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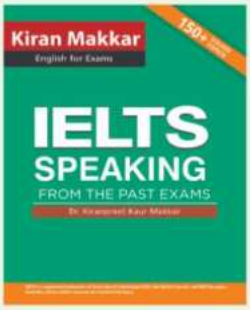
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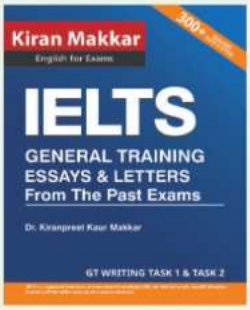
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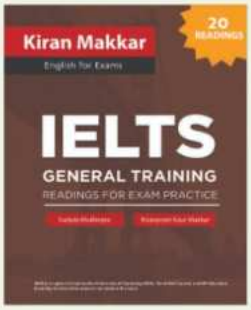
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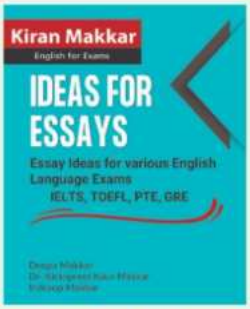
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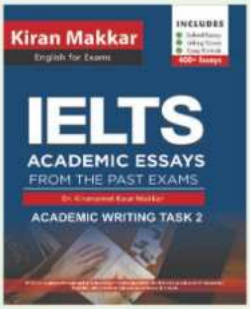
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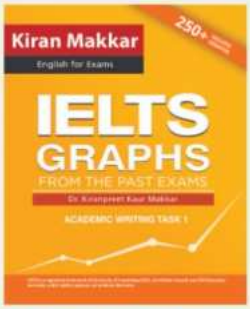
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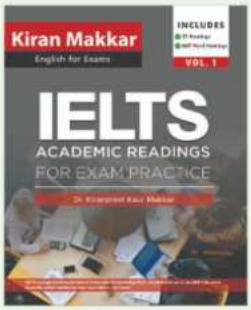
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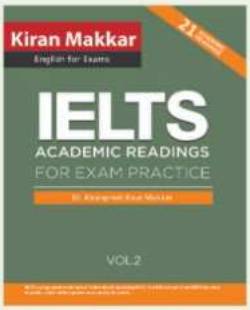
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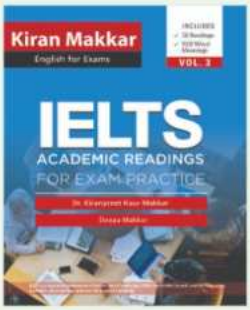
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1. Describe a special cake you received from others

You should say:

- When it happened
- Where it happened
- Who you got the cake from
- And explain why it's a special cake

- Today, I want to talk about a very special cake I received.
- It happened last year on my birthday.
- I was just at my home, and my friends planned a complete surprise party for me.
- I got this amazing cake from my group of best friends.
- The design of the cake was very unique and funny.
- I absolutely love drinking Coca-Cola, and all my friends know this.
- So, they brought a cake that was specially designed for me.
- On top of the cake, there was a Coke can made entirely out of chocolate.
- There was also dark chocolate syrup dripping out of the can onto the main cake.
- It was designed to look exactly like real Coke was spilling over it.
- This cake was extremely special to me for a few reasons.
- First, it was a complete surprise, and I was not expecting it at all.
- Second, it showed how much my friends care about my small habits and likes.
- They took the pain to find a good baker and get a custom cake just to make me smile.
- When they brought the cake into the room, I was simply overwhelmed with happiness.
- It made me feel very loved, and it was the best birthday cake I have ever had.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

What do you think of people using their mobile phones during a meal?
I think it is a very bad habit. Meal times are meant for enjoying the food and talking with family or friends. When people use their phones at the dining table, they ignore the people sitting right next to them. I feel it is quite disrespectful and ruins the bonding time.

What are the differences between special food in India and other countries?
The main difference is the use of spices and cooking methods. Special food in India usually has a lot of rich spices, herbs, and ghee, and it takes a long time to prepare. In many Western countries, special food might be a roasted meat like turkey or a baked pie, which uses fewer spices and focuses on more subtle flavors.

Is there any food in your country that is eaten at special times or on special occasions?
Yes, definitely. In India, food is a huge part of every celebration. For example, during festivals like Diwali, people eat and share a lot of traditional sweets like laddoos and barfi. At weddings or big family gatherings, rich dishes like Shahi Paneer, Dal Makhani, and special biryanis are always served to the guests.

Why are some people willing to spend a lot of money on meals on special days?
Special days like birthdays or anniversaries only come once a year. People want to celebrate and create happy memories with their loved ones. Spending money on a nice, expensive meal at a good restaurant makes the day feel extra special and gives them a break from their normal, everyday routine.

Do you think it's good to communicate when eating with your family?
Yes, I think it is very important. In today's busy world, family members do not get much free time to spend together during the day. Eating dinner together is the perfect time to share how the day went, discuss any problems, and build a stronger bond with each other

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2. Describe a person who likes to look after the natural world

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What he or she does
- How he or she does it
- How often he or she does it
- And explain how you feel about this person

- Today, I would like to talk about a person I know who deeply cares for nature.
- That person is my mother, who is a passionate gardener.
- She absolutely loves planting different crops and flowers.
- In fact, we have hundreds of pots all over our home because of her hobby.
- She is always busy taking care of them and ensuring they get enough water and sunlight.
- She spends a lot of her free time searching on YouTube and Instagram for new gardening techniques and organic ideas.
- Whenever she finds a unique method to help plants grow better, she immediately implements it in our garden.
- She treats her plants like her own children and looks after them every single day.
- When her plants finally grow or the flowers bloom, her happiness knows no bounds.
- I feel very proud of my mother because she is doing something positive for the environment right at home.
- Sometimes, I even feel a bit jealous that such small things can give her so much joy.
- Seeing her passion has taught me that we should all appreciate the small, natural things in our lives.
- She has turned our house into a small green forest, which makes the air feel much fresher.
- She is a true inspiration to me, and I hope to learn more about nature from her in the future.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

Do you think parents should teach their children how to protect the environment?
Yes, I strongly believe that environmental education should start at home. Parents are the first teachers for any child, so if they practice good habits like saving water or planting trees, children will naturally follow them. Teaching these values early helps children grow up to be responsible citizens who care about the planet.

What laws about the environment are effective in your country?
In my country, there are several laws that help protect nature. One of the most effective is the ban on single-use plastic bags in many states. Also, there are strict rules against cutting down trees in forest areas and laws that punish factories for dumping waste into rivers. These laws are helping to reduce pollution slowly but surely.

Which do you think people prefer, rewards or punishment, when it comes to government intervention in environmental protection?
I think most people prefer rewards rather than punishments. For example, if the government gives subsidies for installing solar panels or buying electric vehicles, people feel motivated to help the environment. Punishments like heavy fines can sometimes make people feel frustrated, so positive encouragement usually works better to change behaviour.

Is it easy for children in cities to get close to the natural world?
Honestly, it is quite difficult for children living in big cities to stay connected with nature. Most cities are full of tall buildings and heavy traffic, with very few open green spaces. However, parents can still take their children to local parks on weekends or encourage them to grow small plants in balconies, just like my mother does at our home.

What can people do to protect the natural world?
There are many small things that every person can do. We can start by reducing our daily waste and recycling items like paper and glass. We should also try to save electricity and water whenever possible. Additionally, planting even one tree in our neighbourhood can make a big difference for the fresh air in the future.

Is it important to teach students environmental protection at school?
It is extremely important because students spend a large part of their day at school. When environmental protection is part of the school lessons, it becomes a habit for them. Schools can also organize practical activities, like cleaning drives or gardening projects, which help students understand the importance of nature in a fun and practical way.

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3. Describe a story/book with animals in it

You should say:

- What animals are in it
- What the story/book is about
- Why you read the story/book
- And explain what you think of this story/book

- One book that I really like that has animals in it is The Jungle Book.
- It is actually a collection of stories by author Rudyard Kipling set in the jungles of India.
- The main animals in this book are wolves, a bear named Baloo, a panther named Bagheera, a tiger named Sher Khan, and a Python named Kaa.
- The main character of the book is a boy named Mowgli who grows up with these animals.
- Bagheera finds Mowgli in the jungle after he is separated from his human family.
- He brings him to the wolf den, where wolf pack leader Akela accepts him.
- He is adopted by a mother wolf named Raksha and a father wolf named Rama.
- The story is about Mowgli's life in the jungle and the challenges he faces while growing up there.
- The wolves raise him as one of their own, while Baloo and Bagheera act as his guardians and teach him how to survive in the jungle.
- They teach him important life skills and help him understand courage, friendship, and responsibility.
- He learns how to adapt to difficult situations and embrace his surroundings.
- However, the tiger Sher Khan hates humans and wants to harm him, so Mowgli has to learn how to protect himself and become brave.
- Throughout the story, he also has encounters with elephants, snakes, moneys, and kites.
- Eventually, he is forced to go to the man village, where he must decide where he really belongs, with humans or with the animals who raised him.
- Many TV series and movies were made based on the book, and I actually first watched it on TV in an anime adaptation.
- In India, the series was dubbed in Hindi, and the opening song "Jungle Jungle Baat Chali Hai" became very popular.
- I loved it so much that I decided to read the book. I wanted to know more about the characters and the original story.
- I thought the idea of a child growing up with animals is very innovative and interesting.
- I enjoyed the book because it is entertaining, adventurous ,and emotional at the same time.
- Each animal has a different personality, which makes the story very fun and memorable.
- I really liked the chemistry between Baloo and Mowgli because Baloo is very relaxed and funny.
- Bagheera, on the other hand, is wise, serious, and protective, so he shares a completely different kind of relationship with Mowgli.
- This book teaches us important values like loyalty, bravery, and friendship.
- It's a classic story that people of all ages can still enjoy today.
- Even though it's old, the lessons in the story are still relevant today.

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Should schools teach children about animals?
Yes, schools should teach children about animals because it helps them understand nature and the environment. They can learn how animals live and survive, become more caring towards them and more aware of environmental problems.

Some people think pets should not be kept in cities. What do you think?
I think people can keep pets in cities, especially smaller breeds that don't need a lot of space. Pet owners should be responsible and make sure their pets are taken on regular walks and given proper attention.

Many people regard pets as members of their family. What do you think?
It is understandable that people regard pets as family members because people often get emotionally attached to their pets. These pets provide them loyalty and companionship. They spend years with their pets, so they naturally develop strong bonds with them.

Do many people keep pets in your country?
Yes, keeping pets is very common in my country. Dogs and cats are common pets, but dogs are more popular.

What are the advantages of keeping a pet?
Pets can provide company, reduce stress, and bring people joy. Taking care of a pet teaches patience and responsibility.

Why do people always tell children stories with animals?
I think animal stories are popular because children find animals interesting and fun. Animals represent human emotions and behaviour in a simple way, and children can understand the lessons more easily.

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4. Describe a time when you had a problem using an electronic device

You should say:

- When it happened
- Where it happened
- What the problem was
- And explain how you solved the problem at last

- One time, I had a problem using an electronic device was over a month ago when my laptop suddenly stopped working.
- I had an important presentation for work, and it happened the day I was preparing some slides for it.
- I work from home, and I am dependent on my laptop entirely.
- At first, the laptop became very slow, and then it started freezing every few minutes.
- Then it turned black completely and would not respond at all.
- I tried pressing different keys and restarting my laptop, but nothing worked.
- I had not backed up my presentation, and I got very worried and nervous.
- After panicking for a while, I decided to calm down and look for solutions.
- I searched online using my phone to understand what the problem could be.
- I found out that sometimes laptops get overheated, and that's why they stop responding.
- So, I disconnected the charger, turned off the laptop, and let it cool for about 30 minutes.
- After waiting, I switched it on again.
- This time, the laptop started, but it was extremely slow and kept crashing whenever I opened any application.
- At that point, I realized I could not fix the issue alone.
- I asked my older sister for help as she knows much more about technology than I do.
- She checked the laptop, restarted it in safe mode, and discovered several problems.
- First, the storage was full because I had downloaded too many files.
- Second, I had too many applications running in the background and using memory.
- She also noticed that I had not updated my laptop for a long time.
- We deleted unnecessary files and old downloads.
- We removed unused applications and transferred important files to cloud storage.
- Finally, we updated the system software.
- Thankfully, after doing all that, the laptop started working normally again.
- I was so relieved because I was able to recover my files and save my presentation.
- I stayed up later than planned, but I was able to finish my presentation, and I was ready to show it to my manager the next day.
- This experience taught me an important lesson about taking care of electronic devices and backing up important work.
- Since then, I regularly update my laptop and clear any unnecessary storage.
- I also save my important documents to cloud storage as a backup.

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Why are people keen on buying new electronic devices?
I think people are keen on buying new devices because technology changes very quickly these days. Companies bring out new products with better features, better battery life, and better performance, which attracts consumers. There is also social influence, when people see their friends using the latest devices, they also want to buy them.

What impact do electronic devices have on people?
Electronic devices make communication, learning, and daily tasks much easier and faster. However, excessive use can lead to addiction, less physical activity, poor sleep, and reduced face to face interaction. These devices are useful if used in a balanced and responsible way.

