Apart from this, another special birthday is 14th April, the birthday of B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of Indian constitution.

55. Plan/Schedule

1. Do you like making plans?
   No, personally, I like going with the flow. I used to make plans earlier and I felt like it took the joy out of things.

2. Do you use paper or your cellphone to make plans?
   If I do make plans, I make it on paper. Maybe, I am old school, but I still prefer jotting things down on a paper rather than typing it on the small screen of my phone.

3. What are the benefits of making plans?
   There are certainly a few benefits. Firstly, it saves time by making us organized. I feel like, I can do more when I plan. Secondly, planning helps people become punctual. When we plan, we are more likely to note down appointments and thus reach on time.

56. Spare time

1. Do you often have free time?
   After work, I have some free time as I have a part-time maid for cleaning. Also, I have free time on weekends.
2. What do you usually do in your free time?
   I read books and do some exercise. Sometimes, I listen or watch the TV as well.

57. Spending time by yourself

1. Do you usually spend time by yourself?
   Yes, I usually spend time by myself because I like spending time alone. Also, I want to spend time on self-improvement, which I cannot do with others. However, when I was younger, I loved spending time with my friends and going out, but I have changed a lot with time because now I feel I should do something meaningful.

2. What did you do last time when you were by yourself?
   I dipped my feet in hot water and gave myself a foot massage. I also applied a face mask.

3. How do you usually spend time by yourself?

4. Do you like spending time by yourself?
   For all answers 1,3 and 4 - Yes, I usually spend time by myself because I like spending time alone. Also, I want to spend time on self-improvement, which cannot I do with others. However, when I was younger, I loved spending time with my friends and going out, but I have changed a lot with time because now I feel I should do something meaningful.

58. Writing

1. Do you write a lot?
   Yes, I write a lot as I must do a lot of writing in my work. However, I don't write by hand, I type.

2. What do you like to write? Why?
   Apart from my work, I write poetry. Sometimes, I also write about experiences so that I can learn from them. It's also a means of expressing my feelings. When I see something beautiful, I just want to express it in words.

3. Do you think the things you write would change in the future?
   Maybe. I don't think about it. But I believe as I grew older, I changed my habits and character so I might also change what I write about in the future.

4. Do you prefer typing or handwriting when you are writing?
   I prefer typing because it is more convenient and it's also easier to store information. Also, my typing speed is a lot faster than my writing speed.

59. Weather

1. What's the weather like where you live?
   Fortunately, I live in an area where the weather is pleasant throughout the year. The temperature ranges between 15-25C throughout the year.

2. Do you prefer hot or cold weather?
   I like pleasant weather. I neither like hot weather nor cold weather. However, If I had to choose one, I would choose hot weather because the AC makes it comfortable inside the house in the summer and, I can wear beautiful summer dresses. However, in the winter, my feet are always cold and because of that I am always uncomfortable. My clothing choices also get very limited in the cold weather.

3. Do you prefer dry or wet weather?
   I prefer dry weather because in the wet weather my shoes and clothes get dirty very easily.

4. Are you in the habit of checking the weather forecast? When and how often?
   No, I don't have that habit because the weather is stable where I live. It doesn't change very suddenly.

5. What do you think are the effects of climate change in recent years?
   I think the biggest change has been the increase in the number of climatic disasters in recent years. It seems like every year there is a climatic disaster now. Earlier these events used to happen after many years. Secondly, in my area at least, the winters have become milder, and the summers have become much warmer. It is impossible to survive without air conditioning now.

6. Would you like to visit other cities that have different climates from where you live?
   Yes, of course. I especially want to go a hill station with a lot of snow. It never snows in my area, there are hailstorms sometimes but not snowfall. So, I really want to enjoy the snow.

60. Snacks

1. When do you usually eat snacks now?
   I normally have snacks with tea in the evening. I also have it during movie nights with my family or when I got out with friends or family.

2. Do you think it is healthy for you to eat snacks?
   No, it is not healthy. However, I think if I eat snacks in a limit, it doesn't make a big difference.

3. Did you often eat snacks when you were young?
   Yes, when I was younger, I preferred eating snacks over regular meals. I remember my parents used to scold me a lot about it. I used to spend all my pocket money on snacks.

4. What snacks do you like to eat?
   I don't have a sweet tooth. So, I prefer savory snacks like chips and Indian snacks like pakoras and samosas.

61. Patience

1. Are you a patient person?
   If I was asked this question a few years back, I would have said yes definitely. However, now I would say I do lose patience sometimes. With age, I have become a little bit impatient.

2. What is it that makes you feel impatient?
   The main thing that makes me impatient is my expectation. I normally expect something to be done in a particular period and when that doesn't happen or it takes much longer than expected, I do get impatient.

3. How do you feel when you have to do something for a long time?
   I start feeling fatigued, bored and even impatient and frustrated if the progress is slower than I expected. That's why I take breaks from time to time.

4. Are you more patient now than when you were a child?
   On the contrary, I am less patient. I tend to lose patience quicker. I think it's because I have more responsibilities now and when something takes longer than I expect, it disrupts my other activities too.

62. Machine

1. What is the favorite machine in your home?
   My favorite machine in my house is my coffee machine. I just can't survive without it and because of this one machine I save a lot of money as earlier I used to go to cafés for drinking coffee.

2. Do you think washing machines and sweeping machines are important?
   Yes, of course. I don't think people can do things manually nowadays. Due to long working hours and hectic lifestyles, these machines have become indispensable.

3. Do you read instructions before using a machine?
   I try using it on my own first. If I am not able to figure it out, only then I turn to the instructions.

4. Do you think it is important to read instructions?
   I think it helps, and it is a good idea if we are using something for the first time or using something delicate, which might break if not used correctly.

63. Memory

1. Are you good at memorising things?
   No, I am not very good at memorizing things. That's why, if it is something important, I usually note it down in my phone.

2. Have you ever forgotten something important?
   Yes, once I forgot a dental appointment and I only realized it after I got a call from the dentist office that they were waiting for me.

3. What do you need to remember in your daily life?
   I don't need to remember much. I think it's mostly passwords nowadays. I think that's the I have become bad at memorizing things.

4. How do you remember important things?
   I generally type it in the Notes app in my mobile phone. I also use the Reminder app.

64. Hats/caps

Do you like to wear hats?
I like wearing hats sometimes especially when I am out in the sun. I like to wear baseball caps when it's sunny. I also wear warm winter caps like beanies when it gets cold.
What kinds of hats do you have?
I have different types of hats like baseball caps and beanies. I also have one cowboy hat that my aunt got from Canada.
Where do you like to buy hats?
I usually buy hats from sports stores or online. I like to try the hats before I buy them, so if it's a new brand, I prefer to buy them in store.
Is wearing hats popular in your country?
In my country, wearing hats isn't that common, but it's popular for outdoor activities. People do wear warm woolen caps in the winter.

65. Borrowing/lending

How do you feel when people don't return things they borrowed from you?
It is very frustrating when people don't return the things they borrow from you but I don't let it bother me too much.
Do you like to lend things to others?
I don't mind lending things if I trust the person.
Have you ever borrowed money from others?
Yes, I have borrowed money a few times from my friends and relatives. I make it a point to return the money on time.
Have you borrowed books from others?
Yes, I often borrow books from libraries and friends. If I really like a book I borrowed, I buy it later for myself

66. Colors

What color makes you uncomfortable in your room?
I don't like black in my room as it feels too dark and intense for me. I like light colors on the walls.
What colors do your friends like most?
My friends like shades of blues and green the most.
What is the color you dislike? Why?
I don't like fluorescent colors like fluorescent green and yellow as they are too loud for my taste.
What's your favorite color?
My favorite color is blue as it is very calming. It reminds of the ocean and I find it very soothing to the eyes.

67. Hobby

Do you have the same hobbies as your family members?
Yes, some hobbies I have are same as my family members like cooking and gardening.
Do you have a hobby that you've had since childhood?
Yes, I love to read and that is a hobby I have had since childhood.
Did you have any hobbies when you were a child?
Yes, as I mentioned before, I enjoyed reading as a child. I also loved to draw and color.
Do you have any hobbies?

I like gardening, cooking, reading, hiking and travelling.

Swimming.

What's the difference between swimming in the pool and swimming in the sea?
Swimming in the pool is safer as you are in control. Swimming in the sea can be dangerous as there is a risk of drowning if the currents are too strong.
Where do people in your country like to go swimming?
People in my country like to go swimming in swimming pools. In villages, people swim in the ponds and rivers.
Is it difficult to learn how to swim?
It can be tough in the beginning but with proper technique and practice swimming can be learnt easily. It is good to learn it at a younger age than as an adult.
Do you like swimming?
Yes, I love to swim. It is very good, low impact aerobic exercise and tones the body.

68. Advertisement

What kind of advertising do you like?
I like advertisements that are funny, creative or tell a story. I also like ads that address social issues and challenge stereotypes.
Do you like advertisements?
I don't mind ads if they are not too long and intrusive.
Do you see a lot of advertising on trains or other transport?
Yes, I see a lot of advertising on trains or other transport like buses and autos. I think it is good way to advertise as it can reach a lot of people at once as many people commute daily via public transport.
Is there an advertisement that made an impression on you when you were a child?
Yes, I remember an ad about Cadbury chocolate where a girl jumps in the middle of a cricket match after the player hits a boundary. She is dancing while eating and enjoying chocolate.

69. Feeling bored

Do you think childhood is boring or adulthood is boring?
I think adulthood is boring as there more responsibilities and people get busy with repetitive chores and tasks. They don't have much time to play, be creative and enjoy life.
What do you do when you feel bored?
When I'm bored, I usually read or watch something on TV.
When would you feel bored?
I feel bored when I have nothing to do or I am stuck in a routine.
Do you often feel bored?
No, I have something to do and I am never bored.

70. Friends

Would you invite friends to your home?
Yes, I love having friends over at my place, we always have a good time.
Do you prefer to spend time with one friend or with a group of friends?

I prefer spending time with a smaller group of friends as it feels more personal and I get time to interact with everyone.

Do you have a friend you have known for a long time?

Yes, I have one friend I have known for years. He is very important to me and we always make time to catch up.

What do you usually do with your friends?

We usually go out for meals, movies or just hang out at home.

Where do you often meet each other?

We usually meet at home, coffee shops, malls and movie theaters.

Do you often go out with your friends?

Yes, we often go out to movies, malls, cafe's etc.

How important are friends to you?

Friends are very important to me, specially my childhood friends. We know each other so well and always make time to stay in touch.

71. Books and reading habits

Which do you prefer, reading books or watching movies?

I prefer reading books as they let me use my imagination more than movies.

Have you ever read a novel that has been adapted into a movie?

Yes, there are many such novels. Recently I read a novel – The Book Thief which has been adapted into a movie. I loved the book but didn't like the movie as much.

