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# 1. Describe your first day at school.

#### Where it was?

#### What happened?

## Explain how felt on that day?

Every Child's first day at school is always very exciting I remember my first day at school very vividly. I had sought admission in DAV school, (place name). I got up early in the morning. It was a bright sunny day. My mother dropped at the school main gate. I took a deep breathe and started walking towards the main entrance. I was in an emotional turmoil. I was excited, scared and a little bit nervous. I started looking at all other kids. Most of were in groups and all talking, laughing and smiling. I felt very small, like I was an alien who had just arrived on planet earth. I wanted to go back but that was not possible. When I got to the main building of the school I walked up to the reception area where I enquired about my class room.

After that, I went into the classroom and took my seat in the last row in the front of me there was a big blackboard on the wall near it there was a decent chair and table for the teachers. After a few minutes, a teacher entered in the classroom. I gave the chit to her and she wrote my name in the register. I introduced myself and sat in my place, I suddenly heard a voice from my back somebody said, Excuse me and I turned around. To my surprise it, a beautiful girl, 'yes' I said, she asked me for friendship, I was highly elated, that I couldn't stop myself from saying yes. She showed me reading room and library, I found the school wall

decorated with paintings. Then, we attended periods. At 12.30 the last bell rang, the classes were over. When I reached home, I was quite glad. This day was memorable for me, because I like the school.

#### Follow- UPS

# 1. Do you think students should be taken to school by their parents or by themselves?

Children in initial classes should not go to school by themselves because they are too small and it's parents responsibility they could drop their children to school. On the other hand, children in high school can go on their own.

## 2. should children rely on their parents or be independent?

In the world of parent-child relationships, children are evidently very dependent on their parent. But after a certain ate, kids want to be left alone, they want to go out and explore on their own and make their own decisions.

## 3. How can children become more independent?

Children can become more independent if parents create a list of tasks that their child should be able to do their, such as getting dressed or putting their toys away. If parents allow children some freedom, then children can become independent very soon.

## 4. What is the effect if parents interfere with children's life too much?

Every parent wants to make their child stand on the top of this world in the image of the child himself as well as in the eyes of other people but nowadays, situation is somewhat going complex and perspective of the growing children changing. If parents interfere with children's life too much, children become introverts. They cannot development to their full potential.

# 2. Describe an aquatic animal.

#### What it looks like?

## When you saw it?

## Explain why it is interesting?

Aquatic animals are those animals that live underwater. There are a vast variety of aquatic creatures with unique creatures with unique characteristics.

I know about several sea creatures like whales, dolphins and many more. Today, I would like to elaborate about whales.

Well, I have been familiar with this fascinating animal called whales since the days of my early childhood when I started to attend elementary school and learn about the beautiful and exotic animals in the world.

The size of whales varies from 80 to 150 feet. They usually have a life span of an average 77 years and some whales live over a century. Later, I have seen this animal and their characteristics on different TV channels. No doubt, this is not a common water animal in our country.

In fact, fishes are the most common water animal in our country and very few whales could be found in the ocean in our country.

This is the largest known animal in the animal kingdom which lives in water and is known as marine mammal animal. The average whales can be 30 meters long and they can have approximately 200 tonnes weight. Whales breathe air, like other mammals, and they are warm blooded, feed milk to their infants and have body hair.

The whale is considered to be an animal that learns, teaches and cooperate with other mammal animals. Whales can make extremely loud sounds which are known as whale songs and these sounds which are known as whale songs and these sounds are their communication media.

It is generally considered that whales are predators but they also eat various other foods like plankton and other animals. Even whales are important for maintaining the ecosystem so, this is the aquatic animal which I find very interesting.

### Follow-Ups

## 1. Why do people like to keep pets?

To be honest, We would all agree that pets are loyal companions to human. Pets like dogs give you unconditional love. Nowadays, people lead With hectic schedule so they want relax or relief in their life that's why they keep pets. Pets also act as a security guard as well as stress buster for then.

# 2. What should we do to protect endangered species?

Individuals should take various measure to save the endangered species. Like they educate the masses about extinct species and herbicides and pesticides are hazardous pollutants that affect wildlife at many levels. They should not do hunting of animals as well as they provide some funds so we can save these animals.

# 3. Why do some people refuse to eat animals?

Some masses are pure vegetarian that's why they don't eat meat. Furthermore, some segment of society refuse to eat animals on religious grounds. Even people feel that vegetables and fruits provide enough nutrients to them.

# 4. What would happen when some species disappear on earth?

There can be a number of negative consequences if some species become extinct on our planet. The first effect is that there will be an imbalance in the ecosystem. We would also lose out on the diversity of nature.

## 3. Describe a bag you want to own.

What kind of bag it is?

Where you want to buy it?

How much it will cost you?

Why you want this kind of bag?

Well, I have numerous bags in my wardrobe like handbag and messenger bag and so on. Here, I would like to elaborate a particular bag which I want to buy in near future. It is a backpack.