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5. Describe an advertisement with a famous person in it

You should say:

- Who the person is
- Where you can see it
- What the advertisement is about
- And explain how you feel about the advertisement

- Personally, I don't like watching ads because they interrupt the flow, especially when I am watching a cricket match or a video online.
- However, there is one advertisement that I still remember clearly.
- It features Virat Kohli, who is one of the most famous cricketers in the world.
- In my opinion, he is also one of the best batsmen of this generation.
- I first saw this advertisement during the IPL tournament a few months ago.
- It was shown many times during the drinks break and between overs.
- The advertisement is about AI glasses made by Meta.
- The ad is very short, probably around 30 seconds long.
- In the advertisement, Virat Kohli is practicing batting in the nets.
- He tells his Meta AI glasses to record his shots while he is batting.
- After that, he asks the AI to send the video to his coach.
- In another version of the ad, he asks the glasses to record in slow motion.
- He also asks questions like which shot went the farthest and what he can improve in his game.
- The AI keeps replying to him instantly while he is practicing.
- The advertisement has fast music and modern graphics, so it looks very stylish.
- It is not really funny or emotional.
- I would say it is more informative and technology-focused.
- Honestly, if Virat Kohli was not in the ad, I probably would not watch it till the end.
- I watched it mainly because I am a cricket fan and I enjoy seeing Virat Kohli on screen.
- Overall, I found the advertisement interesting because it showed how AI can be useful in sports and daily life.

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What are the advantages and disadvantages of advertisements?
I think advertisements are useful because they give information about new products and services. Sometimes people can also compare prices and choose better options. However, many ads are exaggerated and can mislead customers. Personally, I also feel some ads are too repetitive and become irritating after a point.

Why are many advertisements endorsed by celebrities? How useful are they?
Well, celebrities already have a huge fan following, so companies use them to attract attention quickly. People often trust products more when a famous actor or sportsperson promotes them. For example, many cricket fans watch ads just because of Virat Kohli or MS Dhoni. Still, I don't think celebrities guarantee product quality.

What is the most important factor in an advertisement?
According to me, the most important factor is that the advertisement should be simple and memorable. If people cannot understand the message quickly, they will ignore it. Good music or visuals can help, but the main idea should be clear. A short and relatable ad usually works better.

Why are some advertisements boring?
Some advertisements are boring because they feel too long or repetitive. Many companies focus too much on selling instead of making the content interesting. Sometimes the acting also looks fake, so people lose interest quickly. Honestly, if an ad does not connect with real life, most people skip it.

Is advertising important for a company? Why?
Yes, definitely. Advertising is very important because it helps companies reach more customers. Even if a product is good, people will not buy it if they do not know about it. Advertising also helps brands stay competitive in the market. Nowadays almost every company promotes itself online in some way.

Which is more effective, online advertising or offline advertising?
In my opinion, online advertising is more effective these days because most people spend a lot of time on phones and social media. Companies can also target specific age groups and interests online. However, offline advertising still works well in some cases, like billboards or TV ads during big cricket matches. So I think both are useful depending on the audience.

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6. Describe a challenging technological problem you faced

You should say:

- What the problem was
- When and where you faced it
- How challenging it was
- And explain how you solved it

- Technical problems happen quite often and I keep facing them in daily life.
- Sometimes my phone hangs, my laptop becomes slow, or the internet stops working.
- But today I would like to talk about a problem I faced while printing and scanning documents for my passport application.
- This happened last year after my 12th exams got over.
- I had filled out my passport form online and needed scanned copies of my ID proofs for the appointment.
- I have an HP laser printer at home which cost around 10,000 rupees.
- About one week before my appointment, I tried to scan my documents through my laptop.
- But the printer app was not detecting the printer at all.
- At first, I thought it was a small issue, so I tried again several times.
- Then I restarted the printer and even restarted my laptop, but nothing worked.
- After that, I searched on YouTube for solutions.
- One video suggested updating the printer software, so I did that too.
- Honestly, after trying everything, I almost lost hope.
- Finally, I noticed that my house had two Wi-Fi connections.
- My laptop was connected to one network while the printer was connected to the other one.
- Because of that, the scan command was not reaching the printer.
- I connected both devices to the same Wi-Fi and suddenly everything started working perfectly.
- It took me almost two hours to figure out such a simple problem.
- In the end, I felt silly but also very relieved and happy.
- Although it was not a very serious issue, it definitely tested my patience.

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What are the advantages and disadvantages of AI?
According to me, AI has many advantages because it saves time and makes work easier. For example, students can quickly find information and companies can automate simple tasks. However, there are some disadvantages too, like people becoming lazy or losing jobs due to machines. Sometimes AI also gives wrong information, so people should not trust it blindly.

Do you think people today should learn about AI technology?
Yes, definitely. AI is becoming a part of everyday life, so people should at least know the basics. Nowadays even mobile phones and social media apps use AI features. If people understand AI, they can use technology in a smarter and safer way. Otherwise, they may depend on it without understanding how it works.

Should children learn to use AI?
I think children should learn about AI, but in a limited and controlled way. It can help them learn new things faster and improve creativity. For instance, some AI apps help children practice maths or language skills. But if children use it too much, they may stop thinking on their own.

How can AI help in our lives?
Well, AI can help us in many ways in daily life. It can save time by doing repetitive work like setting reminders, answering questions, or translating languages. In hospitals, AI is also helping doctors detect diseases faster. Personally, I sometimes use AI tools for grammar checking and quick information.

Do you think students are overly reliant on AI?
Yes, in many cases students are becoming too dependent on AI. Some students use it to complete assignments without even understanding the topic. I believe this can affect their creativity and thinking skills in the long run. Still, if used properly, AI can be a very useful learning tool.

What can teachers do to stop students from relying too much on AI?
Teachers can give more practical and classroom-based activities. For example, they can ask students to explain answers face to face or do handwritten tasks. I think teachers should also teach students how to use AI in a balanced way instead of completely banning it. That way, students can learn technology without becoming fully dependent on it.

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7. Describe a TV show/online program you have watched recently

- What it is
- What it is about
- How often you watch it
- And explain how you feel about it

- My 12th board exam results were declared just a few days ago.
- So, I finally have a massive weight off my shoulders and plenty of free time on my hands.
- To make the most of this free time, I have recently started binge-watching a phenomenal web series on YouTube called "Aspirants."
- The show is a realistic drama based on the lives of three close friends who move to a coaching hub in Delhi to prepare for one of the toughest competitive exams in the country.
- It beautifully captures their deep friendship, the immense academic pressure they face, their personal struggles, and how their lives change dramatically over the years as they chase their dreams.
- Right now, because I am completely free I am watching it almost every single day.
- I usually sit down with my laptop in the afternoon and finish two to three episodes at a stretch.
- I feel incredibly connected to this program because the theme hits very close to home.
- Having just gone through the stress of board exams and entrance preparations myself, I could completely relate to the characters' late-night study sessions and their fear of failure.
- However, instead of making me anxious, the show actually makes me feel highly motivated and resilient.
- It teaches a beautiful lesson that success isn't just about passing a single exam, but about the hard work you put in and the friendships you maintain along the way.
- It is a perfect show for any student entering the next phase of life.

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Part 3: Follow-up Questions

1. What are the differences between the TV programs young people like to watch and those old people like to watch?
There is a major difference in preferences between the two age groups. Young people, especially teenagers and college students, prefer fast-paced, relatable content on streaming apps, such as campus dramas, sci-fi series, or stand-up comedy. We look for modern themes and shorter episodes. In contrast, older people usually prefer traditional television shows such as long-running family dramas or they watch mainstream news channels to keep track of current affairs.

2. What makes a popular TV or online program?
I believe a program becomes popular when it has high-quality storytelling and highly relatable characters. When viewers can see a glimpse of their own real-life struggles or humour on screen, they instantly share it within their friend circles. Word-of-mouth publicity, viral clips and memes on social media play a massive role in making a TV show an instant hit these days.

3. What kinds of TV or online programs are popular in your country?
In India, a wide variety of shows are popular these. On traditional TV, reality talent hunts, comedy talk shows, and live sports like cricket are incredibly popular with families. On the other hand, among the younger generation using OTT platforms like Netflix and JioHotstar, crime thrillers, youth centric web series, and entrepreneurial reality shows are currently very dominant.

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8. Describe a place you have travelled to that you would like to recommend to others

- What it is
- Where it is
- What you saw and did there
- And explain why you would like to recommend it to others

- Right after my 12th board exam results came out, my family and I decided to take a short trip to celebrate the good news and get some relief from the intense summer heat.
- We packed our bags and went to the beautiful hill station, Shimla.
- Shimla is the capital city of Himachal Pradesh, located in the northern part of India.
- Shimla is famously known as the "Queen of Hills" because of its stunning landscape and rich history.
- It was the summer capital of India pre-independence as Delhi gets extremely hot during the summers.
- During our stay, we explored several wonderful spots.
- We spent our evenings walking around the famous Mall Road, which is a vehicle-free pedestrian road lined with beautiful colonial-era buildings, vibrant cafes, and local shops.
- I also visited the historic Christ Church, which looks absolutely spectacular with its stained-glass windows.
- We also went trekking up to the Jakhoo Temple, situated at the highest peak in Shimla, where we saw a massive statue of Lord Hanuman and enjoyed a panoramic view of the entire valley.
- It was a really breathtaking view.
- I would highly recommend Shimla to anyone, especially to students who have just gone through the stress of final exams.
- It is the perfect destination to refresh your mind.
- The combination of cool mountain air, beautiful pine forests, and peaceful walking tracks acts as an incredible stress-buster.
- It gives us the perfect peaceful environment to unwind, take great photographs, and mentally prepare ourself for the upcoming college journey.

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Part 3: Follow-up Questions

1. Where do people in your country often go for holidays?

People in India choose their holiday destinations based on the season. During the blistering summer months, most families and youth head toward northern hill stations like Shimla, Manali, or Dharamshala to enjoy the cool weather. However, during the winter season, people prefer exploring coastal regions like Goa and Kerala, or visiting culturally rich heritage sites in Rajasthan.

2. What is the ideal length for a holiday?

I believe the ideal length for a holiday is around five to seven days. A week-long trip is perfect because it gives people ample time to explore all the major sightseeing spots without feeling rushed. At the same time, it is not so long that people start to miss home or fall behind on their work or studies.

3. How do people usually plan holidays?

Nowadays, technology has made planning a holiday incredibly seamless. Most people start by researching destinations on social media platforms like Instagram or YouTube vlogs. Once the location is fixed, they use online travel apps to compare prices and book flights, trains, and hotels. Many families also prefer booking all-inclusive tour packages through travel agents to ensure a hassle-free experience.

4. Is it important to plan a holiday?

Yes, meticulous planning is absolutely vital for a successful trip. Without proper planning, people can face major inconveniences like fully booked hotels, inflated transport prices, or missing out on key attractions due to seasonal closures. Planning ahead helps us manage our budget efficiently, and allows us to relax without any last-minute panic.

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9. Describe a person who is good at learning and speaking new languages

- How you got to know him/her
- How he/she learns a new language
- What languages he/she can speak
- And explain how you feel about him/her

- I would like to talk about my school friend, Manpreet, who is exceptionally good at learning different languages.
- I first met him two years ago when we were in the 11th standard.
- We were in the same class and became close friends because we sat on the same bench together.
- I quickly noticed that he was always curious about learning new words and accents.
- His method of learning a language is very simple and fun.
- Instead of just reading thick grammar books or memorizing rules, he prefers to watch international movies and web series with English subtitles.
- He says this helps him hear how native speakers actually talk in real life. He also uses free mobile apps like Duolingo for 15 minutes every day, and he practices speaking out loud in front of a mirror to build up his confidence.
- Currently, Manpreet can speak four languages very well. He is completely fluent in Punjabi, Hindi, and English. On top of that, during our school holidays, he learned conversational French all by himself through online YouTube tutorials.
- I feel very proud of him and admire his talent.
- It is amazing to see him switch from one language to another so easily. Seeing him make so much progress has inspired me as well.
- Since I have finished my 12th board exams and have free time right now, I am also planning to join a basic language class soon.

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Part 3: Follow-up Questions

1. Are there many people who can speak foreign languages in your country?
Yes, absolutely. India is inherently a multilingual country where most citizens grow up speaking at least two or three regional languages fluently. In recent years, with the rise of global corporate jobs and international education, a massive number of school students and young professionals are actively learning global foreign languages like French, German, Spanish, and Japanese.

2. Does speaking other languages help at work?
It definitely provides a massive professional advantage. In today's globalized economy, companies deal with international clients on a daily basis. An employee who can speak a foreign language can break down communication barriers easily, negotiate deals effectively, and build strong relationships. It also opens up excellent career opportunities for working abroad or translating inside multinational corporations.

3. Do people learn any languages other than English?
Yes, definitely. While English is universally taught as a primary second language in our schools for academic and official use, other languages are gaining massive popularity. For instance, many students choose French or German as optional subjects in high school. Furthermore, due to the massive global popularity of pop culture, languages like Korean and Japanese have seen a huge surge in interest among teenagers.

4. Why is it easier for children to learn new things than for adults?
Scientists believe this is mainly due to the high plasticity of children's brain, which acts like a sponge, absorbing new sounds and information easily. Children are also naturally curious and, unlike adults, they are not afraid of making mistakes when pronouncing words incorrectly. This lack of hesitation allows them to pick up accents and vocabulary much faster.