Are your reading habits now different than before?

Yes, my reading habits have changed with time. I used to read only fiction books but now I enjoy nonfiction books as well specially the autobiographies.

Do you often read books? When?

I often read book books before bed or on weekends when I don't have to go to work.

Do you read more or less now than when you were younger?

I read more now than when I was younger. I used to spend more time outdoors playing sports when I was younger.

72. Evening time

What do you hate doing in the evening?

I am too tired and don't like exercising in the evening. I usually work out early morning before I start my day.

Do you like the morning or evening?

I am not a morning person as I prefer to stay awake till late. My brain needs some time to get active, so I perform better in the evening.

What do you usually do in the evening?

I do many things. I go and play cricket with my friends, I take my dogs out for a walk and sometimes I help my mother in the kitchen.

What did you do in the evening when you were little? Why?

I think it was nearly the same except the dog part. We didn't have a dog when I young. Sometimes I also played videos games.

Are there any differences between what you do in the evening now and what you did in the past?
Like I said the main difference was that nowadays I take my dogs out for a walk but I didn't in the past, as we didn't have a dog then.

Do you spend your evenings doing the same things on both weekends and weekdays? Why?
On the weekends, I normally go out shopping with my friends. Sometimes, I watch movies at the cinemas. But, sometimes I also do the same things as the weekend.

73. Sitting down

Do you find it easy to fall asleep when sitting on a sofa?
No, sofa sleeping is not for me. I need to lay down to sleep.

When you were a kid, did you usually sit on the floor?
I don't think so. My parents allowed shoes inside the house, so the floor wasn't that clean. So I didn't sit on the floor.

Do you feel sleepy when you are sitting down?
No, I don't feel sleepy when I am sitting down. Like I said, I normally need to lay down to sleep. I am only able to sleep sitting down when I haven't slept for 2-3 days and I am extremely tired.

Do you always sit down for a long time?
Not always but yes I do sit down for long hours when I am watching the TV or studying. I am trying to change this habit, however.

Where is your favorite place to sit?
My favourite place to sit is the sofa in our living room. Its really comfortable.

74. Computers

In what conditions would it be difficult for you to use a computer?
I cant imagine a situation where it would be difficult, but I avoid using it at the cafe or restaurants as I am afraid of coffee spilling on it. It happened once and I had to get my touchpad replaced.

What would your life be like without computers?
Oh, I can't even imagine. I am so dependent upon computers that I would like something is missing. There are so many things I do using computers and doing them in the traditional way would be so irritating.

When was the first time you used a computer?
I think it was when I was in the 3rd or 4th standard. My uncle had a computer shop and he set up a Personal computer for us.

In what conditions would you use a computer?
I think I would use a computer in any situation. Its a part of my life and I can't imagine not having a computer.

75. Old buildings

Are there any old buildings you want to see in the future? Why?
Ya, I want to really see the Pyramids. Its my lifelong dream. I just had a fascination for Pyramids from a very young age, when I saw a documentary about them on Discovery Channel.

Do you prefer to live in an old building or a modern house?
I prefer a modern house. I think its really difficult to maintain an old house in today's time. Moreover, it is hard to imagine living without the amenities of today's era.

Do you think we should preserve old buildings in cities?
Yes, I think it is our duty. Preserving old buildings is a key to preserving our culture and heritage and moreover, these can add to the tourism appeal of the cities and generate valuable revenue for the city authorities.

Have you ever seen old buildings in the city?
Yes, my dad was a government servant and he was a allotment a bungalow which was actually the palace of the erstwhile king of my city.

76. Collecting things

Where do you usually keep things you need?
I normally keep things I need in my room. I also keep certain things which I need while going out like my shades, keys and jacket in a cupboard next to the main door of the house

Would you keep old things for a long time? Why?
I have kept certain things like handmade sweaters, my childhood toys, my parent jeans for many years. Otherwise, I normally throw away or donate the things as I don't to clutter the house.

Are there any things you have kept from your childhood?
Yes I have certain toys from my childhood. Apart from that, I have two sweaters, which were made my mother.

Do you collect things?
No, I am not collecting things kind of person. I have a friend who collect coins and one who collects cards, but I personally don't.

77. Art/drawing

Did you learn to draw when you were a kid?

Yes, I had drawing as a subject when I was in 6th standard. I didn't like it much and always got very less marks in it.

Do you want to learn more about art?
No I am not interested in arts. I am more into sports and cars.

Do you like to go to the gallery?
No, I don't, in fact, I don't even remember the last time I visited any art museum or the gallery.

Do you like drawing?
No, like I mentioned earlier I don't like to draw.

78. Talents

Do you think anyone in your family has the same talent?
I don't think I have any special talents but, my mother and niece share many talents. They are both good in artsy things like painting, drawing, knitting and so on.

Do you think your talent can be useful for your future work? Why?
Like I said, I don't think I possess any special talents. I am good with numbers, so maybe that can be helpful in future.

Was it mastered recently or when you were young?
I think it was my dad that helped me develop it in the childhood. He made do every calculations orally, I was not allowed to use a pen or a calculator. So, maybe thats how I became good.

Do you have a talent or something you are good at?
I am good with numbers. So I am able to do calculations without need a calculator.

79. Watch.

Do you think it is important to wear a watch? Why?
No, I don't think it is important to wear a watch these days as we can check time in the mobile phones.

Why do some people wear expensive watches?
I think expensive watches are a fashion accessory more than anything else. I have never bought one, but I think they are just a means to show off one's wealth.

Have you ever got a watch as a gift?
Yes, my grandpa gave me a watch when I was a child. It was the first time he gave me something. It made me really happy.

Do you wear a watch?
No, I don't. I normally use my mobile phone to check the time.

80. Taking photos

Do you want to improve your photography skills?
Yes I would love to learn more about photography. I think it is a skill that everyone should learn these days because clicking pictures has become an important part of our life.

What is your favorite family photo?
My favourite family photo is the one that was taken during my brother's wedding. In this photograph all my family members are there, and everyone is smiling and looking happy.

Do you like taking selfies?
I am not a big fan of selfies. I take selfies with my friends when no one else is there to click our picture.

Do you like taking photos?
Yes I love taking pictures and people tell me that I have got good photography skills.

81. Cars.

Do you think car colors are important?
Yes, in respect of cleaning. Some colours just look very dirty if not cleaned regularly. Moreover, a different colour can make the car stand out, which can be helpful in finding it in a crowded parking.

What do you usually do when there is a traffic jam?
I normally just listen to music on my mobile phone.

Do you prefer to be a driver or a passenger?
A passenger of course. I feel it gives me time to do other things.

What types of cars do you like?

I am not a car person. I prefer any car with comfortable seats and enough leg room and space for luggage.

Did you enjoy traveling by car when you were a kid?
No, I used to get car sick very easily. Especially, if the journey was long, I used to vomit at least once.

82. Lost and found

Will you post on social media if you lose your item?
Yes, I think I might. However, I don't have many friends on social media, so I don't know if it would be useful

Have you ever lost things?
Yes, I have lost things many times. Like, recently I lost my headphones while travelling. I think I might have dropped them and forgotten them at a store.

Do you report to the police when finding something lost by others? Why?
It depends upon what I found. If it is something valuable like a wallet or phone, I do report but if it something small like shades or earphone, I just keep it back where I found it.

What will you do if you find something lost by others?
Same as above.

83. Websites

What kinds of websites are popular in your country?
There are many websites which are popular. Firstly, the search engine Google is the most popular website. Apart from that social media websites and apps like Facebook and Instagram are also popular. In terms of entertainment, it is websites like YouTube and movie streaming sites like Netflix, which are really popular.Finally, I think news and information websites like Wikipedia are also popular.

Are there any changes to the websites you often visit?

No, I don't think so. Its kind of the same. There is one difference though. When I was a child I used to find free websites as I couldn't afford to pay, now I have subscriptions to websites like Netflix and Amazon prime.

What is your favorite website?
My favourite website is of course google. I believe it has answers to any questions or doubts I have.

What kinds of websites do you often visit?
The two websites I visit most often today are Youtube and Google.

84. Street market

Are there many street markets in India?
Yes, street markets are very common in India as most people can't costly branded items.

When was the last time you went to a street market?
I think it was last week. I had to buy headphones as I had lost my headphones.

Do you prefer to go shopping in the shopping mall or on the street market?
It depends upon what I am buying. For clothes and shoes, I prefer malls but for electronic items I normally visit street markets.

What do people usually buy on the street market?
In India, you can buy almost everything on the street market from clothes, shoes, bags, groceries to even electronic appliances.

85. Mobile phone

How has your mobile phone changed your life?
I think it has nearly transformed my life both in a good way and bad way. On the positive side, I always have something to do because of my mobile phone and on the negative side, I am always distracted because of messages, email alerts and calls

Will you buy a new one in the future?

I change my mobile phone every three four years, when the battery of the old phone fails or it slows down considerably.

Do you often use your mobile phone for texting or calls?
Yes, I use it nearly every hour for both .I prefer texting but I do call as well.

What was your first mobile phone?
My first mobile phone was a Nokia 3310. It was a basic phone. I just used it for calling or texting.

86. Time management.

Do you like to be busy?
Yes, I love being busy. I am an over thinker. So, I think wrong thoughts when I am free so I prefer to be busy.

When do you find it hard to allocate time?
I find it hard to allocate time when something unexpected happens like my parents get busy and I have to take over their responsibilities or I fall sick. Normally, I am able to manage it well.

Is it easy to manage time for you?
Normally, yes. But like I said, in case of something pops up out of the blue, it does get difficult and I do need to reschedule or cancel appointments.

How do you plan your time in a day?
I don't plan on daily basis. I just have things to do and I start doing them in order of priority.

87. Sports programs

Have you ever watched a sports game in a stadium?
No, never. I want to someday. I was a big sports fan when I was young, but not so much anymore. However, if my friends make a plan, I would go surely accompany them.

Do you prefer to watch sports games alone or with a group of friends?
Neither. I don't prefer watching games anymore. Earlier I used to prefer watching them with my friends. Now, its just hard to find time for watching sports game. I watch highlights sometimes, however.

What kinds of games do you expect to watch in the future?
I think sports matches would become shorter and shorter. Its very hard to find five six hours to watch a sports match, so in the future, there would be be abridged version of sports matches like it has happened in cricket with T20.

Who do you like to watch sports games with?
Earlier it used to be friends. Now I don't watch sports games much. I only watch special events like olympics or world cups an I do that alone mostly.

Do you like to watch live sports games?
No, like I said before, I am not a big sports fan now.

Do you like watching sports programs on TV?
Yes, If I do watch them, I do watch them on TV.

88. Making Friends

1. What do you often talk about with your new friends?
I usually talk about our interests and hobbies, and sometimes share stories about our experiences. It helps us find common ground and build a connection.