5. How do people learn new things?
People use a variety of pathways to master new skills today. Some prefer structured, formal environments like enrolling in academic institutions, colleges, or specialized coaching centers. Others prefer digital tools, such as watching instructional YouTube videos, reading online blogs and listening to podcasts.

6. What is the most important thing for learning a language well?
In my opinion, the absolute key to mastering any language is consistent practice and real-world practice. Someone can memorize an entire dictionary, but if they do not actively practice speaking, listening, and thinking in that language with other people, they will never achieve fluid fluency. I also believe that people should not be afraid of making mistakes.

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10. Describe a long-term goal/ambition you would like to achieve

You should say:

- How long you have had this goal/ambition
- What it is
- How you will achieve it
- And explain why you set it

- Setting goals is very important in life.
- Goals give a direction to life
- If we don't have a goal, we don't have anything to work for.
- I set up short time goals for myself such as doing well in exams and working hard to achieve those goals.
- But, my ultimate long-term goal is to give a comfortable life to my family and I have had this goal since I started high school.
- I have seen my family struggle for finances (money) at times, and so I want them to lead an easy life
- I have just completed my senior secondary / graduation here, and I plan to go abroad for my higher education.
- So, I understand that I have a long way to go before I can achieve my goal.
- First, I will complete my higher education in Canada, and then, hopefully, get a good job and start earning well.
- I have seen my relatives, who are in Canada, lead a very lavish lifestyle.
- My parents now look upon me to give them such a life.
- They have saved some money to send me to Canada.
- I know that I will have to work part time to cover my overhead expenses.
- I don't want to put any more burden on my parents.
- I hope I am able to achieve my goal one day.
- I also want to be a productive member of society.
- I believe that if God has given us more than others, we should share something with the poor.
- I would be very happy, if I am able to achieve all that.

Or

- A big dream I have is to go and study in Canada.
- I've been thinking about this goal since I finished my senior secondary school.
- My plan is not just to study there but to eventually make it my home and bring all the comforts to my parents.
- For a while now, I have been working on this goal step by step.
- First, I need to clear a test called IELTS.
- It's like a key that opens the door to studying in Canada. So, I'm preparing for that.
- After I clear IELTS, my next step is to apply to Canadian universities.
- I want to study something I really like, maybe something related to computers.
- Choosing the right program is important to get a good education and also to have good opportunities in Canada.
- Once I get admission to a university, I'll be flying to Canada for my studies. It's a big step, and

I'll be away from home, but it's exciting because I'll be learning new things and meeting new people.

- The reason I set this goal is because I want to make my parents proud and happy.
- They have always supported me, and this is my way of giving back to them.
- Canada is known for being a nice place with friendly people and good opportunities.
- I believe studying there will not only help me learn new things but also open doors for a good job.
- Being in Canada, I can work hard, build a good life, and eventually bring my parents to live with me.
- I want them to have all the comforts and happiness.
- It's a long-term goal, but I think it's worth it because it's not just about my dreams; it's also about making a better life for my family.

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Part 3 Follow Up Questions

1. What goals should a society have?

A society should have goals that focus on the well-being and progress of its members. These may include ensuring access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities, promoting equality, and fostering a safe and supportive community. Goals should aim to create a society where people can live fulfilling lives with dignity and mutual respect.

2. Do people need to have goals?

Yes, people need to have goals as they provide direction, motivation, and a sense of purpose. Goals help individuals plan for the future, make positive choices, and overcome challenges. They act as a roadmap, guiding people toward personal and collective achievements.

3. What goals do people at your age have?

People at my age often have goals related to education, career development, building relationships, and personal growth. These goals may include completing a specific level of education, securing a job, and developing skills that contribute to a fulfilling and meaningful life.

4. Is it necessary to give advice to children?

Yes, it is necessary to give advice to children as it helps guide them in making informed decisions, developing good habits, and understanding the values that contribute to positive behaviour. Advice from parents, teachers, and mentors plays a crucial role in a child's upbringing, providing them with insights and knowledge for navigating life.

5. What goals do young people usually have?

Young people usually have goals such as completing their education, pursuing a career, establishing financial stability, and building meaningful relationships. These goals contribute to their personal development and future success.

6. What should people do to achieve their goals?

To achieve their goals, people should set clear objectives, create a plan of action, and stay motivated. It's important to break larger goals into smaller, manageable steps, seek support from others, and remain adaptable to changes. Persistence, hard work, and learning from setbacks are key factors in achieving long-term goals. Additionally, maintaining a positive mindset and staying focused on the desired outcome can contribute to successful goal attainment.

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11. Describe a time when you were stuck in a traffic jam for a very long time

You should say:

- When it happened
- Where you were stuck
- What you did while waiting
- And explain how you felt in the traffic jam

- I live in a small town, and in general, there is not much traffic on the roads.
- The only time we face traffic jams is when there is a religious procession or a political rally.
- Most of the time, these events are announced beforehand, so I rarely get stuck in traffic jams.
- However, last month I had gone to Jalandhar to buy some clothes for my cousin's wedding.
- While going there, the roads were completely clear, and the journey was smooth.
- But on our way back, the main road between my hometown, Phagwara, and Jalandhar was shut down because two buses had collided.
- Huge cranes had to be brought to remove the damaged buses from the roads, and that took a lot of time.
- This being a main road slowly led to a huge jam.
- The traffic police tried to get the traffic diverted through a service road.
- But the road was considerably narrower than the main road, and because of that, the traffic built up.
- We ended up being stuck in the jam for almost 2 to 3 hours.
- At first, we didn't think we would have to wait for so long.
- We thought it was just busier than normal, and things would clear up soon.
- However, when our car barely moved 100 metres in 15 minutes, my father got out of the car and asked some people what had happened.
- Unfortunately, there was no space to turn around or back up, so we had no choice but to wait patiently.
- So, we tried to pass the time by playing games, listening to music, and talking with each other.
- To be honest, we also spent quite a while whining about government failure, even though we all knew such circumstances are unavoidable.
- The whole experience was very exhausting and frustrating.
- We were tired, hungry and just wanted to reach home as quickly as possible.
- Still, the day ended on a happy note as far as I was concerned.
- Because we reached home late, my mother didn't have time to cook dinner.
- So instead, we ordered pizza, which kind of made up for the long wait in the jam.

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Do you like to use public transport?
Not really. Honestly, public transportation in India is not that good. Firstly, it takes longer to travel by public transport than by our own vehicle. Secondly, it is also not comfortable as most buses and trains are not maintained regularly. In many cases, they are unclean. However, things are changing for the better.

Would you rather be in a car or a bus in a traffic jam?
I think I would rather be in a bus during a traffic jam, as it gives more flexibility. In a bus, I can at least get down and walk around if the traffic is not moving. I could even walk ahead and catch a bus from a less crowded area.

How can we solve the traffic jam problem?
I think the government should promote the use of public transportation by making it more comfortable and faster. For example, the traffic conditions in Delhi have improved considerably after the launch of the Delhi Metro. Also, the roads need to be widened wherever possible to accommodate more cars.

Do you think developing public transport can solve traffic jam problems?
I think public transportation can resolve traffic issues, but only if it is fast and comfortable. Delhi had local trains for a long time, and people did not prefer them because they were slow. However, the construction of the Delhi metro, which is quite fast and comfortable, made a real dent in traffic.

Do you think the highways will help reduce traffic jams?
They do to a certain extent, but as the population is increasing and more people prefer to travel by their vehicles, it is certainly not the best solution. In fact, they are counterproductive as they encourage more people to travel by their own cars.

What are good ways to manage traffic?
The best way to manage traffic is to have fast and well-maintained public transportation. For example, the traffic in Delhi decreased significantly after Metro. Secondly, the government should improve the road infrastructure, for example, construct flyovers and widen roads.

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12. Describe a special day out that cost you little money/didn't cost you much

You should say:

- When the day was
- Where you went
- How much you spent
- And explain how you feel about the day

- Well, special days are very important in everyone's life, and in our country, people spend a lot on their special days like birthdays, marriages etcetera
- If on such occasion one doesn't have to spend a lot of money, then it will make the day extra special.
- I would like to talk about one such special day when I celebrated my birthday party with my friends at a newly opened restaurant in our town.
- It was my 20th birthday, and all of my friends were asking me for a treat.
- Since we had tried all the major restaurants in our town, I thought of taking them to a new place.
- I saw an advertisement in the newspaper about a new theme-based restaurant that had opened in our city.
- The name of the restaurant was Big Chill Café, and it was based on a musical theme.
- I quickly called the café and made a reservation for 8 people.
- They told me that per person cost would be around 1000 Rs, and I gave them the confirmation.
- We reached there around 8 PM in the evening.
- As soon as we entered the café, we were amazed by the interiors of the café.
- The walls were decorated with huge posters of famous singers.
- The furniture was very trendy, and the restaurant had beautiful lighting.
- In the background, famous rock songs were being played
- There were also a lot of musical instruments, like guitars and drums, lying in all corners of the restaurant
- They had reserved a huge table in the centre for us.
- We quickly ordered some snacks, which were also named after famous songs
- The starters were really delicious, and we had a great time enjoying the snacks along with the music.
- After that, we ordered some food, and surprisingly the waiters also brought a birthday cake, which was ordered by my friends.
- But the biggest surprise came when I asked for the bill, and it was only Rs 1000 instead of Rs 8000.
- Initially, I thought it was a mistake, but when we called the hotel manager, they told us that we were their 100th customer, so they decided to give us a discount.
- I couldn't believe it. I had never been this lucky before.
- At that moment, it felt like I had won a lottery.
- I thanked the manager and told him that he made my birthday extra special.
- I told my parents about it, and they were also very happy to hear this.
- I still remember that birthday vividly because of this one incident.

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Do people like to spend their leisure time out in your country?
Yes, many people in my country like to spend their leisure time out. They like going to malls, parks, gardens, temples, beaches, mountains, historical places etc.

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.

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.

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.

Why do people like to have days off?
People like to have days off to relax and spend time with family and friends. People can enjoy their hobbies and do things they can't do during workdays.
Going out to have holidays is tiring. Why do people still want to do it?
Even though holidays can be tiring, people still go because they want to relax, explore new places, and create new memories with loved ones. It also provides a break from daily life.

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13. Describe a home that you like to visit but do not want to live in

You should say:

- Where it is
- What it is like
- Why you like to visit it
- And explain why you would not like to live there

- Today I would like to talk about my uncle's flat in Mohali, which I really enjoy visiting but would not like to live in permanently.
- My uncle lives in a modern society on the 15th floor.
- It is a three-bedroom flat with a very beautiful interior.
- The best part of the flat is the balcony because it offers an amazing view of the city, especially at night.
- The society is quite posh and has many facilities for residents.
- There is a gym, a swimming pool, a badminton court, and even a small park for children.
- Whenever I visit his place during weekends or holidays, I really enjoy spending time there.
- Sometimes we sit in the balcony and have tea while enjoying the cool breeze and city lights.
- I also like the fact that everything in the society is well managed and secure.
- However, despite all these facilities, I would not like to live there permanently.
- The main reason is that I am more comfortable living in my own independent house in the village.
- Our house is much more spacious and has open areas around it.
- We also have our own garden and ample parking space.
- Another big advantage is that there is fresh air and very little noise pollution in our area.
- In comparison, flats sometimes feel a little cramped because bedrooms and living spaces are smaller.
- Moreover, people living in flats have limited outdoor space.
- I also do not like the idea of taking the lift every single time I want to go outside.
- So, although I love visiting my uncle's flat for short stays, I personally prefer the comfort and freedom of living in an independent house.

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Do Indian people like to visit others' homes?
Yes, definitely. In India, people are quite social and they enjoy meeting relatives, friends, and neighbours at their homes. Especially during festivals or family functions, visiting each other's homes is very common. However, nowadays some young people prefer meeting outside in cafes or malls because of their busy schedules.

What do Indian people do when they visit others?
Well, usually people sit together, have tea or snacks, and talk for a long time. In Indian culture, guests are treated with a lot of respect, so hosts often offer food even if someone visits for a short time. In my family, whenever guests come over, my mother immediately starts preparing tea and snacks.

What kind of place do people in your country like to live in?
I think it depends on lifestyle and age group. Many young people prefer living in cities because of better jobs and modern facilities, while older people often like peaceful places with more space. Personally, I prefer an independent house because it gives more privacy and comfort.

What's the difference between homes in cities and those in the countryside?
There is a huge difference, honestly. City homes are usually smaller and more expensive because of limited space, whereas countryside homes are more spacious and surrounded by open areas. On the other hand, city houses are closer to offices, schools, and shopping centres, so they are more convenient in some ways.