2. Have you made any new friends recently?
Yes, I've made a few new friends recently through work and social events. It's always nice to meet new people and expand my social circle.

3. Did you make a lot of friends when you were a child?
Yes, I made quite a few friends as a child, mostly through school and neighborhood activities. I enjoyed playing and spending time with them.

4. Do you like making friends?
Yes, I enjoy making friends because it allows me to learn about different perspectives and build meaningful relationships.

89. Good View

1. What is your favorite place? Why?

My favorite place is the beach because I love the sound of the waves and the feeling of sand between my toes. It's a relaxing and peaceful environment.

2.Would you take photos when you see a good view?
Yes, I always take photos when I see a good view. It helps me capture the moment and remember the experience.

3. Have you seen an unforgettable and beautiful view or scenery?
Yes, I once visited the Grand Canyon, and the view was breathtaking. The vast expanse and stunning colors were truly unforgettable.

4.What is the view like around the place where you live?
The view around my place is mostly urban, with a mix of buildings and parks. There are some nice green spaces and occasional cityscapes.

90. Laughing

1. When was the last time you laughed?
The last time I laughed was while watching a comedy movie with friends. It was a really funny scene, and we all enjoyed it.

2. Do you always laugh at funny things?
Yes, I tend to laugh at funny things. I find humor to be a great way to lighten the mood and enjoy moments with others.

3. Are you a person who often makes others laugh?
I try to make others laugh by sharing jokes or funny stories. It's nice to see people smile and have a good time.

4. Do you think you are a funny person?
I think I have a good sense of humor and can be funny at times. I enjoy making people laugh and finding humor in everyday situations.

5. Do you enjoy watching interesting and funny movies?
Yes, I enjoy watching interesting and funny movies. They provide entertainment and a good laugh, which helps me relax.

91. Teamwork

What do you dislike about teamwork?
One thing I dislike about teamwork is when there is a lack of communication, which can lead to misunderstandings and delays.

What do you learn from working in a team?
Working in a team teaches me collaboration skills and the importance of different perspectives. It helps me understand how to work effectively with others.

Have you teamed up with someone else before?
Yes, I have teamed up with others on various projects at work and in school. It's often a productive experience when everyone contributes their strengths.

Do you like teamwork?
Yes, I like teamwork because it allows for shared ideas and diverse skills. It often leads to better results and helps build strong relationships with colleagues.

92. Fishing

Did you ever go fishing when you were a child?
Yes, I went fishing with my family when I was a child. It was a fun outdoor activity that we enjoyed together.

Do you like fishing?
I do enjoy fishing, though I don't do it often. It's a relaxing way to spend time outdoors and connect with nature.

Do you like eating fish?
Yes, I like eating fish. It's a healthy and tasty option, especially when it's cooked well.

Is fishing popular in your country?
Yes, fishing is quite popular in my country. Many people enjoy it as a leisure activity and as a way to spend time with family and friends.

93. Perfume

Do you spend a lot of money on buying perfume?
I don't spend a lot of money on perfume. I prefer to buy one or two good quality ones that last a long time.

Do you send perfume to others as a gift?
Yes, I sometimes send perfume as a gift. It's a thoughtful present that can be personalized based on the recipient's preferences.

Where do you spray perfume?
I usually spray perfume on my wrists and neck. These areas help the fragrance last longer and be more noticeable.

Do you use perfume?
Yes, I use perfume daily. It's a nice way to feel fresh and add a personal touch to my style.

Do you like perfume?
Yes, I like perfume. It's a pleasant way to express my personality and make a good impression.

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94. Roads and Streets

Do you think the roads in your city need improvement?
Yes, I think the roads in my city could use some improvement, particularly in terms of reducing traffic congestion and potholes.

What is the condition of the roads in your city like?
The condition of the roads varies; some are well-maintained, while others have issues like uneven surfaces and traffic jams.

How do people cross the road in the city where you live?
In my city, people cross the road using pedestrian crossings and traffic signals. However, it can be challenging in busy areas.

Are the roads and streets in the area where you live busy?
Yes, the roads and streets in my area can be quite busy, especially during rush hours. Traffic congestion is a common issue.

95. Coins

Did you use coins as a child?
Yes, I used coins as a child for small purchases and to save money in a piggy bank.

Do you use coins in your daily life?
I use coins occasionally for small transactions, but I mostly use digital payments for convenience.

Is it convenient to use coins?
Using coins can be convenient for small purchases, but carrying a lot of them can be cumbersome.

Have you ever collected coins?
I haven't collected coins seriously, but I did keep some interesting ones as a child.

Do you often carry coins with you?
I don't carry coins often, as I mostly use card payments or digital methods. However, I keep a few for emergencies.

96. Teachers

Do you want to be a teacher in the future?
No, I don't want to be a teacher in the future. I admire teachers but have chosen a different career path.

Do you have a teacher from your past that you still remember?
Yes, I remember my high school English teacher who inspired my love for literature and writing.

Are you still in contact with your primary school teachers?
No, I'm not in contact with my primary school teachers anymore, but I have fond memories of them.

In what way have your favorite teacher helped you?
My favorite teacher helped me by encouraging my interests and providing valuable guidance that shaped my academic and personal growth.

Do you have a favorite teacher?
Yes, I have a favorite teacher who made learning enjoyable and motivated me to pursue my passions.

97. Bikes

Did you ride a bike when you were little?
Yes, I rode a bike when I was little. It was a fun way to get around and play with friends.

Are bikes popular in India?
Yes, bikes are quite popular in India, especially for short commutes and as a means of exercise.

Do you often ride a bike now?
I don't ride a bike often now, but I enjoy it occasionally for leisure and exercise.

Do you have a bike now?
No, I don't have a bike at the moment, but I plan to get one for recreational use in the future.

Did you have a bike when you were young?
Yes, I had a bike when I was young, and I used it frequently for fun and getting around.

98. Transport

What are the advantages of using public transportation?
Public transportation is cost-effective, reduces traffic congestion, and is better for the environment compared to driving a car.

Do most young people prefer to take public transport to school or to work?
Yes, many young people prefer public transport because it is convenient and often more affordable than owning a car.

Which means of transportation is expensive?
Owning and maintaining a car is generally more expensive than using public transport due to costs like fuel, insurance, and repairs.

Which means of transport is convenient?
Public transport is convenient for many people because it offers a reliable way to get around without the hassle of parking and traffic.

99. Challenges

How do you usually deal with challenges in daily life?
I deal with challenges by staying calm, breaking the problem into smaller steps, and seeking support when needed.

Do you like to live a life that has a lot of challenges?
I prefer a balanced life with some challenges. They keep me motivated and help me grow, but too many can be overwhelming.

Do you like to challenge yourself?
Yes, I enjoy challenging myself because it helps me improve and achieve my goals.

What subject do you think is the most challenging at school?
I think subjects like advanced mathematics and science can be the most challenging due to their complexity and depth.

100. Asking for Help

When was the last time you asked for help?
The last time I asked for help was when I needed assistance with a work project. I reached out to a colleague for guidance.

What kinds of help do you often ask for?
I often ask for help with work-related tasks and advice on personal projects from friends and family.

Why are teachers always willing to help students?
Teachers are willing to help students because they are committed to their students' success and want to support their learning and development.

Do you ask for help when you have a problem?
Yes, I ask for help when I have a problem, as it can provide different perspectives and solutions that I might not have considered.

101. Childhood Memory

Who did you like to play with as a child?
I liked to play with my friends and siblings. We often played outdoor games and had fun adventures together.

Where did you go to play as a child?
I used to go to the local park and playground to play as a child. It was a great place for outdoor activities and socializing.

Do you think it is better for children to grow up in the city or in the countryside?
Both have their advantages, but growing up in the countryside can offer more space and nature, while the city provides more social and educational opportunities.

What are your best childhood memories?
My best childhood memories include family vacations, playing with friends, and holidays spent with loved ones.

Did you enjoy your childhood?
Yes, I enjoyed my childhood. It was a time of exploration, learning, and making lasting memories.
What did you enjoy doing as a child?
As a child, I enjoyed playing sports, reading books, and spending time outdoors with friends and family.

102. Plants

1. Do you keep plants at home?
Yes there are lots of plants at my home. I keep them in the mud pots. They look very beautiful and are soothing to the eyes.

2. What plant did you grow when you were young?
When I was young I grew a plant known as money plant. I grew it in a glass bottle. Since it is called as money plant I believed that if this plant grows, I will also become rich.

3. Do you know anything about growing a plant?
Well I am not an expert but I know we have to regularly feed water and manure to the plant and we should keep it in sunlight for it to grow. Sometimes we also have to use insecticides to prevent it from insects.

4. Do Indian people give plants as gifts?
Yes nowadays Indian people are gifting plants to each other and I believe it is a really good gift. People often gift a small variety of bamboo which can be kept inside homes and offices.

103. Exciting activities

1. Have you ever tried any exciting activities?
Yes I have done river rafting at Rishikesh, it was adventurous.
2. What do you think were exciting activities when you were a child?
Going to the amusement park was very exciting for me when I was young.
3. Has anything exciting happened to you recently?
No, I have been preparing for my exam for last two months, so nothing exciting has happened in my life.
4. Would you like to try scuba diving and bungee jumping?
Definitely yes, I like the adrenalin rush that I get from these adventurous activities.

104. Staying at home

1. Are you a person who likes to stay at home?
Well, I am more of an outdoor person. I come to home mostly for a good night sleep.

2. What do you do when you stay at home?
Home is a place for me to relax and rejuvenate. I mostly have my meals and watch Netflix at home.

3. What is your favourite place at home?
I like to spend time in the living room watching Netflix.

4. What did you often do at home as a child?
I don't remember it clearly but when I was young we mostly played or studied at home.

5. Would you like to stay at home a lot in the future?
No, like I said earlier, I like to spend time outdoors.

105. Sharing

1. Did you share anything with others recently?
Yes, I shared my bike with a friend. My friend's bike had gone for repair and he was finding it difficult to commute to college so I lent him my bike for few days.

2. Did your parents teach you to share when you were a child?
Yes, my parents taught me that sharing is caring. They always told me to share my toys with my friends.

3. What kind of things do you like to share with others?
I share a lot of things with my friends like food, my bike etc. When we are playing cricket, I take along my cricket kit which everyone shares.

4. What kind of things are not suitable for sharing?
Things that are personal like clothes are not suitable for sharing. The reason is that it is not hygienic to share such items.

106. Morning Routine

1. Do you often get up early in the morning?
Yes, I wake up early in the morning as I like to give myself enough time to get ready and have breakfast before I go to my college. If I don't get up early, I have to rush in the morning and sometimes miss my bus.

2. What do you usually do when you get up early?
I like to start my morning with a cup of tea. I also play with my dog a bit and then get ready for college.

3. Do you get up early on weekends?

On weekends I don't get up early. I let myself sleep in for an hour and sometimes even more. It depends on what time I get to bed on Friday night.

4. Which morning do you like the best in a week?
I like Sunday morning the best. My father doesn't work on Sunday and we are all home. My mom cooks a big brunch and we get to spend the morning together.

107. Art

1. Do you like art?

Yes, I like art. Art gives meaning to life. Art is what differentiates us from animals. I like all sorts of art. I like drawing and painting. I also liked performing arts like music and dance.

2. Do you think art classes are necessary? {Why?)

Yes, I think art classes are very necessary. Art brings out peoples creativity. Art preserves our culture and tradition.

3. How do you think art classes affect children's development?

Art classes affect children's development in many ways. Art brings out the hidden creativity of children. Art is a form of communication. People can convay their feelings through their paintings and through their songs.

4. What kind of paintings do Indian people like?

Indian people like different kinds of paintings. It is a matter of personal choice. Some people like portraits, some like paintings of landscapes, some like the traditional forms of painting and some like the modern art forms.

5. What can you learn from western paintings?

We can learn many things from western paintings, in fact from any form of art from anywhere. Sometimes it is related to a culture, sometimes it maybe someone's expression of their perspective, sometimes it's a social message and we can also learn about the types of material (canvas, paints, etc.) used to create that work of art.

6. What benefits can you get from painting as a hobby?

Painting as a hobby can bring out your hidden talent. Painting can relax you. You can even sell your paintings and earn money. You can also gift your painting to someone you love.

108. Keys

1. Do you always bring a lot of keys with you ?
No I don't have a lot of keys with me. I own a bicycle and for that I use a number lock

2. Have you ever lost your keys?
Yes I had lost my house keys once and my parents scolded me a lot after that.

3. Do you often forget the keys and lock yourself out?
As I mentioned earlier it happened me with once and after that I have been very careful.

4. Do you think it's a good idea to leave your keys with a neighbour?
I think it depends on the relationship level with the neighbor. If there is a lot of trust amongst neighbors then it is ok to leave the keys.

109. Numbers

What is your favorite number?
My favourite number is seven. It is also my date of my birth.

Are you good at remembering phone numbers?
It's difficult for me to memorise phone number because whenever I have to make a call I just look up the person's name and call their number.

Are you good at math?
I would say that I am average in maths. For difficult calcualtions, I have to rely on the calculator.

Do you usually use numbers?
I use numbers everyday, mostly while doing any financial transactions.

110. Science

1. Do you like science?
Yes, I like science. I am very curious by nature and love to know how things work.

2. When did you start to learn about science?
I started learning about science right from elementary school.

3. Which science subject is interesting to you?
Chemistry is the most interesting subject to me. I like doing hands-on experiments and applying classroom learning in the lab. It's really interesting to see what happens when different substances mix with each other.

4. What kinds of interesting things have you done with science?
I have done many interesting things with science like the volcano experiment where we added vinegar and baking soda in an empty bottle. The reaction created carbon dioxide gas which erupted out of the bottle. It was so cool to watch.

111. News

1. Are you interested in news?
No, I don't watch or track news these days.

2. How do you usually find news?

I use an application called inshorts on my smartphone to read the news.

3. How do your friends get news?
They also use the same app but some of them also like watching news on TV

4. Have you read the news this morning?
No, I haven't read the news today because I was preparing for the exam.

5. Do you often talk with your friends about the news?
Yes, sometimes we like to discuss about political and sports news.

112. E-books and paper books

1. Which do you prefer, e-books or paper books?
I prefer ebooks because they are less expensive and I can easily carry many books on my phone.

2. When do you usually read online?
Whenever I get free time I like to read few pages of a book.

3. Will you read more online in the future?
I don't want to read a lot online because if I would spend many hours in front of a screen it will not be good for my eyesight.

4. Do you think paper books will disappear in the future?
No I don think so because there are still many people who prefer reading paper based books.

113. Holidays

1. Where did you go for your last holiday?
I went to Goa for my last holiday. It was in Feb 2020 and was a very memorable holiday. My cousin had invited us to his destination wedding in Goa. We stayed back for four days after the wedding. I enjoyed the beaches, water sport activities, cruises, and casinos. We also visited old Goa and the beautiful churches that display the Portuguese architecture.

2. Do you like holidays? Why?
I like holidays as they provide me the opportunity to relax and get a break from my demanding job. I also get to spend more time with my family and friends. I feel refreshed and I am much more productive when I get back from the holidays.

3. Which public holiday do you like the best?
My favorite public holiday is Diwali – the festival of lights. I love lighting our house, eating delicious sweets, meeting my friends and relatives, etc. The atmosphere is so lively, and people are happy all around. The view is beautiful as all houses and shops are decked up with beautiful lights.

4. What do you do on holidays?
I usually like to travel on holidays. I love exploring new places, trying different foods, and learning about different traditions and cultures.

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114. Staying Up

1. Do you often stay up late?

Yes, I call myself a night person and I normally don't sleep before midnight.

2. Did you stay up late when you were a kid?

No, at that time my parents used to put me to bed early because I had schoold early in the morning.

3. What do you do when you stay up late?

Normally I like to read online articles or browse through the social media posts.

4. What does it feel like the next morning if you stay up late?

It doesn't feel much different now because my morning routine is not that busy. So, I get up late and casually go about things.

115. Small business

1. Do you know many small businesses where you live?

Yes there are many small clothing and food businesses in my city.

2. Do you prefer buying things in big companies or small businesses?

Although I love to buy branded products from large companies but if I get same quality from small businesses then I don't mind buying from them.

3. Have you ever worked in small businesses?

No I have never worked in a small business.

4. Have you ever thought about starting your own business?

Yes I want to become and entrepreneur in the future and start my own food business.

116. Language

a. What languages do you speak?
I speak Punjabi, Hindi and Englsih.

b. When did you learn English?
I started learning englsih when I was in 1st standard. Probaly I was around 5 years old at that time.

c. Do you think English is difficult to learn?
I do not think any language is difficult to learn, it depends a lot on whether a person is giving enough time for practice or not.

d. Would you like to learn other languages?
Yes I would like to learn French because the country where I am planning to do my higher studies, has French as the second language.

117. Happy things

1. Is there anything that has made you feel happy lately?

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Yes,my father gifted me a new phone last month. It was my dream phone and I feel really happy when I use this phone.

2. What made you happy when you were little?
When my parents bought me gifts on my birthday I used to feel very happy.

3. What do you think will make you feel happy in the future?
I'll be happy in future when I'll fullfil my dreams and achieve success in life.

4. When do you feel happy at work? Why?
Whenver I finish my pending tasks it gives me a sense of accomplishment and happiness.

5. Do you feel happy when buying new things?
Yes I have always been happy whenever I have bought something new. There is a different kind of charm to buying new things.

6. Do you think people are happy when buying new?
Of course yes people always feel happy when they buy something new. For example, almost everyone loves the smell of new car and it makes them smile.

118. Pen or Pencil

1. Do you prefer to use pen or pencil?

I prefer to use pencil because it can be erased, and mistakes can be removed. Also, I love to draw, and pencils are much better for that. They are also cheaper than pens.

2. When was the last time you bought pen or pencil?

I bought a pencil set for myself at the beginning of my college year along with other stationery items like notebooks, pens, erasers, sharpeners etc. I usually buy pencils when I run out or if I see a new kind that I don't already have.

3. How would you react if someone sent you a pen as a gift?

I would be very happy if someone sends me a pen as a gift because I love to write and for me pens are a sign of creativity. My mom gifted me a set of pens last year that I still use a lot and remember her whenever I write with them.

119. Stages of life

1. Do you enjoy your current stage of life?
Yes, I am currently a student and thoroughly enjoying this stage of life. Right now, I just have to think about getting into a good college. I have some personal responsibilities but don't have to worry about finances, getting a job, buying a house. I think life becomes busy and responsibilities become bigger when you start working.

2. In what stage of your life were you the happiest?
I think early childhood was the happiest stage of my life. I was carefree, had zero responsibilities, didn't have to worry about studying
and my parents were always there to take care of me. I had a lot of neighborhood friends and I have happy memories of playing all day with them.

3. Which stage of your life do you think is the most important?
I think all stages of life are important but childhood is the most important stage. It is crucial for our physical, emotional, and mental development. A child's brain can be molded and whatever one learns during their childhood will determine what kind of a person they will become as adults.

4. What's your plan for your next stage of life?
I want to graduate from a good college and find a well-paying satisfactory job. I would like to help my parents financially and also pay off my student loans. I also want to achieve a work-life balance and find time for my hobbies.

120. Library

1. Do you often go to library?
No I don't often visit the library. I prefer to study at home.

2. What do you usually do in the library?
Normally I like to read the newspaper or some interesting novels while I am in the library.

3. Did you go to library when you were a kid?
I only went to the school library during my childhood.

4. Do Indian kids often go to library?
No I don't think so because there are not enough libraries in our cities/ towns

121. T-shirts

1. Do you like wearing T-shirts?
Yes I like T-shirts because they are very comfortable and also they are available in many colours, whereas the formal shirts are generally white or blue.
2. How often do you wear T-shirts?
I don't wear T-shirts much during winters but during summers I wear them almost every other day.

3. Do you like t-shirts with pictures or prints?
I have never really given much thought to it but I think most of my t-shirts are printed one's.

4. Do you think older people who wear T-shirts are fashionable?
Yes, in my country they are definitely considered fashionbale because usually older people prefer to wear formal clothing.
5. Would you buy t-shirts as souvenirs on vacation?
No I won't because I like to buy souvenirs which can be used for home décor and last for many years whereas t-shirts can be worn only for few years.

122. Weekends

1. Do you like weekends?
   Yes, I absolutely love weekends because I get to spend more time with my family members and also get a break from my weekday routine.

2. How do you usually spend your weekends? Do you study or work?

I spend my weekends in different ways. Sometimes I just relax at home. Sometimes I go out with my friends for a movie. Sometimes I finish my pending work. Sometimes I help my mother in household chores.

3. In your country, do men and women usually do the same kind of things on weekends (or in their free time)?

Gender differences are disappearing nowadays. Mostly men and women do the same kind of things on weekends.

4. Do you plan for your weekends?
Not always but sometimes when I want to go out with friends I like to have things planned.

5. When do you spend time with your family?

I spend the evenings with my family. We watch TV together, have dinner together and go for walks together.

6. What did you do last weekend?

Last weekend I went for a movie with my friends. We also had dinner at a restaurant. It was great fun.

7. What do other people in your hometown (or in your country) usually do on weekends?

People do a lot of things on weekends. Some go for outings; some people spend time at home with family; some people visit relatives. So people do different things on weekends.

8. What are you going to do next weekend?

I have not yet made any plan for the next weekend, but maybe I go out with my family for a movie.