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14. Describe a thing you did to learn another language

You should say:

- What language you learned
- What you did
- How it helped you learn the language
- And how you felt about it

- I started learning Spanish recently. I have always wanted to learn a foreign language.
- I feel that knowing a foreign language allows us to understand different people, cultures, and environments
- I have an aunt in California who mentioned that she started learning Spanish.
- I thought she was so lucky to have an institution in her hometown that teaches Spanish.
- But then she told me that she was learning from a mobile app called Duolingo.
- She really loved the app and told me it had short lessons and all you need is 10-15 minutes a day.
- I downloaded the Duolingo app on my phone and a desktop version on my computer.
- I was so impressed with this app and couldn't believe that the basic version was free.
- It had more than 30 languages like German, French, Spanish, Chinese, etc.
- It had a very simple user interface, and it was very easy to create an account and get started.
- I was really confused between learning French and Spanish but decided to go for Spanish.
- Spanish is the fourth most spoken language and is spoken in many countries like Spain, Mexico, South America.
- I also wanted to practice Spanish with my aunt online.
- I started doing lessons in my free time. I would do them on the bus while commuting to my college.
- I would do them while waiting for friends. It was so convenient to have on the go learning.
- One of the beginner lessons was common phrases like Hello - Hola, Good Morning – Buenos Dias, Nice to meet you – mucho gusto. I really liked doing this lesson.
- I also started watching a Spanish show called Money Heist on Netflix to add to my learning.
- Duolingo presented the lessons in a very simple manner. It not only helped me with speaking Spanish but the lessons were designed to help me learn, writing it too.
- Also, it was fun to do as there were rewards for reaching different levels and practicing daily.
- There was also an option to add friends and track each other's progress. I added my aunt and it kept us both motivated to learn.
- I am still learning and still using the app every day. I am so happy and satisfied with my effort so far. I hope to become fluent one day.
- It gives me so much joy when I can completely understand a few lines on a Spanish show or when recognize words in Spanish subtitles.

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What are the advantages and disadvantages of learning a language?
The advantages of learning a language include improving cognitive skills, boosting career opportunities, and allowing better communication with people from different cultures. However, it can be time-consuming and challenging, especially when it comes to mastering grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Sometimes, the frustration of not being able to communicate fluently can be discouraging.

Some people think that technology has made it unnecessary to learn languages. What do you think?
I believe technology has made communication easier through translation apps and real-time translation tools, but it doesn't make learning languages unnecessary. Learning a language helps us understand different cultures, build better relationships, and think critically. Technology can assist, but it cannot replace the full experience of learning a language.

What difficulties do people face when learning a language?
People often struggle with pronunciation, remembering vocabulary, and understanding grammar rules. It can also be difficult to find opportunities for practice, especially if the language isn't widely spoken in their region. The fear of making mistakes and lack of confidence can also be barriers to effective learning.

Do you think language learning is important? Why?
Yes, language learning is very important because it connects people across the world. It opens up opportunities for travel, education, and career advancement. It also fosters cultural understanding and personal growth by allowing us to see the world from different viewpoints.

Which is better, to study a language alone or to study it in a group? Why?
It depends on the individual's learning style. Studying alone can be great for focusing on personal goals and self-paced learning. However, studying in a group can provide motivation, opportunities for conversation practice, and different perspectives on learning the language. I think a balance of both approaches works best.

What is the best way to learn a language?
The best way to learn a language is through a combination of methods: practicing speaking with native speakers, listening to podcasts or watching shows in that language, and studying grammar and vocabulary regularly. Immersion and consistent practice are key to improving language skills.

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15. Describe a time when you organized a happy event successfully

You should say:

- What the event was
- How you prepared for it
- Who helped you to organize it
- And explain why you think it was a successful event

- I love to organise events and bringing people together.
- I have organized many birthday parties, anniversaries and holiday celebrations, but this occasion was very different from the others.
- On July 16th, 2020, my mother turned 50, and I wanted to do something special to celebrate this milestone in her life.
- However, due to the pandemic, most celebrations were forbidden.
- We were all cooped up inside our houses.
- I decided to give her a surprise online party.
- I asked my sister for advice on how we can make it special.
- We have a large family, and we asked everyone in the family, all our cousins, uncles, and aunt to record something for my mother.
- It could be anything, there were no restrictions.
- One of my cousins recorded a dance performance, an uncle wrote a beautiful poem, my grandpa sang a beautiful song in Gujrati.
- After receiving all the videos, we combined them into one big video.
- It was not easy though, we had to send reminders and message some of my aunts and uncles repeatedly.
- Some even sent it one day before the birthday, but they all finally did it.
- Moreover, it was all hard to remind them to keep it a secret.
- We were sure one of our aunts or uncles would spill the beans.
- Thankfully no one did.
- Then, we organised a special get together on zoom for the family.
- This was also hard because some of our relatives live in a different time zone.
- We wanted to choose a time everyone could be available.
- Here we failed to some extent as some of our relatives couldn't be online at that time.
- The birthday fell on a weekday, so it was just not possible.
- On her birthday, I ordered her favourite- truffle cake.
- And then when everyone joined the zoom meeting, I handed my mom the phone and told her someone wants to wish her a happy birthday.
- She was shocked to see all the family on the meeting.
- Then, she cut the cake, while I held the phone and everyone wished her happy birthday.
- Finally, for the big reveal, we played the video on the TV and recorded her reactions while watching the video and we telecasted it on the meeting on a split-screen.
- One screen showing her reactions and the other showing the video.
- My mother had happy tears in her eyes by the end of it all and I think that alone made it a successful event.
- However, others told me it was such wonderfully organised and it was so nice meeting everyone online. Even after the video was over, everyone stayed on the meeting, and we kept

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on talking and discussing everyday life.

How would you feel when you were not well prepared for something?
When I am not well prepared, I feel anxious and nervous because I fear making mistakes. Lack of preparation can also lead to embarrassment if things don't go as expected.

Do you prefer to prepare and organize an activity or just take part in an activity?
I prefer to take part in activities rather than organize them because organizing requires a lot of effort and planning. However, I enjoy organizing when it's something I am passionate about, like a family gathering or a small event.

How can parents help children to be organized?
Parents can help children become organized by setting routines and teaching them to manage their time. Encouraging them to keep their study area clean or plan their day can build good habits over time.

On what occasions do people need to be organised?
People need to be organized during occasions like weddings, exams, or work presentations. These situations require planning to avoid chaos and ensure success.

Does everything need to be well prepared?
Not everything needs to be fully prepared, but important events or tasks do require proper planning. Being prepared helps things run smoothly, but some situations can also work out well spontaneously.

Do people need others' help when organizing things?
Yes, people often need help when organizing things because it can be challenging to manage everything alone. Tasks like planning, setting up, and coordinating require teamwork for better results.

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16. Describe a time when you sent a message or an email to someone but received no reply for a long time

You should say:

- Who you sent it to
- What the message/email was about
- Whether you finally received the reply
- And explain how you felt about the experience

- Usually, I do not write many emails because I mostly communicate through WhatsApp and social media apps.
- However, today I would like to talk about a time when I sent an official email and did not receive a reply for a long time.
- This happened last summer after my 12th standard exams got over.
- At that time, I was thinking about my future study options.
- My cousin suggested that I should pursue higher studies in Australia.
- So, I started researching universities on Google and shortlisted two universities.
- I carefully followed the admission process on their websites and uploaded all my documents.
- After submitting my application, I expected a quick response.
- However, even after one month, I did not receive any confirmation or update from the university.
- I started feeling worried and confused.
- Then my cousin advised me to send them an email asking about my application status.
- In the email, I mentioned my details and application ID and politely asked for an update.
- I hoped that they would reply soon, but again there was no response for almost two weeks.
- Finally, I sent a follow-up email.
- Luckily, after a few days, I received a reply from the university.
- They acknowledged my application and informed me about the next steps in the process.
- I felt really relieved after receiving their reply.
- From this experience, I learned that official processes can take time and people need to stay patient.

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In what situations do people spend a long time responding to others' messages?
Well, I think people usually reply late when they are busy with work or studies. Sometimes they read the message but forget to respond later. In official situations also, replies can take time because many people are involved in the process.

In what situations do people not respond to messages at all?
Sometimes people ignore messages if they are not interested in talking or if they feel the message is unimportant. In a few cases, people may also avoid replying after an argument. However, there are also people who simply forget because they receive too many messages every day.

What would you do if you did not receive a reply after sending out a message?
Usually, I would wait for some time because the other person might be busy. After that, I would probably send a polite follow-up message or make a call if the matter was important. I do not like sending repeated messages because it can annoy people.

Why do some people prefer sending a message instead of making a call?
According to me, messages are more convenient because people can reply in their own free time. Some people also feel shy or uncomfortable talking on calls, especially with strangers or in professional situations. Moreover, messaging saves time and avoids unnecessary long conversations.

How do you show your respect in your messages?
I usually use polite words like "please," "thank you," and "kindly." I also avoid rude language and try to reply properly, especially to elders or teachers. In formal messages, I make sure my tone is respectful and professional.

Why do some people feel angry when others don't reply to their message?
I think people feel ignored when they do not get a reply, especially if the message is important. Nowadays, most people check their phones frequently, so delayed replies sometimes create misunderstandings. Personally, I also feel a little disappointed if someone sees my message but does not respond at all.

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17. Describe a city you enjoyed visiting

You should say:

- Where it is
- When you visited it
- How long you stayed there
- What you did there
- And explain why you enjoyed visiting it

- Today, I want to talk about a beautiful city that I really enjoyed visiting.
- The city is Chandigarh, which is known as the "City Beautiful."
- I went there on a short vacation with my best friend.
- We visited this city right after finishing our 12th-grade exams.
- We had studied very hard, so we just wanted to unwind and relax.
- We went there for a weekend trip and stayed at my uncle's house.
- We did a lot of fun things during our stay.
- First, we visited the famous Rock Garden and the serene Sukhna Lake.
- Then, we went to Elante Mall, which is one of the biggest malls there.
- We actually spent a whole day just exploring the mall, shopping, and eating.
- I absolutely loved visiting Chandigarh for a few main reasons.
- First, the whole city is incredibly clean and green.
- The streets are very neat, and all the trees make the air feel fresh and healthy.
- Second, I was amazed to see that the people there are very law-abiding citizens.
- For example, I saw someone waiting patiently at a red traffic light, even though the road was completely empty.
- This is something you rarely see in any other city!
- Finally, I loved that there is just so much to do in Chandigarh.
- Even though we only went for a weekend, we could have stayed for a whole week and never run out of things to do.
- It was a perfect trip, and I cannot wait to go back.
- Before you travel to a city, what factors would you consider?
- Before traveling to a new city, I always consider a few important factors. First, I check the weather so I know exactly what kind of clothes to pack. Second, I look at the cost of hotels and food to make sure the trip fits within my budget. Finally, I also search for the famous tourist spots I can visit that can fit in my itinerary.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

What are the disadvantages of living in a very famous city?

Living in a very famous city definitely has some big disadvantages. The main problem is that everything is usually very expensive, from renting an apartment to buying daily groceries. Also, famous cities are often crowded with tourists, which causes heavy traffic jams and a lot of noise every day. Furthermore, the high number of vehicles can lead to bad air pollution.

Do you prefer to visit well-developed cities or cities with a long history?

I personally prefer visiting cities with a long history because I really love learning about how people lived in the past. Historical cities have beautiful old buildings, palaces, and forts that are very unique to explore. While modern, well-developed cities have huge malls and tall buildings, they all tend to look quite similar to me, whereas historical places feel much more interesting and unique

For those who live in cities, is it because they want to or have to?

I think it is a mix of both reasons. Many people have to live in cities because they need to find good jobs or attend higher education universities, which are often not available in small towns. However, some people live in cities simply because they want to. They enjoy the fast-paced lifestyle, the entertainment options, and the better medical facilities that big cities offer.

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18. Describe a short-term job you want to have in a foreign country

You should say:

- Where it is
- How you know of it
- What the job is
- And explain why you want to do it

- I am a very big coffee lover.
- However, I do not like buying coffee from stores.
- It is often very expensive, and sometimes it tastes too bitter for me.
- Because of this, I love making coffee myself at home.
- Recently, I was searching on the internet.
- I found a job for an assistant barista at a famous cafe in Paris.
- It looked like a dream job to me. France has been my dream country to visit since I was a child.
- Also, making coffee is one of my biggest passions.
- I have heard that France gives "working holiday" visas.
- This means you can work for a short time while visiting as a tourist.
- So, my plan is to travel around France on my days off.
- Then, I would work at the cafe for the rest of the week.
- I would enjoy this much more than a normal holiday.
- Instead of just visiting, I would get to live like a local person.
- Working at the cafe would teach me many new skills. I would learn how to pick the best coffee beans.
- I would also learn how to make beautiful latte art from experts.
- Also, working in a busy cafe in Paris would be great for meeting people.
- I would get to talk to local customers every single day.
- This would help me practice speaking French in real life.
- It would also help me see how French people live their daily lives.
- In the end, this short-term job is a perfect mix for me.
- It combines my dream of traveling to France with my love for making coffee.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

What short-term jobs do young people do in other countries?

Young people usually do casual jobs that are easy to get. Many work in restaurants as waiters or in cafes as baristas. They also work in hotels, on farms picking fruit, or as local tour guides. These jobs are great because they allow young people to earn money while traveling.

What challenges do young people face when working abroad?

The biggest challenge is the language barrier. If they do not know the local language, it is hard to talk to people. Another big problem is feeling homesick, as they are far away from their family and friends. Also, adjusting to new food, new weather, and a different culture can take some time.

3.What are the benefits of working for an international company?

There are many great benefits. First, international companies usually pay better salaries and offer good facilities. Second, employees get to meet and work with people from all over the world. This helps them learn new ideas and grow faster in their careers.

4. What personal skills are required to work in an international company?

Good communication skills are the most important. A person must know how to speak English or other common languages well. They also need to be flexible and open-minded as the work culture in an international company might be completely different from the work culture in their own country. Finally, being a good team player and respecting people from different cultures is very necessary.