9. Is there anything new that you would like to do on weekends?

I would like to learn some new language on weekends. As a plan to go to Canada, so French would be a good option for me. My relatives live in Montréal and it is a Francophone area. So learning French would help me.

10. Do you like working on weekends?

No, I don't like working on weekends. I prefer to spend time with my family and friends on weekends.

11. Do you think employees should have to work on weekends?

No, definitely not. I think there should be no compulsion on employees to work on weekends. It should be their choice. If they want to earn more, they should be allowed to work.

12. Do you think that weekends now are more important to you, than when you were a child?

Yes, weekends now are more important to me than when I was a child. When I was a child, all days were like weekends. So I did not give importance to weekends. But today, I look forward to weekends.

123. Breakfast

1. What do you usually eat for breakfast?
I like to eat cereal and eggs for breakfast.

2. Do you think breakfast is important?
I think it is the most important meal of the day. A good breakfast helps us to stay active throughout the day.

3. Are there any differences between the mornings of your childhood and now?
Well, as a kid the mornings were very fast because I used to get up really early for my school bus but now I have relaxed mornings.

4. Would you like to change your morning routine?
No I am happy with my current morning routine and I don't want to make any changes.

124. Video games

Do you play video games?
I don't play video games. I think they are a waste of time and can get very addictive. I am an outdoor person and prefer spending my free time pursuing other hobbies like gardening, tennis, hiking, etc.

What kinds of video games do you play?
I don't play video games. I like watching sports, so if I play video games in the future, I think I would like video games that have a sports theme.

Is it good for young people to play video games?
It's good if done in moderation. It helps them bond with their friends and improves their hand-eye coordination and problem-solving skills. Too much time playing video games can affect their sleep, relationships, social behavior, and focus.

125. Sunglasses

Do you often wear sunglasses?
Yes, I wear sunglasses whenever I am outside in the sun. I always wear them when I am driving.

Do you spend a lot of money on sunglasses?
No, I don't like to spend a lot of money on sunglasses. I don't buy very cheap sunglasses because they can scratch easily and may not offer full protection. I like to buy good quality sunglasses that fit well.

Do you give sunglasses as a gift?
No, I don't give sunglasses as a gift. I think they need to fit right, and people should buy the style and frame they prefer.

Why do you wear sunglasses?
I wear sunglasses to reduce the glare from the sun especially while driving. I also wear them to protect my eyes from harmful UV rays.

126. Social media

When did you start using social media?
I started using social media in high school. I got my first phone around that time and that's when I downloaded and created accounts on a couple of social media apps.

Do you think you spend too much time on social media?

I don't spend too much time on social media. I don't post about my personal life on social media. I just follow a few accounts of people I admire and can learn a lot from. I have a small circle of friends and I prefer calling my friends or meeting them in person.

Do your friends use social media?
I have a small circle of friends and most of them are not very active on social media. We are all busy with our careers and family life. Two of my friends have a small business and they mainly use social media to promote it.

What do people often do on social media?
People like to stay connected with their family and friends on social media. They share pictures of their travels, celebrations, and other important events on social media. Some use it to advertise and promote their business. Some use it to find ideas and inspiration for a new hobby.

127. Cake

Do you like eating cakes?
I don't like traditional cakes because I hate frosting. I like eating coffee cakes, pound cakes, and cakes with fruits and nuts with no icing.
I also try to make substitutions like replacing white flour with whole wheat, sugar with dates, etc. to make the cake more healthy

Do you know how to bake a cake?
Yes, I know how to bake a cake. My mom used to bake cakes for all our birthdays and other special occasions. I learned the basics from her. I like to try new cake recipes that I find online.

When do usually eat cakes?
I usually eat cakes when we are celebrating something like birthdays or anniversaries. Sometimes I make coffee cakes and enjoy them with my morning or evening tea.

What is your favorite kind of cake?
My favorite cake is Upside-Down Cake with a layer of fruit like peaches or pineapple. Not only do they taste so good, but they also look very fancy.

1. Do you prefer to save money or spend money?
Well, I like doing both. I love to buy new things for which I have to obviously spend but at the same time I do realise the importance of saving money for difficult situations in life.

2. How do you save money?
I like to create fixed deposit in my bank account so that I am able to earn some interest as well.

3. What do you think about payment apps or mobile payments?
I believe that they are a very convenient for doing shopping these days but at the same time one should be careful about the frauds happening on such apps.

4. Do you use a credit card to buy things?
No I don't have a credit card, however I would like to have one in the future.

5. Do you think cash will still be popular in the future?
I think the popularity of cash will decline in future. Because I have online payment apps on my phone, I hardly carry any cash these days. Also, most of the businesses accept online payments.

128. Losing things

Do you often lose things?
Yes, I am very absent-minded and often lose things. I think two things that I lost a lot are my car keys and eyeglasses. I mostly lose them at home and find them after looking for them everywhere.

What can we do to avoid losing things?
We can avoid losing things at home by being more organized and having a designated spot for all our personal belongings. For example, a tray or hooks for keys. When we are outside, we should carry a bag or backpack and keep all our personal belongings in there to avoid losing them.

Why do some people tend to lose things more often than others?
I think one reason can be that some people are more forgetful and get easily distracted. People who are not organized also tend to lose things more often.

What will you do if you find something lost by others?
It depends on the situation and where I found the item.
First, I will look around and see if I can find the owner. If that's not possible I will hand it to someone who can help like the police. If I find something in my neighborhood, I will post about it on my neighborhood social media page.

129. Colors

What is your favorite color?
My favorite color is green, especially sage green because I find it very calming and relaxing. It reminds me of nature and greenery.

Do you usually wear clothes in your favorite color?
No, I like to wear black clothes. They look very elegant, and sophisticated and go with everything.

Are there any colors that have a special meaning in your country?
Saffron is considered sacred in India and is a symbol of purity. Priests wear saffron-colored clothes, and it is a big part of all religious ceremonies. It is also on the Indian flag.

Do you think different types of people like different colors?
Yes, I think people have different color preferences. I think color preferences vary by gender, culture, and age. Some people prefer bright and warm colors and others prefer cooler colors.

130. Memory

Why do some people have a better memory while others just don't

One reason can be genetics and some people are just born with better memory. But at the same, I think memory is like a muscle and can be trained. People can use many techniques to train their memories to be better.

Why do more people rely on cell phones to remember things?
People are multitasking and life has become busy. Smartphones provide an easy way to save to-do lists, important dates, meetings, events, etc. so people don't bother to remember things on their own. Even simple directions don't have to be memorized because all phones have a map app.

Are you good at memorizing things?
I am not good at memorizing things. I save everything on my cellphone. I even save my grocery list on the phone so I don't forget what to buy when I am at the store.

Have you ever forgotten something important?
Yes, I missed my doctor's appointment last month. I forgot to set a reminder on my phone and now have to wait another month before I can see my doctor.

131. Feeling bored

Do you often feel bored?
Yes, I get bored sometimes, especially when I am at work doing the same thing every day.

When would you feel bored?
I feel bored in long work meetings which are most of the time unnecessary. Sometimes, I spend more time in meetings than doing the actual job.

What do you do when you feel bored?
When I feel bored I like to read books, watch a movie or TV series on the TV, and talk to my friends and family.

Do you think childhood is boring or adulthood is boring?
I think adulthood is boring because as adults we have so many responsibilities. We get busy with our work lives and life becomes boring and monotonous. Childhood is the time we can play with friends and enjoy life without any worries.

132. Music

Do a lot of people like music?
Yes, people like music as it relaxes them and lifts their mood. Music brings out so many different emotions, motivates people, and keeps them going.

What kind of music do you listen to?
I mainly listen to Punjabi songs. They have good lyrics and beats. Diljit Dosanjh, Riaar Sahib and Sidhu Mosseswala are some of my favorite Punjabi singers

Is it easy to learn music?

I think it's easy to learn if you are consistent and committed. It requires a lot of practice.

Did you have music lessons at school?
I did not have music lessons at school. I wish there was an option, but my school curriculum did not include music.

133. Crowded place

Is the city where you live crowded?
No, I live in a small town and it's not very crowded. I like that I can reach any part of my town in 10-15 minutes by car.

Is there a crowded place near where you live?
Yes, my hometown "Phagwara" is about 40km from Ludhiana which is the biggest and most populous city in Punjab. I remember going there with my parents when I was growing up. We would always get stuck in traffic.

Do you like crowded places?
I don't like crowded places and avoid them if I can. I like going to my grandparents' village. It is far from the big cities and is very peaceful.

Do most people like crowded places?
I don't think anyone likes crowded places. There is so much traffic and pollution. I think people don't have a choice because these big, crowded cities have better jobs, schools, restaurants, hospitals, etc.

When was the last time you were in a crowded place?
I visited Darjeeling last summer and was surprised to see so many tourists there. It was so crowded and did not feel like a serene hill station.

134. Celeberity

1. Who is your favourite celebrity in your country?
The celebrity I like the most is Virat Kohli. He is the number one crcicketer in the world.

2. What kind of famous people do you often see in the news?
I often see filmstarts, politicians and sportsperson in the news.

3. Do you pay attention to famous people in the news?
I do not like to watch news a lot so I do not pay attention to what is happening in the life of celebrities.

4. Do you believe that the news about famous people in the media is true?
Since there is lot of fake news these days, I think it it is difficult to trust if the news about celebrities is authentic or not.

5. Would you like to be a famous person in the news?

No, I would not like to be a famous person because I do not like public attention. Morever I feel that famous people are judged for every single thing they do, so I don't want that happening to me.

135. Advertisement

Is there an advertisement that made an impression on you when you were a child
Yes, I remember a hair shampoo ad and the straight black knee-length hair of the model. I always wanted hair like hers and would tell my parents to get Sunsilk pink color shampoo for me.

Do you see a lot of advertising on trains or other transport
Yes, I see a lot of advertising on trains, buses, and autos. I think it is an effective way to reach a big and wide audience. I see ads for household products, cosmetics, restaurants, coaching centers, cell phones, etc.

Do you like advertisements?
I don't like watching too many advertisements while I am watching TV. The ads are too long and get very repetitive.

What kind of advertising do you like?
I like meaningful ads that go beyond just promoting the brand and address important social issues. For example, the soap brand Dove's ad shows how women are judged for their weight, complexion, height, hair, etc.

136. Running

Do you go running a lot?
Yes, I like to go running. It is my preferred form of exercise. At the end of the day, if I go running, it relieves me of all the stress, and I can forget all my troubles for some time. Running keeps me mentally and physically fit.

Where do you usually go running?
I prefer to run outside than running on a treadmill in a gym as I like to enjoy the scenery and fresh air. I usually go to the park near my house and do 10-15 laps around the park. Many people are walking and running there, and seeing them keeps me motivated.

When was the last time you went running?
I go running 4-5 days a week. The last I went running was the day before yesterday.

What do you think of running as a sport?
Running is an excellent sport. It is not a traditional team sport like soccer, cricket, hockey, etc. People compete in many running events like track and field, long-distance running, marathons, sprints, and relay runs. It requires a lot of hard work, discipline, and endurance and is very competitive.

137. Chatting

Do you like chatting with friends?
Yes, I like chatting with friends. I'm a very social person and have a lot of friends. I want to stay in touch with them, and if I can't meet them in person, I call them regularly.

What do you usually chat about with friends?
If I haven't met a friend in a while, we usually chat about what's new in our lives, what's going on with my work, family, etc. If I meet them regularly, we usually talk about sports, movies/TV series we are watching or books we are reading, etc. We also chat about politics, our families, any new hobbies we picked up and any new restaurants we tried.

Do you prefer to chat with a group of people or with only one friend?
I prefer to chat with a group of friends. It's more fun when there are a bunch of us. I am okay with having a one-to-one conversation, especially if discussing a serious issue or something that can't be shared with everyone.

Do you prefer to communicate face-to-face or via social media?
I prefer to communicate face-to-face than social media. We can show our feelings and emotions better in person. Often, on social media people can interpret your words wrong.
Also, there is no privacy, and everyone can see your conversation. You can't form deep, meaningful bonds on social media.

Do you argue with friends?
Yes, I often argue with my friends and think such conflicts are normal. Every person is entitled to their own opinion and should put forward their thoughts on what they believe is right or wrong. This may lead to arguments but ultimately makes friendships stronger and healthier.

138. Helping others

Do you usually help people around you?
Yes, I usually help people around me. I was fortunate to grow up in a very caring and helpful family. I have seen my parents help their relatives, friends, neighbors, and even strangers they met. I have learned the same values from them and like to help others.

How you should how do you help people around you, such as neighbors' family, and friends?
I help my parents at home. I am not good at cooking, but I help my mother with the prep work, like cutting vegetables. My father is an avid gardener, and I help him with gardening. I am good at mathematics and help my cousins with their math homework. Somedays, I give my neighbor's son a ride to school on my way to work.

Do your parents teach you how to help others?
Yes, my parents have always taught me to be compassionate and help others in times of need. They also taught me to help others without expecting anything in return.

Did your parents help you a lot when you were young?
Yes, my parents helped and guided me when I was young. I deeply respect them and am grateful to them for being there for me whenever I needed them.

What have you done to help the elderly?

I like to help the elderly by talking to them and listening to their life stories. It's common for them to feel lonely once they are retired and are at home. Talking to them and giving them your time is one way to help them. I also bring over any groceries or medicines they might need.

139. Maps

Do you often use maps?
Yes, I use maps often. I use them when I am outside my hometown, in cities I am not very familiar with. I use Google Maps and Waze. I am not very good with directions, and I get lost if I don't use a map.

Do you use paper maps?
I prefer to use GPS apps and don't use paper maps. I only remember using a paper map recently at Jim Corbett National Park, where we went for vacation.
The phone signal was not good, and we were given a paper map at the entrance to the park.

How often do you use maps on your phone?
I use it whenever I have to go to a new place or places I have visited before but don't remember all the routes. In my hometown, I hardly use it as it's a very small town, and I am familiar with most streets and roads.

Do you have maps at home?
No, I don't have maps at home. I do have an old Atlas in our bookshelf, but I don't use it.

140. Clothing

What kind of clothes do you like to wear?
I like to wear jeans and a T-shirt. They are both comfortable and stylish. Sometimes, I have to wear formal suits for special occasions, and although they look nice, they are never comfortable.

Do you prefer to wear comfortable and casual clothes or smart clothes?
I prefer to wear comfortable and casual clothes. It doesn't mean I like to wear pajamas all day. Comfortable clothes like T-shirts and jeans can be smart and can look put-together.

Do you like wearing T-shirts?
Yes, I love wearing T-shirts, and graphic T-shirts are my favorite. I like the ones with witty quotes on them.

Do you spend a lot of time choosing clothes?
No, I'm not too fond of shopping and don't spend too much time choosing clothes. I have also started to shop online. It is so much more convenient and time-saving. These days, most stores have websites, and online retailers like Amazon/Flipkart also have good clothing brands.

141. Musical Instruments

Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?

Yes, I have always wanted to learn Piano. There were few options in my hometown when I was growing up. A couple of years ago, I found a teacher online. I take weekly lessons from him, and I am still learning.

What musical instruments do you enjoy listening to the most?
I enjoy listening to Piano the most. I find it very soothing, and it relaxes me. I can have it on in the background when working and doing other chores.

Do you think children should learn to play an instrument at school?
Yes, children should learn to play an instrument at school. It should be part of their curriculum. If they learn it at school, they are more committed to learning. They have to practice it daily as they are also graded on it. They primarily play in a group and learn to coordinate with others.

Do you think music education is important for children?
Yes, music has so many benefits for children. Learning to read music helps children perform better in academics. It improves their focus, gives them confidence, and makes them more disciplined.

142. Noise

Do you like to stay in a place with a lot of noise?
No, I like to stay away from noise. Noisy places give me stress, and I can't concentrate on my work.

What kinds of noises are there in the area where you live?
There are so many kinds of noises in our area. Traffic horns, noises from construction sites, loudspeakers, and dance events at marriages and parties are some that come to mind.

Do you want to move to a quieter place?
Yes, sometimes I want to move to a small village away from the big and bustling cities. But it is not practical as I have to work, and my job is in a city.

Do you think there is too much noise in today's world?
Yes, there is too much noise in today's world. There are too many cars on the roads, too many planes in the skies, and too many construction sites. Cities are expanding, and newer buildings and apartments are being built to accommodate the growing population.

Is making noise one of people's rights?
No, it is not. Excessive noise can disturb other people, and people should be mindful of their neighbors and surroundings. You have every right to complain to the authorities if people are being very noisy, especially at night.

143. Tea and Coffee

Do people like tea and coffee nowadays?
Yes, tea and coffee are very popular. Most people like to start their day with their morning cup of tea or coffee.
Do you prefer to use tea or coffee to serve your guests?
I usually ask the guests what they would like to have. I drink both tea and coffee and serve what my guests prefer.

When was the last time you had a cup of coffee or tea?
I had it this morning. I am addicted to my morning cup of tea. I can't function without it, and I am upset all day if I don't have it.

Do you usually buy your coffee in a coffee shop?
No, I don't go to any specialty coffee shop. I get it from our local grocery store.

144. Robots

Are robots important?
Yes, robots are important for various tasks and industries. They not only make our lives comfortable, but they also help reduce accidents and save human lives.

Do robots affect people's lives?
Yes, robots have the potential to significantly affect people's lives, especially in areas like heavy industries, healthcare, and defence.

Have you ever watched a movie about robots?
Yes, I have watched movies about robots, like "I, Robot" and "Wall-E."

Should we let a robot drive for us for long time?
I don't think the technology is safe and reliable enough at the moment, but in the future, it might be possible to use robots for long journeys.

What can robots do for you at home?
Robots can perform tasks like cleaning, vacuuming, and even assisting with cooking or home security.

145. Gifts

Have you ever sent handmade gifts to others?
Yes, I have sent handmade gifts to others on special occasions. For example, I used to make cars for my friends and parents when I was younger on their birthdays. Nowadays, I don't have time to make handmade gifts, and I normally prefer buying something that my friends or parents need.

Have you ever received a great gift?
Yes, I have received some wonderful gifts that meant a lot to me. Recently, my mother gifted me a hand-knit sweater, and it was all the more special because it took her nearly three months to make it.

What do you consider when choosing a gift?
When choosing a gift, I consider the recipient's interests, preferences, and the occasion itself. And, of course, I also consider the budget.

Do you think you are good at choosing gifts?

I believe I'm reasonably good at choosing gifts, as I try to make thoughtful selections based on the person and the event. Many times, my friends also call me and appreciate my gift selection, so I am sure I am pretty good at it.

146. Geography

How do you like geography?
I find geography quite interesting as it helps us understand the world around us.

Do you think geography is useful?
Yes, I believe geography is very useful as it provides knowledge about our planet, its features, and how humans interact with it.

Have you ever learned geography?
Yes, I have learned geography as a subject in school, and I continue to explore it out of personal interest.

Do you want to be a geography teacher?
While I appreciate geography, I don't have plans to become a geography teacher.

147. Films

What films do you like?
I enjoy a wide range of films, but my favourites are typically action and adventure movies.

Did you often watch films when you were a child?
Yes, I used to watch films quite often when I was a child, especially animated and family-oriented ones.

Did you ever go to the cinema alone as a child?
No, I rarely went to the cinema alone as a child; I usually went with family or friends.

Do you often go to the cinema with your friends?
Yes, I do go to the cinema with my friends occasionally, especially when there's a new release we're all excited about.

Do you think going to the cinema is a good way to spend time with friends?
Yes, I believe going to the cinema is a great way to spend quality time with friends, enjoying a good film together and discussing it afterward.

148. Ice Cream

1. Do you love ice cream?
Yes , it is one of my favourite desserts especially in the summers.

2. Did you often eat ice cream when you were younger?
Yes I would often love to eat ice cream as a child.

3. Are there shops selling ice cream near the place where you live?
Yes, there are many ice cream shops near my house. Also most of the grocery stores have refrigerators to store ice creams

4. Can you make ice cream yourself?
No I don't know how to make icecream, but I think it should not be too difficult because ice cream has just two ingredients that is milk and sugar.

149. Concentrate

Can you concentrate for a long time?
No I find it difficult to concentrate for an extended period.

Could you concentrate for a long time when you were younger?
No, my concentration was equally bad even then. I would get distracted easily.

Is it easy for you to concentrate in a noisy place?
Not at all. Loud cachophonic noise makes me irritable.

How do you stay focused?
I medidate every day in the morning.

150. Fixing Things

1. Do you often fix things?
Yes I do try to fix things if I feel I can do so.

2. Did you learn to fix things when you were younger?
Yes my parents would fix things if they stopped working or broke, they would encourage my brother and me to do so too rather than throwing them away.

3. What do you do when one thing is broken and cannot be fixed?
I look for someone who can still find a use for it, if not then I discard it.

4. Do you think it is necessary for people to learn to fix things?
Yes, knowing how to repair things is a skill that everyone should possess.

151. HEALTH

1. How do you keep healthy?
I exercise everyday in the morning. Also, I try to eat healthy meals and avoid junk food.

2. What is your favourite sport?
My favourite sport is cricket. In fact, it is the favorite sport of most of the people in India.

3. Are there health classes in your school?
Unfortunately not. In my school more focus is given to academics.

4. Is it easy for people to exercise in your country?

Yes, the government has installed open gyms in lot of parks, so people can exercise everyday.