5. What kind of work can young people do in foreign countries?

Besides casual short-term jobs, young people can also do professional work if they are qualified. For example, many young people work as software engineers, nurses, or teachers. Many students also go abroad for higher education and do part-time jobs in supermarkets or stores to support themselves.

6. Why are some people unwilling to work in other countries?

Many people do not want to go abroad because they cannot leave their family and friends behind. They feel scared or lonely living in a completely new place. Some people are also very happy with their current jobs, culture, and comfortable life in their home country, so they do not want to take the risk of moving.

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19. Describe a boring place

You should say:

- Where it is
- Who you went there with
- What you did there
- And explain why you think it is a boring place

- Well, I would like to talk about a very boring place that I visited a few years ago.
- It was a small village called Torontowala, which is located near my hometown, Mohali.
- My cousin lives there with his family.
- I went there with my mother right after my 10th standard exams got over.
- At that time, I was completely free at home, so my relatives invited me to spend a few days in the village and experience village life.
- Honestly, in the beginning I was very excited because I had always heard that village life is peaceful and enjoyable.
- But after reaching there, my excitement disappeared within one day.
- In fact, those were probably the ten most boring days of my life.
- I sometimes joke that this is the place where boredom actually originated from.
- There was literally nothing to do there.
- The village had no entertainment options at all.
- There was only one small temple, a silent market, and a few tiny shops.
- There was no playground, no sports facilities, and not even a library.
- Most people simply worked in the fields during the day or did household chores.
- In the evening, many villagers visited the temple and then went back home.
- Another problem was electricity cuts during summer.
- Electricity was available only for a few hours, so I could not even watch television properly.
- After spending one day in the fields and meeting relatives, I had absolutely nothing to do for the remaining days.
- Every day I just wandered around the village, but it was extremely quiet and empty.
- I really missed the hustle and bustle of city life.
- Thankfully, I had downloaded a few movies on my laptop, so my cousin and I watched them together to pass time.
- Other than that, life there was extremely slow-paced.
- I understand that some people may enjoy such places because they are peaceful and away from city noise.
- However, personally I felt very bored there.
- Still, I truly respect village people because they are very hardworking and simple people.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

Why do most children think education is boring?

Well, many children find education boring because schools often focus too much on memorization and exams instead of practical learning. Students usually enjoy activities, discussions, or experiments more than long lectures. For example, I personally enjoyed subjects where teachers used stories or real-life examples.

Why aren't young people willing to listen to the experiences of older people?

I think many young people feel that older generations cannot fully understand modern problems and lifestyles. Also, youngsters nowadays get information quickly from the internet and social media, so they sometimes ignore advice from elders. However, in many situations older people's experience can actually save time and mistakes.

What can people do when they feel bored?

According to me, people should try doing something productive or creative when they feel bored. For instance, they can play sports, watch a good movie, go outside for a walk, or spend time with friends. Personally, whenever I feel bored, I usually listen to music or watch comedy shows to refresh my mind.

Why are some teachers' classes boring? Are there any solutions?

Honestly, some classes become boring when teachers only keep reading from books without interacting with students. If the teaching style is very serious and one-sided, students lose interest quickly. I believe teachers should include discussions, activities, videos, or real-life examples to make lessons more engaging and interesting.

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20. Describe a new law you would like to introduce in your country

You should say:

- What law it is
- What changes this law brings
- Whether this new law will be popular
- How you came up with the new law
- And explain how you feel about this new law

- Well, there are already many laws in my country, but unfortunately many of them are not strictly followed.
- Sometimes people ignore the rules, and in many cases the government also does not properly check whether people are following them or not.
- However, today I would like to talk about a new law that I would really like to introduce in my country.
- This law is related to banning social media for children and limiting their screen time.
- I got this idea last month when my cousin from the United Kingdom visited us.
- During a family discussion, he told me about some new rules introduced there regarding children's use of social media.
- He said that scientists had done research which showed that excessive screen time is affecting the intelligence and concentration level of the younger generation.
- Honestly, I was quite surprised to hear that because I had never thought deeply about this issue before.
- He also mentioned that the government is trying to reduce children's screen time to less than 30 minutes a day.
- Apart from that, even the Australian government has introduced similar restrictions where teenagers cannot easily create social media accounts.
- After listening to him, I realized how serious this problem actually is.
- Nowadays many children spend hours watching short videos or scrolling on social media instead of studying or playing outdoor games.
- In my opinion, this is harming both their mental and physical health.
- If this law is introduced in my country, children may spend more time on education, sports, and real-life communication.
- I think this law would become quite popular among parents and teachers.
- Of course, some youngsters may oppose it in the beginning because social media has become a big part of their daily routine.
- But in the long run, I believe it would be very beneficial for society.
- Personally, I feel very positive about this law because one should not use social media for long hours every day.
- I strongly believe that technology should help people, not control their lives.
- So, this is a law that I would definitely like to introduce in my country

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

What rules should students follow at school?

Students should follow basic rules like respecting teachers, being punctual, wearing proper uniform, and not disturbing others in class. Schools work properly only when students maintain discipline. I think these rules also prepare children for professional life in the future.

Do people in your country usually obey the law?

Well, some people follow the law properly, but many people break small rules quite casually, especially traffic rules. For example, it is common to see people jumping red lights or not wearing helmets. However, things are improving slowly because of stricter fines and awareness.

What kinds of behavior are considered as good behavior?

In my opinion, respectful and honest behavior is considered good behavior in most societies. People who speak politely, help others, and behave responsibly are usually appreciated. Even small things like saying thank you or listening patiently leave a positive impression.

Do you think children can learn about the law outside of school?

Yes, definitely. Children can learn a lot from parents, social media, television, and real-life situations. For instance, if parents follow traffic rules seriously, children naturally learn the importance of laws by observing them.

What are the benefits for people to obey rules?

I believe rules help maintain order and safety in society. When people follow rules, there is less chaos, fewer accidents, and better cooperation among people. For example, traffic rules reduce the chances of road accidents and save lives.

How can parents teach children to obey rules?

Honestly, parents should first set a good example themselves because children copy what they see at home. If parents behave responsibly and explain rules calmly instead of shouting, children are more likely to follow them. Rewards and appreciation can also encourage good behavior.

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21. Describe a time when you got up early

You should say:

- When it was
- What you did
- Why you got up early
- And how you felt about it

- Well, I would like to talk about a time when I had to get up very early.
- Honestly, I am not an early morning person at all.
- I usually sleep and study late, so waking up early is quite difficult for me.
- This happened right after my 12th standard exams got over.
- I was free at home and getting bored because it was peak summer and too hot to go outside.
- One day, my friend asked me if I wanted to go on a trip to Shimla, which is a nearby hill station.
- I asked my parents for permission, and surprisingly they agreed very happily.
- So, we booked our bus tickets for the very next day.
- The bus departure time was 4 a.m., so I had to wake up at around 2:30 in the morning.
- I was extremely excited about the trip and could barely sleep that night.
- Before sleeping, I had already packed my bag and set multiple alarms because I was scared I might oversleep.
- However, I kept snoozing the alarms because I was feeling very tired.
- Finally, my friend called me at around 2:45, and I quickly got ready.
- I rushed through my morning routine and somehow managed to reach the bus stop on time.
- After boarding the bus, both of us slept through most of the journey.
- Even though waking up early was difficult, I actually enjoyed the experience.
- I felt that the day became much longer and more productive.
- By evening we were completely exhausted and slept early because we had planned a hike in the mountains the next morning.
- Overall, it was a memorable experience for me.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

Do you know anyone who likes to get up early?

Yes, my father is someone who naturally wakes up very early every day. He usually gets up around 5 a.m. even on weekends. He says the morning environment is peaceful and helps him stay productive throughout the day.

Why do people get up early?

Well, people get up early for different reasons. Some do it for work, studies, exercise, or travelling, while others simply enjoy the calm morning atmosphere. I think waking up early also gives people a feeling that the day is longer and more organized.

What kinds of occasions need people to arrive early?

Usually people need to arrive early for important events like exams, interviews, weddings, flights, or business meetings. In such situations, being late can create stress or even cause serious problems. Personally, I always try to reach airports early because I do not like taking risks.

Why do some people like to stay up late?

Honestly, many people feel more relaxed and focused at night because there are fewer distractions. Students often study late at night, while others watch movies, use social media, or work peacefully during those hours. I am also more active at night compared to early mornings.

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22. Describe a TV or online program you like to watch

You should say:

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

- Well, I would like to talk about a television and online program that I really enjoy watching, and that is The Kapil Sharma Show.
- It is one of the most popular comedy shows in India and is also watched by Indians living in many other countries.
- Nowadays, many comedy specials by Kapil Sharma are available on Netflix, which has made him popular worldwide.
- I have been watching this show for many years with my family.
- The show is hosted by Kapil Sharma, who is a very talented comedian and actor.
- In every episode, different celebrities such as actors, singers, cricketers, or influencers come as guests.
- The program includes funny conversations, comedy acts, jokes, and entertaining games.
- Apart from Kapil Sharma, other comedians also play different characters, which makes the show even more entertaining.
- Personally, I really enjoy the natural humor and comic timing of the actors.
- Sometimes the jokes are so funny that my family and I laugh continuously for several minutes.
- I usually watch this program with my parents during dinner time or on weekends.
- One reason I like this show so much is that it helps me relax after a stressful or tiring day.
- Nowadays people are often mentally exhausted because of studies, work pressure, and social media, so comedy shows give a nice mental break.
- Another thing I appreciate is that the humor is mostly clean and family-friendly.
- Unlike many modern web series, it does not rely too much on violence or inappropriate language.
- That is why people of all age groups can watch it together comfortably.
- Even if I have already watched an episode before, I still enjoy watching it again because the comedy never feels old to me.
- Overall, it is one of my favorite programs, and I think laughter is very important in life.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

Do you think watching talk shows is a waste of time?
Not always. I think it depends on the type of talk show a person watches. Some programs are completely based on gossip and entertainment, but others discuss useful topics like business, health, or social issues. Personally, I enjoy watching interviews where successful people share their life experiences.

Do you think we can acquire knowledge from watching TV programs?
Yes, definitely. Educational channels, documentaries, and news programs can teach people many new things in an interesting way. Even travel or cooking shows can increase general knowledge. However, people should choose quality content instead of watching random videos all the time.

What programs do people like to watch in your country?
Well, in India people watch many different types of programs depending on their age and interests. Youngsters usually prefer web series, cricket, and reality shows, while older people often watch news channels, daily soaps, or religious programs. Comedy shows are also very popular because people want stress-free entertainment.

Do people in your country like to watch foreign TV programs?
Yes, especially young people. Nowadays many people watch foreign shows and movies on streaming platforms like Netflix and YouTube. English web series and Korean dramas have become very popular in recent years.

What's the benefit of letting kids watch animal videos than visiting zoos?
I think animal videos can sometimes be more informative and convenient than visiting zoos. Children can see rare animals, underwater life, or jungle footage which may not be possible in real life. Also, videos are safer and cheaper, although real visits give a different experience altogether.

Do teachers play videos in class in your country?
Yes, nowadays many schools use videos and smart boards during lessons. It makes learning more interactive and helps students understand difficult topics easily. For example, science animations or historical documentaries are often more interesting than just reading from textbooks.

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23. Describe a city that you think is very interesting/famous

You should say:

- Where it is
- What it is famous for
- How you knew this city
- And explain why you think it is very interesting/famous

- India is a diverse country.
- There are many beautiful cities in India.
- Some are beautiful because of their historical buildings, whereas others are beautiful because of their modern architecture. Some cities are beautiful because they are in mountain valleys, whereas others are beautiful because of the warm smiles of their people.
- Here, I would like to talk about Chandigarh, which is also known as 'The City Beautiful'
- It was designed by the French architect Le Corbusier.
- It is the first planned city of India after independence.
- Chandigarh is the cleanest and the happiest city of India according to two different surveys held in 2010 and 2015.
- It is also the first smoke-free city in the country.
- It is a union territory and is also the capital of two states - Punjab and Haryana.
- The Rock Garden in Chandigarh is a masterpiece out of waste material.
- Sukhna lake, is the biggest man-made lake. It is a beautiful place for people to enjoy with their families.
- Sector 17 market is a shopper's paradise.
- The Rose Garden is Asia's largest garden
- The city has 52 sectors.
- Each sector has residential and commercial zones
- The roads are designed and oriented in such a way that most of the time of the day, they are in shade.
- There are huge parking areas in the commercial zones so that the parking problems don't create havoc on the main roads.
- The Parking lanes are as broad as the main roads.
- So, you see, while the city was planned in 1952, it is still the most well planned and beautiful cities of India

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What advantages can tourism bring to a city?
Tourism can significantly boost a city's economy by creating jobs in sectors like hospitality, transportation, and retail. It can also help preserve cultural heritage by promoting historical sites and local traditions. Moreover, tourism can draw global attention to the city, attract investment, and encourage urban development.

Why do some young people like to live in cities?
Young people are often attracted to cities for better career opportunities, access to higher education, and a more vibrant social life. Cities also provide entertainment, diverse cultural experiences, and a wide range of services, making them more appealing for those seeking growth and excitement.

Do most elderly people live in the city or in the countryside?
Many elderly people in India prefer to live in the countryside, where they feel more connected to nature and the community. However, an increasing number of elderly individuals are moving to cities to live with their children or for better access to healthcare and modern amenities.