152. DREAM

1. What was your childhood dream?
My childhood dream was to become a pilot because I liked planes a lot.

2. Are you the kind of person who sticks to dreams?
Well I try to pursue my dreams although I don't think that I am successful everytime

3. What is your dream job?
I would like to become a teacher because I believe it is one of the best jobs in the world.

4. Do you think you are an ambitious person?
Yes, I have many goals in my life which I would hopefully achieve.

153. FRIENDS

How important are friends to you?
My friends are really important to me. I enjoy spending time with my friends.

Do you often go out with your friends?
Yes, I often go out with my friends. Mostly to the movies or shopping malls.

Where do you often meet each other?
We often meet at the playground, shopping centres or at eating joints.

What do you usually do with your friends?
Usually we spend time chit chatting or doing some activity together like watching movies

154. FAVOURITE DAY

Which day is your favourite day?
Sunday is my favourite day as I can relax and spend some time on entertaining myself, either by reading a book or watching a movie.

Which day is your least favourite day?
I absolutely hate Mondays. I always have Monday blues.

How do you usually spend your time?
I normally spend 6-7 hours on studying. Rest of the time I try to exercise or run some errands for my parents.

155. RAIN

Do you like rainy days?
Yes I do love rainy days during summers as they bring relief from scorching heat.

Does it rain much in your city?
It normally rains a lot from July to Septmember. It is also called as monsoon season in India

Would you like to live in a place that is dry or wet?
I'd prefer to live in a dry place. Although I like rains but if it rains a lot, like, for more than a week then it becomes depressing for me.

Would you change your plan if it rained?
May be, actually, it would depend on whether the plan involves indoor or outdoor activity. If it is outdoor activity like playing any sport, then I would definitely change it.

156. DAY OFF

1. When was the last time you had a few days off?
It was during the Diwali festival.

2. What do you usually do when you have your days off?
Usually I like to sit and relax during my days off but if it is a long holiday I like to travel.

3. Do you usually spend your days off with your parents or with your friends?
I would say it depends on my plans. Sometimes I plan outing with friends and sometimes I stay at home with parents

4. What would you like to do if you had a day off tomorrow?
I would like to go and watch a movie because I feel I deserve a break after my exam.

157. Bags

1. Do you like bags?

Yes, I like bags. I have different bags for different occasions. I carry a backpack to my school/college/classes, as I can easily carry my books in it. I have special bags for formal occasions, shopping and everyday use.

2. What types of bags do you like?

I like bags that are easy to carry, like backpacks, sling bags and totes, and I can use such bags to easily accommodate the things I need. I also like bags that have a few compartments, so that I can keep my things organized. m a kkar IELTS

3. Do you usually carry a bag (when you go out)?

Yes, I usually carry a bag when I go out, however, the type of bags I use for different occasions vary.

4. What types of bags do you use (in your everyday life)?
5. (Similar to above) Do you have different bags for different occasions (or, different purposes)?

Yes, I have different bags for different occasions. I use a backpack when I go for my classes, for formal occasions I have formal bags, for shopping I use totes and sometimes I use a sling bag when I don't have to shop and the occasion is not formal.

6. What do you put in these bags?

For my classes or when I go to school/college I usually carry books and stationary in my bag. When going for shopping I carry my wallet, cellphone, and a bottle of water and when travelling I also put

medicines and a book or a magazine in my bag. On formal occasions I carry only my wallet and my cellphone.

7. What sorts of bags do women like to buy?

I don't think it can be generalized, as it depends on the individual choice of the women. Some women like big bags and some like smaller ones, some always use a sling bag and some like a particular color or material of bags. Some women also choose bags from a particular brand

8. Is a bag an ideal gift?
I don't think it is a perfect gift because it's more of a personal choice, so if I decide to buy a bag for someone, I am not sure if they would have the same design preference as me.

9. Did you use a backpack when you were a child?
Yes I did have a backpack during my childhood. I used it to carry my school books.

10. What kind of bags would you use when travelling?
I prefer to use backpacks because I can put more things in them and they are more comfortable to carry as compared to sling bags,

11. Do you change your bags often?
No, my bags generally last longer as I take good care of them. So, I change my bag after 3-4 years.

158. WILD ANIMALS

Are there wild animals in your country?
Yes, there are many wild animals in India like lions, tigers and elephants.

Have you ever been to a zoo or a safari park?
Yes, I have been to Chatbir zoo, which is located on the outskirts of Chandigarh.

What is the animal you would like to see in the wild?
I would love to see a lion in the jungle.

Are there TV programs about wild animals in your country?
I don't watch TV programs a lot, so I cant say for sure.

1. What's the most famous wild animal from your country?
India is a diverse country and many wild animals are found in India. However, I believe that the Bengal Tiger is the most famous wild animal in my country and it is also our national animal.

2. What's your favourite wild animal (from your country)?
The Bengal Tiger is my favourite wild animal.

3. Do you like to watch TV programs about wild animals?
Yes, I like watching TV programs about wild animals. It is very interesting to see wild animals in their natural habitat and all that they must do to survive. One program that I saw recently is a documentary on Netflix called Our Planet.

4. Did you learn something about wild animals at school?

Yes, we were taught about wildlife in schools especially about wildlife conservation. The dangers wildlife is facing and how human actions like poaching, deforestation, etc. are leading to their extinction.

5. Where can you see wild animals?
National parks, wildlife reserves are good places to see wild animals. Jim Corbett National park in Uttarakhand has a lot of elephants, leopards, and tigers

6. In which country do you think you can see many wild animals?
Countries in Africa like Namibia, Zimbabwe have a lot of wild animals.

159. School

1. Where do you go to school?
I recently completed my senior secondary education, so I don't go to school anymore.

2. Do you go to a good school?
Like I mentioned before I don't go to a school now but the school I went to was the best school in my town.

3. Do you like your teachers?
Yes I loved my teachers at my previous school.

4. Do you like your current learning atmosphere?
At present I am preparing for my higher education so there is not much pressure of studies and exams.

5. What are the differences between your school and other schools?
I have hardly met students from other schools so I cant say much on how the other schools are different

6. Is there anything you want to change about your school?
Yes, I would like to add more sports facilites for students, especially for indoor sports.

Outer Space and Stars
1. Have you ever learnt about outer space and stars?
Yes, there was a chapter on the solar system in my science book. So, I read about the different planets in our solar system

2. Do you like science fiction movies? Why?
Yes, I love science fiction movies because they are a great source of entertainment. My favourite science fiction movie is Avatar.

3. Do you want to know more about outer space?
Yes, I want to know about black holes and how the universe was formed.

4. Do you want to go into outer space in the future?
Yes, I want to see how our planet looks from the space and also to experience zero gravity.

160. Music

1. Do you often (like to) listen to music?
Yes, I often listen to music. I like listening to film songs and Punjabi folk songs.

2. When do you listen to music?

Whenever I'm free I listen to music. I have downloaded a few songs in my cell phone. Listening to music relaxes me.

3. How much time do you spend listening to music every day?
   I spend an hour or two listening to music every day.

4. What kinds of music do you like to listen to?
   I like Hindi film songs. I also love Punjabi folk music.

5. What's your favorite kind of music?
   My favorite genre of music is folk music. I also like film music.

6. Have you ever been to a concert?
   Yes, I have been to a concert once. There is a village near my hometown where a famous Punjabi singer comes once a year to perform for charity. Last year I went with my friends. He performed live. He always has his tambourine in his hand. It was an electrifying performance.

7. Do you like to listen to live music?
   Yes, I do like to listen live music. It is a different experience. In many restaurants and also in marriage functions, they have live music going on, which is very enjoyable. Concerts are also live music.

8. When did you start listening to this type of music?
   I remember, I specially went for GurdasMaan's live performance in a concert last year. Before that I had never been for a live music show.

9. Where do you listen to it?
   Concerts may be held in concert halls, which are built for the purpose, or they may be held in any other suitable large building such as a school hall, or a large house. Some concerts are given to very large audiences in the open air. They may take place in a field or in a stadium. The music for these "open-airs", is usually amplified by loudspeakers, so that large audiences can hear it.

10. How do you feel when you listen to this music?
    I feel very relaxed when I listen to music. I feel as if all my worries and tensions have flown out of my body. I forget everything for sometime.

11. Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?
    Yes, I tried learning the guitar. My cousin has a guitar, and once I stayed with them a few days in my vacations. But, I found it very difficult.

12. Is music an important subject at school in India?
    Unfortunately, it is not. Music is an optional subject in some schools, but all schools don't have it.

13. Did you often listen to music when you were a child? (If yes, give details.)
    Yes, I listened to music as a child. Mostly I listened to film music.

14. What kinds of music are (most) popular in India?
    India is a diverse country. All kinds of music are popular. Some like folk music, some like classical, some like sufi music, some like film music and some like fusion music, which is a blend of Indian classical and western music. A.R.Rehman plays fusion music.

15. Which singer musician you would like to see in person?
    I'd like to meet AR Rehman. I think he is one of the best musicians of our time.

161. Technology

1 What technology do you often use, computers or cellphones?
I use a computer rather than a cellphone for most purposes. I think the small screen of the cellphones stresses my eyes.

2 What electronic devices have you bought lately?
Recently, my parents bought a smart TV for me. I got really good grades in 12th standard and therefore my parents got me the TV. I use it to stream TV series and movies.

3 Is there any technology you want to buy?
Yes, I want to buy an iPhone. A lot of friends tell me that once I use it, I will never be able to use the other phones. I really want to prove them wrong.

4 Is technology important in your life?
Yes, technology is a big part of my life. I don't think I can survive without technology. Every part of life from waking up to sleeping is connected to technology. For example, I use technology for waking up, heating water, cooking, etc.

5 Is there any technology you don't like?
I don't know. There are times when I hate technology for example when my friends become glued to their mobile screens instead of spending time with us. However, there is no technology I hate as such. There are technologies I find less useful than others and there are others I find more useful.

6 What do you think are the trends in technology today compared to when you were young?
I think the main trend is that technology is changing at a very rapid pace. Earlier, it used to take time for new technologies but nowadays, every year there is a new update.

162. Social Media

1 Do you or your friends like using social media?
Personally, I don't use social media a lot, but my friends use it a lot. My friends are particularly crazy about Instagram and Facebook.

2 Do you think you or your friends use too much social media?
Again, I don't but my friends do spend a lot of time on social media. I have heard of my friends spending more than 2-3 hours on these websites every day and I find it absurd.

3 Do you want to work in social media? Why?
Personally, I wouldn't. I am still old-fashioned in this regard. I prefer spending time with my friends face to face rather than online.

4 What's the most popular social media in India? Why?
I think it keeps on changing with time. When I was young, there were websites like Orkut which were really popular, then it was taken over by Facebook and today is the era of Instagram and Snapchat. I am not sure why, but it is about the ease of access to these latest apps that make them popular.

163. Snacks

1 What snacks do you like to eat?

I love to eat both savoury and sweet snacks. My favourite is Lays Masala Magic chips. I think probably eat too much of them to be honest.

2 Did you often eat snacks when you were young?
No, my parents were really strict with me eating snacks when I was young. They made sure I only ate healthy home-cooked meals.

3 When do you usually eat snacks now?
I normally eat snacks in the evening along with tea. It is the time, we all family members sit together and enjoy tea and snacks. I also eat snacks at night after dinner when I am watching movies.

4 Do you think it is healthy for you to eat snacks?
No, it is not very healthy to eat too much of snacks. And that is the problem with snacks, they are so delicious that we tend to overeat. Nowadays, I have started eating baked chips to avoid this.

164. Puzzles

1 Did you do puzzles in your childhood?
Yes, I loved doing puzzles in my childhood. I used to solve a lot of jigsaw puzzles when I was young.

2 When do you do puzzles, during your trip or when you feel bored?
I think nowadays I do puzzles when I am travelling or when my younger cousins are visiting me. It is really fun to do puzzles with them.

3 Do you like doing word puzzles or number puzzles? Which is more difficult for you?
I like doing both word puzzles like Crossword puzzles and games like worldle and number puzzles like Sudoku. However, my English is weaker than my Math and so the word puzzles are much more difficult for me. Also, there is a cultural element to word puzzles sometimes and that makes it difficult for me to solve them.

4 Do you think it is good for old people to do puzzles?
I think puzzles are one of the best ways to keep the mind sharp and active. So, I think it is a great idea for old people to solve puzzles.

165. Public transportation

1. What kind of public transportation do you usually take?
If I am travelling locally, I normally travel by bus, but if I am travelling farther away, I travel by railways or air.

2 When do you usually take public transportation, in your everyday life, or when you are travelling?
When I was young, I used to travel by bus every day because of my studies. However, nowadays, I only use public transportation when I am especially visiting someplace. For example, after every one or two months, I visit Golden Temple in Amritsar and for that I travel by bus.

3 Do most people prefer public transportation in your country?

I think public transportation is the main mode of travel for most people in India. However, as people are becoming richer, many people have started travelling by car.

4 Did you take public transportation when you were a kid?
Yes, as I said before, in my childhood, I used to travel by bus daily because of my studies.

5 Will there be more people taking public transportation in the future?
On the contrary, I think the use of public transportation will decrease further as people are becoming richer and they care more about comfort than cost. However, if the government takes some steps in this regard, there can be a change.

166. High school

1. Are you still in contact with your friends from high school?

Yes, I am in contact with my friends from high school. Many of them are now in different cities and countries. But we stay in touch through social networking apps and we also have reunions sometimes.

2. What is your high school like?

Give a brief description of your school – describe building(s), garden, playground and other facilities)

3. What happened on the first day of high school?

I don't remember exactly what happened. However, I do remember that all my classmates and I were feeling like we have entered an important stage in our lives and that we are grown ups now.

4. Did your parents choose your secondary school (= high school) for you?

Yes, my parents chose my secondary school. My high school and primary school were the same.

5. What subjects did you study in secondary school (= high school)?

I studied many subjects in secondary school like, social sciences, mathematics, the Hindi and English languages, science subjects like biology, chemistry, physics and geography, art and crafts, etc.

6. What was your favourite subject (= class) in secondary school? (= high school)

My favourite subject in secondary school was science. I liked science subjects because I learned about the basic principles of the way things work all around us.

7. And which class (= subject) did you like the least? (Why?)

There wasn't any subject I liked the least. I liked all the subjects in secondary school.

8. Which secondary school subject do you think is most useful for people in adult life?

I think all the subjects that we study in secondary school are useful for people in adult life. A strong foundation is built in primary and high school years that helps us throughout our life.

9. What part of your secondary school education did you enjoy most? OR Did (do) you like your secondary school life?

I enjoyed my secondary school education a lot. There is no one part that I liked more than the other. I liked the fact that our school had an equal focus on extra curricular and physical activities, and not just on the academics.

10. How do you feel about your high school (secondary school)?

I think that high school years were the wonder years and I miss those times.

11. Why did you choose to attend (= to go to) that particular school?

My parents chose my school for me. I think I was too young to decide on my own and my parents chose the best school for my siblings and me.

12. Which class did (do) you enjoy the most? (Why?)

I enjoyed all the school years a lot. However, there was a lot of excitement and a feeling of pride when I got promoted from the primary wing of the school to the high school wing

167. Emails

1. Do you often write (or, send) emails?

No, I don't often write/send emails. I sometimes write official emails, like for sending in a job application through email and sometimes I write to my friends.

2. What do you write about?

I sometimes I write official emails, like sending a job application. When I write to my friends or relatives, it is informal and I ask about their health and wellbeing and tell them about what's going on in my life.

3. Do you think emails are useful?

Yes, I think that emails are very useful. Emails are convenient, timesaving, cost-effective and easy to send and receive. These days, emails are a good way to communicate for both formal and informal purposes.

4. What kinds of emails do you send and receive?

I mostly receive promotional or spam emails advertising various shopping websites or products. I sometimes receive emails from my friends who are living in another country and at times I receive official communication, e.g. emails from the bank or the Income Tax department.

5. Do you think it is a good thing that some companies send out letters/spam emails for the purpose of advertising?

I think sending spam emails for the purpose of advertising is a good marketing strategy and promotes a product or a service. However, it sometimes becomes a nuisance when it is sent repeatedly.

6. How often do you write letters?

I don't write handwritten letters any more. If I need to, I send an email. All official and personal letters can be sent through emails now.

7. What do you write about?

It depends whom I am writing to. When I'm writing to my friends and relatives, it's usually about what's happening in my life and to ask about their wellbeing. When writing an official letter, it is for a specific purpose and it is formal.

8. On what occasions do you write letters?

I write letters very rarely and there are no specific occasions when I write them.

9. Do you like writing letters to your relatives and friends? (why/why not?)

Yes, I like writing to my relatives and friends, but I write emails or messages to them. I don't write handwritten letters now.

10. 10.Do you and your friend keep in touch by (handwritten) letter?

No, I don't stay in touch with my friends through handwritten letters. I text them or chat with them or send them an email.

11. 11.How do you keep in touch with your friends and relatives (by email, letter, by phone or by any other way)?

I stay in touch with my friends mostly through the online social media apps and websites, like Facebook, Whatsapp, Instagram, etc.

168. RAINY DAYS

1. Does it rain much in India? (Where? When?)

India is a diverse country with different climatic conditions in different regions. So there are some parts of India that receive a lot of rain, like Cherrapunji in Meghalaya, Amboli in Maharashtra, etc. Some places receive a lot of rainfall only during the monsoon season, like Mumbai, Chennai, Goa, etc.

2. Does it rain much in your hometown? (Include how often)

It doesn't rain much in my hometown. It is only during the monsoon season, that is in the months from June to August that we receive some rainfall.

3. In what season does it rain the most? OR When (in what month/season) does it rain most in your hometown?

It rains the most in my hometown in the monsoon season, that is in the months from June to August.

4. What about the other parts of India? OR In which season does it rain most in other parts of India?

India has a varied terrain. In many parts of India, it mostly rains in the monsoon season. However, it also depends on the geographical location as it affects the rainfall in many regions.

5. Would you prefer to have, more rain or less rain (in your hometown)?

I would prefer to have more rain in my hometown. In the last few years, there has been a drastic change in the seasons and the summers get very hot. If there is more rainfall in the summers, there will be respite from the heat.

6. Do you like rainy days? OR How do you feel on rainy days? ORDo you feel sad on rainy days?

I like rainy days in the summer season because the temperatures drop and we get respite from the summer heat. In winters I am not too happy when it rains, as it becomes very cold after it rains.

7. How does rain affect different people's moods? OR How does rain affect people's lives?

I think rains affect people's moods when it restricts their activities or leads to a loss in the work or business. Some people feel happy when it rains as the weather becomes pleasant and people can enjoy hot beverages and fried snacks.

8. Do you prefer rainy days or sunny days?

I prefer rainy days in the summers and sunny days in the winter season. Rains give us respite from the heat in the summers and we can enjoy sitting out in the sun on a cold winter day.

9. What do you do on rainy days (or, on a rainy day)?

I enjoy hot beverages, like coffee and fried snacks like fritters and samosas on rainy days. It gives us an opportunity to stay at home with family and spend quality time with them.

10. What do you usually do when it rains (or, when it starts to rain) and you are outside?

If it rains when I am outside, I usually look for a café or a place where I can sit and enjoy coffee and some snacks.

11. Do you think rain is good? (Why?)

Yes, I think rains are good. Rains are important to maintain the ecosystem's balance. Rains help with maintaining the groundwater levels. They make the dust settle down and help clean the environment. For agriculture-based economies, rains during the rainy season are very important for a good crop.

12. How does rain affect (life in) your country?

Agriculture is a major part of India's economy and that is largely dependent on timely rains. So a lot of farmers depend on a good monsoon season for a good crop. Unseasonal rains can have an adverse affect on agriculture, as it can destroy crops. In places where there is water shortage, people depend on rains and save rain water in reservoirs.

13. Is there any part of India where it doesn't rain much? (Where?) OR Is there an even distribution of rain throughout India?

India is a diverse country with different climates in different parts. There are many parts in the east of India that experience a lot of rain throughout the year. In most parts of India, monsoon season is the time when most of the rainfall happens. In some western parts, like in the deserts of Rajasthan, there is very little rain. Sometimes some states experience droughts because of no rainfall for a very long period of time.

14. What effects can a shortage of rain (a drought) have on people's lives?

Droughts/Shortage of rain can have adverse effects on the livelihoods of many people, especially those who are dependent on agriculture. Sometimes people are forced to leave their hometowns due to water shortage and start afresh somewhere else and face hardships. Many people die each year in India and all over the world because of droughts.

15. Can you remember any time when it rained particularly heavily in your hometown? (When?)

Yes, I remember that during my childhood it used to rain continuously for days and the roads and parks got filled with water. We used to enjoy a lot playing in the rain and in the pools of water. This used to happen during the monsoon season. Now the amount of rainfall has reduced drastically due to climate change.

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16. Does rain ever affect transportation in your hometown? (How?)

Yes, sometimes the rain affects the transportation. It is mostly on some roads where the drainage system is not good or when it is blocked. At such times the water logging happens on the roads and the movement of traffic is affected.

17. Do you think the seasons have changed in recent years, compared to the past? (Why? How?)

Yes, I think seasons have changed in the recent years because of global warming and the consequent climate change. The summers last longer and the winters are shorter. Also, the amount of rainfall during the monsoon season has reduced. Sometimes we hardly get any rains during the monsoon season.

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