Do you think well-developed tourism will have negative effects on local people?
Yes, tourism can have some negative effects on local communities. While it can generate revenue, it may also cause overcrowding, drive up living costs, and lead to environmental degradation. Local cultures might also be affected, with traditional ways of life changing due to the influence of commercial tourism.

What are the benefits of urbanization?
Urbanization brings several benefits, such as improved access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities. It fosters economic development by providing a centralized hub for businesses and industries. Additionally, urban areas often offer better infrastructure and technological advancements, contributing to improved quality of life.

Do you think the big cities in India today will become even larger in the future?
Yes, I believe big cities in India will continue to grow. As more people from rural areas migrate to urban centers seeking better job opportunities, education, and healthcare, urban populations will likely increase. This growth will be driven by factors like infrastructure development and economic growth in cities.

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24. Describe an interesting video

You should say:

- When and where you watched it
- What it is about
- Why you watched it
- And explain how you feel about it

- Today, YouTube videos are one of the biggest sources of learning and entertainment.
- However, I would like to talk about a YouTube video that I found very interesting and useful.
- It was a video on how to solve Sudoku, which is a popular number puzzle.
- I used to see Sudoku puzzles in newspapers and was always interested in learning about them.
- However, I always thought they were very difficult and that only math experts could solve them.
- So, I never tried solving them.
- This changed a few months ago when I got a random YouTube recommendation about solving Sudoku puzzles.
- I just clicked on the video for fun, planning to close it after a few minutes.
- Surprisingly, I ended up watching the entire 15 minute video till the very end.
- In the beginning, the creator explained what Sudoku is and the basic rules of the game.
- I learnt that Sudoku is not as difficult as I had imagined.
- The video explained that Sudoku puzzles come in different difficulty levels, from easy to hard.
- In the Tribune newspaper, the puzzles are rated from from 1 star to 5 stars.
- The first 5 minutes of the video explained all the rules of Sudoku.
- Then, it recommended a basic strategy for beginners like me.
- There were some suggestions, like using a pencil instead of a pen and checking rows and columns carefully.
- The last five minutes covered some advanced strategies for solving puzzles faster.
- Immediately after watching the video, I opened the e-Tribune website and tried their daily Sudoku.
- It was a 3 star difficulty rated Sudoku.
- To my surprise, I solved it in less than 10 minutes.
- Although it may not seem like a big achievement to others, it made me feel very happy and confident.
- Since then, solving Sudoku has become one of my daily habits.
- Now, I can easily solve 1 star to 4 star difficulty levels easily, but the 5 star ones still take me more than two hours.
- I hope to master them soon too

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

What kind of videos do people in your country like to watch?

People in India like to watch many kinds of videos on platforms like Netflix, YouTube, Instagram like movies, cooking videos, dance tutorials, fitness videos, gaming videos, podcasts, travel vlogs etc. Short reels have also become very popular these days.

Which is more helpful, watching videos or reading books?

I think in today's fast-moving world, people find videos more helpful as they are quick, visual, and better for practical learning. They can make learning easy and interesting. However, books are still important as they can help with a deeper understanding and improve vocabulary, concentration and imagination.

What skills can people learn from watching videos?

People can learn many skills from watching videos like cooking, dancing, photography, coding, gardening, language learning, and even repairing things.

Are there any differences between the videos that young people and old people like to watch?

Yes, there is a clear difference in their preference. Older people like news, religious programs, health tips, cooking videos, gardening tips, and traditional TV programs uploaded online. Young people prefer short reels, entertainment videos, gaming videos, influencer videos about new and upcoming products like latest phones, makeup, fashion etc.

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25. Describe a tall building you like or dislike

You should say:

- What it is used for
- Where it is
- What it looks like

- I would like to talk about one of the most famous tall buildings in the world. It is Burj Khalifa
- It is in Dubai, and it is the tallest building in the world.
- It is in the downtown area of Dubai, and millions of tourists from all over the world come to see it every year.
- It has 163 floors and has a height of 828m.
- I first saw this building in a travel documentary, and since then, I have always wanted to visit it.
- I later saw it in many YouTube videos and travel vlogs.
- Some of my friends and relatives have visited Dubai, and I have heard so much about it from them.
- The building is used for multiple purposes. It has luxury apartments, offices, the Armani Hotel, and restaurants.
- One of the most interesting parts of the building is the observation deck on the upper floors.
- It has very fast elevators that take visitors to the top floors within seconds.
- Tourists need to get tickets to get to the observation decks, which offer panoramic views of Dubai's skyline.
- You can see the entire city of Dubi, the desert, and even the sea on a clear day.
- Many important events and celebrations take place around Burj Khalifa, especially during New Year celebrations, when there is light show that lights up the tower and dazzling fireworks.
- It has a stunning and modern architecture.
- The shape is inspired by the geometry of a regional desert flower.
- It is made of concrete and covered with shiny glass on the outside.
- Its construction began in 2004 and took five years to complete.
- It tapers as it goes higher and looks like a needle in the sky.
- It becomes even more beautiful at night because of the colorful lights.
- It looks different from every angle and stands out among all other buildings in Dubai.
- I like the Burj Khalifa because of the creativity, technology, and engineering skills that went into creating a building of this height.
- It shows ambition, innovation and modern development.
- I feel amazed when I see pictures and videos of it, as it's hard to imagine how such a tall structure was built.
- I wish to visit it one day and experience the breathtaking view in real life.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

Are there many tall buildings in your country?

Yes, there are many tall buildings in India especially in big cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Calcutta, etc. In many cities, land is limited, so vertical construction is preferred. Also, with a rising population, high-rise apartments are becoming more common.

What are the differences between those tall buildings in your country?

Tall buildings vary a lot in terms of purpose, design, and facilities. Some are residential and offer luxury apartments and facilities like a gym, swimming pools, parks, while others are commercial and used for offices, restaurants and shopping complexes. The newer buildings are made of glass and steel, have better technology, open layouts, and are more stylish, whereas the older buildings are simpler.

Why are different places laid out and designed differently?

Different places are designed based on the purpose, population, land availability, climate, etc. For example, crowded cities need high rise buildings to save space, while smaller towns have more single-story homes, bigger lots, and buildings are spread out. In coastal areas, buildings are made stronger to resist strong winds and heavy rains. In colder areas, houses are built with sloping roofs and better insulation to retain heat.

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26. Describe a time when you worked in a group

You should say:

- What you did
- Who you worked with
- What problems you faced
- And explain why you worked in the group

- Well, I would like to talk about a time when I worked in a group during my school days.
- This happened during our summer vacation when I was in the 11th standard.
- A local NGO in Mohali organized a cleanliness campaign, and many students volunteered to join it.
- The aim of the campaign was to clean litter from streets and public places.
- I worked with around eight students from my school along with a few NGO volunteers.
- Every morning, we used to gather at a fixed location, collect gloves and garbage bags, and then clean different areas.
- Honestly, the work was more tiring than I had expected because it was peak summer and very hot outside.
- However, working in a group made the task much easier and more enjoyable.
- One incident from that time is still very memorable for me.
- One morning, while we were cleaning near an empty ground, a few stray dogs suddenly started barking and running towards us.
- At first, everyone got scared.
- One of the NGO volunteers quickly told us not to run and asked us to stand together calmly in a huddle.
- Thankfully, after a few moments the dogs went away on their own.
- Although the situation was a little frightening, it taught us the importance of teamwork and staying calm during problems.
- Another challenge was that many people still threw garbage on the roads even while we were cleaning.
- Sometimes it felt disappointing, but the volunteers motivated us and told us that small efforts can still create awareness.
- I joined this group because I wanted to do something meaningful during my holidays instead of wasting time at home.
- Overall, it was a memorable experience, and I learned a lot about teamwork and social responsibility.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

Why do some people prefer to work by themselves?

Well, some people feel more comfortable working alone because they can focus better without distractions. They also do not have to depend on others or wait for different opinions. Personally, when I study alone, I usually finish my work faster and with better concentration.

What should a leader do to make team members want to follow him or her?

I think a good leader should be supportive, respectful, and a good listener. If leaders behave politely and work along with the team instead of simply giving orders, people naturally respect them more. Confidence and clear communication are also very important qualities in leadership.

Should students learn to do group work?

Yes, definitely. Group work teaches students teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. In real life and future jobs, people often have to work with others, so these skills become very useful. At the same time, students also learn patience because everyone has different ideas and working styles.

What group tasks are there in schools?

Schools usually give group presentations, science projects, debates, sports activities, and cultural performances. Sometimes students are also asked to prepare charts or research projects together. These activities help students interact more and build confidence.

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27. Describe a person who loves to grow plants (e.g. vegetables, flowers) at home or in the garden

You should say:

- Who this person is
- What plants he/she grows
- How he/she grows the plants
- And explain why he/she loves growing plants

- I would like to talk about a person who loves growing plants, and that person is my mother.
- She grows a wide variety of plants at our home, including beautiful flowers like roses as well as some seasonal vegetables in our backyard.
- She spends a lot of time taking care of them.
- For instance, she makes sure to water them every morning and carefully checks their leaves to keep them healthy.
- One interesting thing about her hobby is her love for decorative pots.
- Whenever we travel to Chandigarh to visit our relatives, we always make it a point to stop at local nurseries.
- Because she loves these so much, she always buys new and colourful pots to add to her collection.
- There are two main reasons why she enjoys this hobby so much.
- First of all, it connects her to her childhood.
- Since she spent her early years living on a big farmhouse where her grandfather had huge fruit orchards, she has always felt very close to nature.
- Gardening brings those happy memories back to her.
- Secondly, she strongly believes that plants make a house look much more beautiful.
- Thanks to the bright flowers and her colourful pots, our house feel fresh and full of life.
- Overall, growing plants is her favourite way to stay connected to nature and keep our home looking lovely.

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Follow-up Questions (Part 3)

What are the advantages of growing vegetables or flowers at home?
The main advantage is that it provides fresh and healthy food. Because people grow the vegetables themselves, they know they do not have any harmful chemicals or sprays on them. Furthermore, growing plants is a very peaceful hobby that helps people relax after a busy day.

Do many people grow vegetables or flowers at home in your country?
Yes, it is very common in India, and it is becoming even more popular in big cities. Even though city houses are small, many people use their balconies or rooftops to create small gardens. They do this mainly to get fresh air and beauty.

Is it easy to grow plants at home?
It really depends on what you want to grow. While simple indoor plants, like the money plant, are very easy and need little care, growing vegetables is harder. For vegetables, you need to pay close attention to the soil, water, and sunlight to get a good result.

Why do some people like to grow plants?
There are a few reasons for this. Firstly, it keeps them close to nature, which is very refreshing. Secondly, it is a great way to make their homes look green and beautiful. They also improve the air quality.

Why do some people prefer to grow their own fruits and vegetables instead of buying them from the market?
Most people prefer homegrown food because it is much safer for their health. Market vegetables are often grown with chemical sprays, whereas home gardens are usually natural and safe. In addition to this, many people feel that the food they grow with their own hands simply tastes much better.

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28. Describe a person you know who has a successful business

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How you got to know him/her
- Why and how he/she started the business
- What business he/she does
- And explain why you think the business is successful

- Well, I would like to talk about a successful businessman whom I really admire, and his name is Sunil Bharti Mittal.
- He is the founder of Bharti Airtel, which is one of the biggest telecom companies in India.
- I got to know about him after watching one of his interviews and podcasts on YouTube.
- Honestly, I found his life story very inspiring because he started from a very simple level and achieved huge success through hard work.
- As far as I know, he belongs to Punjab and started his business journey at a young age.
- In the beginning, he was involved in a small business related to bicycle parts along with his friends.
- Later, he realized that the telecom industry had huge potential in the future.
- So, he slowly shifted his focus towards telecommunications and started working in that field.
- At that time, mobile phones were not very common in India, and building such a business was quite risky.
- He faced many struggles and challenges in the beginning, especially competition and lack of resources.
- However, he stayed focused and kept expanding his company step by step.
- Slowly, Airtel became popular because of its good network and affordable services.
- Today, the company operates in many countries and has millions of customers.
- One thing I really admire about him is that he still speaks very humbly despite being so successful.
- In his interviews, he often says that success comes from consistency, discipline, and taking smart risks.
- I think his business is successful because the company provides useful services that people need every day.
- Moreover, Airtel built strong customer trust over many years.
- Overall, I really admire Sunil Bharti Mittal because he built a huge business from scratch through vision, hard work, and determination.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

Why do some people start their own business?
Well, many people start their own business because they want financial independence and more control over their work. Some people also do not like working under someone else. Nowadays, social media and online platforms have also made starting a business much easier than before.

Should governments provide financial support to start-ups?
Yes, I think governments should support start-ups, especially small businesses started by young people. Many good ideas fail simply because people do not have enough money in the beginning. Financial support or low-interest loans can help create jobs and improve the economy as well.

Do most people prefer shopping at big stores or small stores?
Nowadays, many people prefer big stores because they provide more variety, discounts, and better facilities under one roof. However, small shops are still popular for daily items because they are convenient and often located nearby. Personally, I visit small stores for quick shopping but malls for bigger purchases.

What makes a business successful?
In my opinion, good quality products and customer trust are the biggest reasons behind a successful business. Hard work, smart planning, and consistency also matter a lot. Even the best idea can fail if the owner does not manage it properly.

What makes a business fail?
Honestly, poor planning is one of the main reasons businesses fail. Some people start businesses without understanding the market or customer needs. Apart from that, lack of patience, bad management, and strong competition can also create serious problems for a company.

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29. Describe an important decision that you made

You should say:

- What the decision was
- How you made your decision
- What the results of the decision were
- And explain why it was important

- I would like to talk about a very important decision I recently made.
- Since I just completed my 12th standard, I had to decide what course to study in college.
- Most of my classmates were choosing engineering or medical fields because they are very popular.
- However, I decided to choose a Bachelor of Business Administration, or BBA.
- Making this decision was very challenging for me.
- First, I spent a lot of time thinking about my own interests and strengths.
- I realized that I am much better at communicating and organizing things than studying complex science subjects.
- After that, I discussed my thoughts with my parents and my school teachers.
- They supported me and advised me to follow my passion instead of just copying my friends.
- The result of this decision has been very positive so far.
- I recently got an offer letter from a very good college for my BBA program.
- Because I chose a subject I actually like, I feel very excited and confident about my upcoming studies.
- This decision was incredibly important for my life.
- It will shape my entire future career and decide what kind of job I will do.
- Looking back, I am very happy that I took the time to make the right choice for myself.

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Follow-up Questions (Part 3)

Do you think children sometimes have to make important decisions?
Yes, even though they are young, children do make important choices. For instance, they have to decide who to make friends with or what sports and hobbies to learn. While these decisions might seem small to adults, they are actually very important for a child's confidence and personal growth.

What important decisions do teenagers need to make after graduation?
The biggest decision for teenagers after finishing school is choosing their career path. They have to decide which university to attend and what subjects to major in. Furthermore, many teenagers nowadays also have to decide whether they want to study in their home country or take English exams to study abroad.

Who can children turn to for help when making a decision?
Children usually turn to their parents or older siblings for help. Because parents have a lot of life experience, they can give very practical and safe advice. In addition to family members, schoolteachers and counsellors are also great people to ask for guidance, especially for studies.

Do you think advertisements can influence our decisions when shopping?
Yes, advertisements have a huge impact on what we buy. They often use catchy music, bright colours, and famous actors to make products look very attractive. Because of this clever marketing, people sometimes end up buying things they do not really need just because the advertisement looked so good.

Do you think the influence of advertising is good?
I think it is a mix of both good and bad. On the positive side, it is good because it tells us about new products, useful technology, and helpful discounts. On the negative side, it can be bad because it sometimes pressures people, especially teenagers, to spend too much money on expensive fashion brands to fit in with others.

How do people usually make important decisions?
Most people like to take their time before making a big choice rather than rushing into it. They usually make a list of the positive and negative points to see what is best for them. Besides doing their own thinking, they also talk to family members, teachers or friends to get a helpful second opinion before finalizing their choice.

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30. Describe a person who works in a successful company

You should say:

- Who he/she is
- What he/she does in the company
- What business the company does
- And explain why you think it is a successful company

- I would like to talk about the CEO of Google and its parent company Alphabet, Mr. Sundar Pichai.
- He leads the company and is responsible for the day-to-day operations.
- He is a respected leader in the tech industry.
- He joined Google in 2004 and helped with the development of Google Chrome and Google Toolbar.
- After years of working closely with Google's co-founders, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, he became Google's CEO in August 2015.
- He oversees major projects in artificial intelligence, search engines, smartphones and cloud computing.
- He has also expanded Google's reach into new markets such as India and China
- He did his bachelor's from IIT Kharagpur, master's from Stanford University, and MBA from Wharton School.
- I have seen his interviews, and he is very calm, intelligent, and a very good public speaker.
- He even received the Padma Bhushan from the Government of India in 2022.
- Google's main focus is on technology and internet-based services.
- It is the second most valuable company in the world.
- Google search engine is its most famous product, which millions of people use every day.
- Besides that, the company also develops products like Gmail, Google Maps, YouTube, Android, and the AI tool Gemini.
- So, this company plays a huge role in the everyday lives of people.
- It is a very successful company, as everyone in the world recognizes this brand.
- It is constantly creating new products instead of depending on just one service. For example, they are investing heavily in artificial intelligence and other future technologies.
- It is adapting to the changing technology and its profits, earnings, and revenue grow every year.
- Even with the increasing competition from other companies, it is still one of the most influential companies in the world.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

Do you think governments should provide financial support to companies?

Yes, I think governments should sometimes provide financial support to companies, especially during economic crises. For example, during a recession or pandemic, many businesses struggle financially, and government support can help save jobs and save the economy.

Do you think companies should donate money to help society?

Yes, I think large companies make huge profits and have a responsibility to give back to society. They can donate money to healthcare, education, environmental protection, etc. This way they can make a difference in people's lives and improve their public image.

Do you think customer satisfaction is important for a company?

Yes, customers are the foundation of any business, and if they are happy, they are more likely to return and recommend the company to others. Nowadays, because of online reviews and social media, companies can lose customers if they provide poor customer service. Good companies listen to customer feedback and continue to improve their products.

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31. Describe a place you would like to visit in your free time

You should say:

- Where it is
- What you will do there
- How long you will stay there
- And explain why you would like to visit it

- A place I would really want to visit in my free time is Italy.
- Italy is located in the southern part of Europe and is surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea.
- I did a project in high school on Italy, and ever since then I have been fascinated by the country.
- I have watched countless videos and seen so many beautiful pictures of Italy online, which made me want to visit even more.
- There is so much to do in Italy that I think I would need at least two weeks to explore everything properly.
- That's why I would like to go when I have enough free time and can take a long break from work without being rushed.
- One place I especially want to go is Cinque Terre. It is made up of five colorful coastal towns, and people can hike from one town to another.
- Each town has its own unique charm and atmosphere.
- On the train, it only takes a few minutes to travel between the towns.
- I would also love to visit Rome and see the famous Colosseum.
- It is a huge ancient amphitheatre where gladiators used to fight during Roman times.
- It has around 80 entrances, and thousands of spectators would gather there to watch the battles.
- Seeing such a historical monument in person would be unforgettable.
- Another place I want to go is Naples, which is the birthplace of Pizza.
- Near Naples is Mount Vesuvius and the ancient city of Pompeii.
- Pompeii was buried under volcanic ash when Mount Vesuvius erupted many centuries ago.
- Because of the ash, much of the city was preserved and today people can still see its remains.
- Finally, I would love to visit the Amalfi coast because of its breathtaking scenery, blue water, and beautiful coastal views.
- I want to visit Italy because of its rich history, stunning landscapes, and incredible food.
- I want to try authentic Italian dishes like pizza, pasta, and gelato.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

Why do you think some people choose not to travel abroad?

It can be because of many reasons. One is cost, as international travel can get very expensive because of flights, hotels, food, etc. Another reason is that some people feel more comfortable staying in their own country because they are familiar with the language, culture, and environment. Some may not have time because of work, studies, or family responsibilities.

Do you think a gap period in life is important?

Yes, I think a gap period is important as it gives people time to relax and explore their interests. Students can use this year to gain new experiences through travel, volunteering, or learning new skills. They can become more mature and confident before starting university.

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32. Describe a food that people eat on special occasions/events

You should say:

- What it is
- What the special event/occasion is
- How it is cooked/made
- And explain why people eat it on that special occasion/event

- Well, I would like to talk about a traditional food that people often eat on special occasions in my region, and that is Kheer.
- It is basically a sweet rice pudding made with milk, rice, and sugar.
- In Punjab, people commonly prepare it during festivals and religious occasions.
- One special event when it is made a lot is Baisakhi.
- This festival is very important in Punjab because it celebrates the harvesting of the wheat crop.
- Farmers especially celebrate it with great happiness and enthusiasm after months of hard work in the fields.
- Apart from Baisakhi, people also prepare kheer during Gurpurabs and other family celebrations.
- As far as I know, kheer is quite simple to make, but it takes time and patience.
- First, milk is boiled slowly in a large pot.
- Then rice and sugar are added, and the mixture is cooked for a long time until it becomes thick and creamy.
- Some people also add dry fruits like almonds, cashews, or raisins to improve the taste.
- In many families, cardamom is also added for extra flavor.
- I still remember that during Baisakhi, my grandmother used to prepare kheer early in the morning while the whole house smelled amazing.
- After visiting the gurdwara, all family members used to sit together and eat it.
- Personally, I really enjoy kheer because it tastes delicious and also reminds me of family gatherings and festivals.
- I think people eat it on special occasions because it is considered a symbol of happiness, celebration, and prosperity.
- Moreover, milk and rice are seen as simple but pure ingredients in Indian culture.
- Even today, whenever I eat kheer, it gives me a very warm and nostalgic feeling

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

Why are there special foods on special occasions or events?

Well, special foods are often connected with culture, traditions, and emotions. People prepare them during festivals or family events to celebrate happiness together. For example, in many Indian families sweets are prepared during festivals because they are considered a symbol of joy and good luck.

Are there any differences between the food people eat today and the food people ate in the past?

Yes, there is a huge difference. In the past, people mostly ate simple homemade food which was fresh and healthier. Nowadays many people prefer fast food and packaged items because life has become busy and people want convenience. However, some families still prefer traditional homemade meals, especially during festivals and family gatherings.

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33. Describe a live sports event you watched and liked

You should say:

- What it was
- When and where you watched it
- Who you watched it with
- And explain why you liked it

- I'd like to describe a truly exhilarating IPL match I attended recently at the brand-new Maharaja Yadavindra Singh Stadium in Mullanpur.
- The game was a nail-biting encounter between my home team, the Punjab Kings, and the Gujarat Titans.
- I was accompanied by a close friend, Ravi.
- He had managed to secure two exclusive corporate tickets through his business network.
- Because of these premium passes, we were lucky enough to be seated in the balcony area, which provided an unobstructed, bird's-eye view of the entire pitch.
- The match kicked off with Gujarat batting first, and they set a fairly competitive target of around 200 runs.
- Punjab's local bowler, Arshdeep Singh, was in top form and managed to take three crucial wickets.
- Each wicket was celebrated with incredible intensity.
- However, the real drama began during the second half of the game when Punjab struggled early on and lost a few quick wickets.
- Just when the pressure seemed overwhelming, our captain Shreyas Iyer steadied the innings.
- He played a sensational unbeaten knock, hitting massive sixes all over the park and taking the game deep into the final over.
- The match reached the high point when he hit the winning runs, securing a thrilling three-wicket victory for Punjab on the very last ball.
- The roar from the 30,000 fans in the stadium was absolutely amazing.
- It was truly an unforgettable experience.

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Why do some people like to watch sports events?

I believe it's primarily about the sense of community and the adrenaline rush. Watching a match live allows people to escape their daily routine and enjoy a thrilling experience with their loved ones and sometimes even strangers.

What are the advantages of watching sports events online?

The biggest advantage is definitely convenience. People can stream a match from anywhere in the world on a smartphone without having to deal with traffic or expensive tickets. Additionally, online platforms often provide multiple camera angles and real-time statistics that make watching the events much more entertaining.

What sports matches are suitable for children to attend?

Generally, matches with a family-oriented atmosphere and simple rules are best, such as cricket or football. These events have music, and halftime shows that keep young children engaged even if they don't fully understand the rules fully. It's a great way to introduce them to the concepts of teamwork and healthy competition in a safe environment.

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34. Describe a person you know who would like to choose a career in the medical field (e.g. a doctor, a nurse)

You should say:
- When you knew him/her
- When he/she started to think about that
- What he/she would like to do
- And explain why he/she would like to choose this career

- I'd like to talk about one of my closest childhood friends, who is currently working toward a career in medicine.
- We have been friends since our early school days, but our academic paths eventually diverged in high school.
- I chose to pursue the Commerce stream, while she opted for Medical because being a doctor was always her ultimate dream.
- Even as a young child, she was absolutely fascinated by the healthcare profession.
- I vividly remember her spending hours watching medical dramas like Grey's Anatomy and House instead of typical cartoons.
- However, her desire to become a doctor isn't just based on television shows; it comes from a very personal and tragic event.
- A few years ago, her uncle sadly passed away in a road accident due to a lack of a specialized trauma surgeon at the government hospital.
- That incident was a pivotal moment for her and solidified her resolve to enter this field.
- She specifically wants to become a trauma surgeon so she can provide immediate care to people in critical conditions.
- She is a very compassionate person and firmly believes that this is where she can make the most significant difference in society.
- I've watched her study day and night, handling the immense pressure of medical entrance exams with great maturity.
- I truly admire her dedication and I have no doubt that she will become an exceptional surgeon and save many lives in the future.

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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

Do you think being a doctor is easy or difficult?

Yes, I think being a doctor is very challenging due to the long years of study and exhausting hospital shifts. However, the hardest part is the constant mental pressure doctors face as even a small mistake can result in a death of a patient. I would never be able to deal with so much stress.

Do you think learning biology is interesting for children?

Yes, I believe biology is very interesting for children because they are naturally curious about how their own bodies and the world around them work. However, it also depends upon the way they are taught. If they are just taught theoretically, it can be boring. I think schools should include practical lab sessions like planting seeds and looking at cells under a microscope to make it interesting.

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35. 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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36. 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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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

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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37. 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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38. 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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39. 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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Part 3 - Follow up Questions

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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40. 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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41. 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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42. 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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43. 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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44. 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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45. 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.

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46. 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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47. 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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48. 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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49. 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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50. 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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51. 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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52. 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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53. 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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54. 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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55. 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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56. 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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57. 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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58. 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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59. 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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60. 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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61. 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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62. 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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63. 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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64. 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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65. 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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66. 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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67. 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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68. 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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69. 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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70. 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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71. 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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72. 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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73. 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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74. 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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75. 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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76. 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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77. 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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78. 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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79. 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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80. 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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81. 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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82. 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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83. 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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84. 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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85. 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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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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86. 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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87. 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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88. 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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89. 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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90. 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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91. 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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92. 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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93. 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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94. 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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95. 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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96. 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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97. 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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98. 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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99. 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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100. 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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101. 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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102. 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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103. 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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104. 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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105. 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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106. 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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107. 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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108. 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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109. 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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110. 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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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 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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116. 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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117. 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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118. 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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119. 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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120. 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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121. 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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122. 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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123. 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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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.

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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. Watch

Do you wear a watch?
No, I don't wear a watch. I've never been comfortable with the feeling of having something on my wrist. Besides, since I always have my mobile phone on me, I don't really feel the need for one.

Have you ever received a watch as a gift?
Yes, my grandpa once gave me a watch as a gift. I accepted it, but then gave it to my dad because, as I mentioned earlier, I don't wear them.

Why do some people wear expensive watches?
I can think of two main reasons. First, some wear them to show off their wealth and status. Second, a classy, expensive watch adds to a person's overall attire. I don't wear watches myself, but I can't deny that a good-looking one enhances a person's appearance.

Do you think it is important to wear a watch? Why?
No, I don't think it's important. It has its advantages, but I wouldn't consider it essential.

6. Cars

Do you think car colours are important?
It matters to a certain extent; for example, colours like white get dirty very easily, while an uncommon colour makes locating the car in a huge parking lot much easier. However, I don't think it is overly important.

Did you enjoy traveling by car when you were a kid?
Yes, I absolutely loved it, largely because I enjoyed spending time with my parents. We used to do many fun things in the car, like playing Taboo, Antakshari, and so on.

What types of cars do you like?
I don't have a specific preference, but I do favour SUVs because they offer more legroom. As a tall person, I tend to feel cramped in sedans or smaller cars.

Do you prefer to be a driver or a passenger?
Always a passenger, as I like doing other things while travelling. Moreover, it can be a nightmare to drive on Indian roads due to the heavy traffic and blatant disregard for traffic rules.

What do you usually do when there is a traffic jam?

It depends on the day. Sometimes I talk on the phone with a friend or relative. If I have my laptop with me, I finish up pending work; otherwise, I just listen to music on the radio.

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7. Websites

What kinds of websites do you often visit?
There are three main websites I frequently visit: Google for searching, YouTube for entertainment, and Google Gemini for advice and suggestions. Oh, I also use Amazon for shopping.

What is your favourite website?
I don't have a favourite website as such; I just use them as needed. However, if I had to pick one, it would be Google.

Are there any changes to the websites you often visit?
Yes, recently my use of Google Gemini and ChatGPT has increased considerably. I use these platforms for advice, drafting documents, and brainstorming ideas. Besides that, there haven't been any significant changes in my browsing habits.

What kinds of websites are popular in your country?
I think the popular ones are similar to what I use. Apps like Snapchat and Instagram are incredibly popular, but as for actual websites, I believe the ones I mentioned earlier—Amazon, Google, YouTube, and ChatGPT—dominate.

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8. Mirrors

Do you like looking at yourself in the mirror? How often? I look in the mirror when getting ready in the morning or for an event, but I wouldn't say I actively enjoy looking at myself. Perhaps if I were more handsome, my answer would be different!

Have you ever bought mirrors? No, not that I recall. My parents must have bought some when they built our house, but I have never purchased one personally.

Do you usually take a mirror with you? No, I never feel the need. My car has a mirror I can use in an emergency, or I can just turn on my phone's front camera.
Would you use mirrors to decorate your room? I've never really thought about it, but I'm not opposed to the idea. If it would enhance the appearance of my room, I don't see why not.

9. Parks

Did you like going to parks as a child?
Yes, I loved it. I usually went there to play badminton or cricket with my friends.

Do you still like going to parks now?
I don't dislike it, but I hardly find the time to visit them nowadays.

Would you like to see more parks in your city?
Yes. There is actually no park in my neighbourhood. I would love to take my dogs to a park for a walk, but I have to walk them on the road because there aren't any nearby.

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Are there any parks you want to go to in the future?
If a special park opens, I would definitely love to visit. However, I can't think of a specific one I am dying to go to right now.

10. Shopping

How often do you go shopping?
I shop from time to time, but I'm not a frequent shopper. I usually go grocery shopping once or twice a month, and clothes shopping about three or four times a year.

Do you prefer online shopping or in-store shopping?
I generally prefer in-store shopping. I tend to only purchase items online if they aren't easily available in local supermarkets or malls.

Have you ever returned anything you bought online?
Yes, it has happened two or three times. Once, there was a price mismatch. Another time, I received a used product. Lastly, I once ordered a heater and the heating rod inside was broken.

Do you like shopping?
I don't hate it, but I don't particularly enjoy it either. I basically only do it when I actually need something.

11. Tidiness

Do you like to keep things tidy?
Yes, absolutely. It is very hard for me to work in a cluttered environment.

Did you use to keep your room tidy as a child?
Yes, I tried my best, but my mother also played a big role in that. She made the bed after I left for school and ensured the floors were cleaned every day by the maid.

12. Music

Do you prefer sad or happy music?
I definitely like happy, upbeat music. I find that it sets a positive tone for the day, especially when I'm driving or working.

Does happy music make you feel more excited?
Absolutely. An energetic track can instantly lift my mood and give me a burst of energy, particularly if I'm feeling a bit sluggish in the afternoon.

13. Teacher

Do you have a favourite teacher?
Yes, I can never forget my high school English teacher, Mrs Kak. She had a unique way of making the subject engaging rather than just a chore to memorize.

In what way has your favourite teacher helped you?

She instilled a lot of confidence in me. Instead of just pointing out mistakes, she guided me on how to structure my thoughts effectively, which has been incredibly useful in my career.

Are you still in touch with your primary school teachers?
Unfortunately, no. It's been quite a long time, and people move around, so I've naturally lost touch with them over the years.

Do you have a teacher from your past that you still remember?
Definitely. I clearly remember my math teacher from middle school. He was quite strict but incredibly fair, and he built a strong foundation that I still rely on today.

Do you want to be a teacher in the future?
I am not sure, I want to be a teacher. I think it requires a lot of patience and I am not sure I possess that much patience.

14. Social Media

Have you ever posted anything on social media?
Yes, occasionally. I tend to share updates about major life events or perhaps some travel photos, but I wouldn't call myself a heavy poster.

When did you start using social media?
I probably started back in high school when platforms like Instagram were just becoming mainstream.

Do you think you spend too much time on social media?
Sometimes, yes. It's very easy to start mindlessly scrolling through Instagram or YouTube shorts, and before you know it, an hour has passed.

Do your friends use social media?
Yes, almost all of them do. In fact, it's our primary way of staying connected or sharing anything new in our life.

What do people often do on social media?
I think the majority of people use it to consume short-form entertainment, catch up on news, and share personal milestones with their friends and family.

15. Clothing

What kind of clothes do you like to wear?
I usually opt for t-shirts and jeans. However, I have recently started wearing traditional Indian dresses as well like kurtas.

Do you prefer to wear comfortable and casual clothes or smart clothes?
I prefer comfortable and casual clothes. I am not really good at dressing in smart clothes.

Do you like wearing T-shirts?
Yes, they are the main part of my wardrobe. They are easy to pair with almost anything.

Do you spend a lot of time choosing clothes?
Not really. I tend to stick to neutral colours and classic fits, so mixing and matching is pretty effortless in the morning.

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16. Dream and Ambition

What was your childhood dream?
When I was very young, I think I wanted to be a pilot. The idea of flying around the world and visiting different countries seemed incredibly glamorous to me.

Are you the kind of person who sticks to dreams?
I haven't stuck to my dream of becoming a pilot, but I have stuck to certain other dreams like learning chess and piano.

What is your dream job?
My long term dream is to open small boutique café in a secluded tourist town. I hope to achieve that one day.

Do you think you are an ambitious person?
I am ambitious, but I would also prioritise my family over my ambitions any day.

17. Outer Space and Stars

Have you ever learnt about outer space and stars?
Mostly just the basics back in school. We covered the solar system and introductory astronomy, but I haven't delved into it deeply after that.

Do you like science fiction movies? Why?
Yes, I enjoy them. They offer a great escape from reality and usually have incredible visual effects that make futuristic concepts feel believable.

Do you want to know more about outer space?
It's not a top priority for me, but I do find documentaries about solar systems and stars very engaging.

Do you want to go into outer space in the future?
Yes, but I wouldn't want to be a guinea pig and be one of the first ones to risk it. After space travel becomes mainstream and well-established certainly.

18. Singing

Do you like singing? Why?
I enjoy humming along to songs in the car, but I wouldn't say I sing properly. It's just a fun way to pass the time and relieve stress.

Have you ever learnt how to sing?
No, I've never taken any formal vocal training or singing lessons.

Who do you want to sing for?
Just myself, really! I know I don't have a great singing voice, so I prefer to spare others from listening to my out of tune voice.

Do you think singing can bring happiness to people?

Absolutely. Music has a profound impact on human emotions, and singing can be incredibly uplifting and therapeutic.

19. Science

Do you like science?
Yes, I appreciate it. It explains how the world around us works, from the technology in our phones to the basic principles of agriculture.

When did you start to learn about science?
Like most people, my formal introduction to science started in primary school with basic environmental studies.

Which science subject is interesting to you?
I find biology quite interesting, especially human anatomy and understanding how different li festyle choices impact our long-term health.

What kinds of interesting things have you done with science?
Recently, I've been experimenting with urban gardening at home and applying new science c oncepts in composting.

Do you like watching science TV programs?
Occasionally. I prefer well-produced documentaries that explain complex concepts in an easy manner.

Do Indian people often visit science museums?
It's fairly common for school trips to visit science museums, like the Science City in Punjab. I also went there on a school trip in 10th standard.

20. Headphones

What type of headphones do you use?
I use wireless earbuds. They are incredibly convenient and easy to carry around in my pocket without having to deal with tangled wires.

When would you use headphones?
I usually put them on when I'm traveling, taking work calls in a noisy environment, or sometimes when I have downtime playing on my PS5.

In what conditions would you not use headphones?
I don't wear them when I am alone at home or when I am driving because I want to be really aware of my surroundings.

Do you use headphones?
Yes, almost every day. They are an essential piece of tech in my daily routine for both work and entertainment.

21. Buildings

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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.

22. 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.

23. 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?
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.

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. 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.

29. 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.

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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.

30. 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.

31. 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.

32. 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.

33. 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.

34. 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.

35. Walking

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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.

36. 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.

37. 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.

38. 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.

39. 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.

40. 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.

41. 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.

42. 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.

43. 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.

44. 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.

45. 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.

46. 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.

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?

47. 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.

48. 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.

49. 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.

50. 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.

51. 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.

52. 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.

53. 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.

54. 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.

55. 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.

56. 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.

57. 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.

58. 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.

59. 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.

60. 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.

61. 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.

62. 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.

63. 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.

64. 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.

65. 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.

66. 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.

67. 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.

68. 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.

69. 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.

70. 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.

71. 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.

72. 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.

73. 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.

74. 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.

75. 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.

76. 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.

77. 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.

78. 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.

79. 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.

80. 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.

81. 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

82. 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.

83. 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.

84. 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.

85. 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.

86. 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.

87. 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.

88. 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.

89. 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.

90. 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.

91. 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.

92. 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.

93. 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.

94. 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.

95. 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.

96. Taking photos

Do you want to improve your photography skills?

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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.

97. 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.

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98. 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.

99. 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.

100. 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.

101. 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.

102. 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.

103. 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.

104. 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.

105. 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.

106. 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.

107. 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.

108. 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.

109. 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.

110. 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.

111. 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.

112. 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.

113. 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.

114. 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.

115. 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.

116. 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.

117. 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?

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As a child, I enjoyed playing sports, reading books, and spending time outdoors with friends and family.

118. 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.

119. 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.

120. 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.

121. 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.

122. 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.

123. 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.

124. 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.

125. 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.

126. 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.

127. 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.

128. 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.

129. 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.

130. 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.

131. 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.

132. 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.

133. Happy things

1. Is there anything that has made you feel happy lately?
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.

134. 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.

135. 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.

136. 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

137. 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.

138. 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.

139. 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.

140. 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.

141. 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.

142. 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?

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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.

143. 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.

144. 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.

145. 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.

146. 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.

147. 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.

148. 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.

149. 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.

150. 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.

151. 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.

152. 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.

153. 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.

154. 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.

155. 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.

156. 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.

157. 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?

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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.

158. 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.

159. 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.

160. 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.

161. 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.

162. 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.

163. 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.

164. 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.

165. 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.

166. 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.

167. 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.

168. 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.

169. 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

170. 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.

171. 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.

172. 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.

173. 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.

174. 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.

175. 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.

176. 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.

177. 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.

178. 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.

179. 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.

180. 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.

181. 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.

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182. 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

183. 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.

184. 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.

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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