Backpack are quite possibly the perfect bag for just about everyone. I want to buy this bag from online website Amazon. I checked last month, there was a huge discount on it. Normally, price of these type of bags price lie between 1500 to 2000 but recently they have offer 60% discount.

There are several reasons why I want that type of bag. Firstly, backpacks are incredibly convenient as give access to my items easily and with very little effort.

In addition to it, these types of bag are lightweight, simple and handy and great for everyday use.

No matter what you need to carry, infact travel experts from all over the world recommend using a backpack as this can make travelling easier and a lot more fun

Most importantly, a backpack enables me to carry my belongings safely. Most backpacks are waterproof, lightweight and flexible, and they provide maximum protection for the products inside them. A good quality backpack will never go out of style.

Backpacks make carrying around everything from books to clothing and other essentials more comfortable. For example, No matter what you are carrying in your backpack, or how much it weighs, it will be much easier and safer. With a

backpack, the weight is more evenly distributed and your hands will be free to use your smartphone.

In the end, I would possess it in coming months.

# Part 3 Follow-ups

# 1. Why do you think women like to buy bags?

Women consider handbags as their companion in doing shopping and buying groceries, which means they should not be too heavy or bulky. Furthermore, they carry their makeup, keys and other stuff. According to me, every woman fond of fashionable bags.

# 2.why are some people willing to buy expensive bags?

For some consumers, a luxury good can go a long way in increasing self-esteem or providing a sense of belonging. A sense of accomplishment is another reason why some people buy luxury goods. They want to reward themselves for their hard work by treating themselves to something they typically could not afford. Moreover, some masses are brand conscious.

# 3. Is the backpack practical in life?

Definitely yes, backpacks allow you to be comfortable and hands-free because backpacks use two soft, padded shoulder straps to distribute weight more evenly, they can be carried for long periods of time without experiencing discomfort.

# 4. why do children need to carry a uniform schoolbag?

School bags evolved to form a student's identity in school and school authorities don't want discrimination between rich and poor students. Children need school bags to keep their books and personal belongings in a organized manner. It enhance their academic performance and overall skills.

# 4. Describe your favourite singer

## How do you know this singer

## What this person is like

## Do you think he/she is good?

Music is food of soul according to shakespeare. I have a number of favourite singers but I love one particular singer, Babbu MANN, is an Indian singer-songwriter, actor and film producer. Maan's primary objective crowd is the Punjabi populace of the world.

Since 1999, he has released eight studio collections and more has composed screenplays for, acted in and created Punjabi films; and has contributed immensly to provincial and Bollywood film soundtracks.

Most of his artistic work focuses on Punjabi music and films. He is a very successful and renowned singer around the world for the last three decades. Though POP music lovers mostly like his songs, a vast number of people whose first preference of music falls into other categories, also like him a lot. His music touches the hearts of millions of people around the world and though he is mainly a pop singer, he has fans of different ages and of different music choices. His vocal, musical performance and lyrics make him admirable singer.

He is old singer of punjabi society. so, he knows the choice of people. He sung variety of songs. He is such a singer who called multi personality singer. Sometimes, he sings folk lore uses typical punjabi language and without usage of any instrument.

His singing also reflects moral values. He teaches value of family, parents, home, relation and disaster of quarrels. No doubt, he is singing from longtime. His voice is energetic.

As in hindi songs Lata Mangeshkar is a nightingale in the same way Babbu Mann has importance in punjabi songs. He is called voice of punjab. I have also been to

one of his concerts in Chandigarh. He can satisfy every age group with his singing. I don't want any improvement in his singing. He is a perfect singer.



I pray to god that Babbu Mann continue his singing for long time and win the heart of punjabi.

## Follow-ups

## 1. Do singers play an important role in your country?

Every singer plays a different and necessary part in contributing to the overall health, development, and well-being of their society. They teach us cultural and traditional values. For instance, my favourite singer is Babbu Mann, Every time I hear one of his songs, I feel confident, uplifted, and ready to take on the world.

## 2.Do you think celebrities have lot of income?

Definitely, Nowadays celebrities make more money compared to people working in politics. with the advent of the Internet, there are more ways available for celebrities to earn money, such as online streaming services. For example, singing a song in a YouTube video with some advertisements enables them to easily make a few million dollars.

# 3. In your country, people prefer to listen to traditional music or foreign music?

It depends on the personal taste. Generally speaking, teenagers like songs with fast beats and adults like songs with good lyrics and soft music. I think folk songs are very suitable for children because they keep children connected to our culture and tradition. As it is, today's children are following the global culture and so, they need to be kept in touch with our traditional culture. Folk songs are a good way to connect with our culture.

# 5. Describe a time you made a promise to someone

#### Whom did you make the promise to

## What the promise was why you made the promise

### Was the promise to achieve?

Well, I make promises when I know that I will accomplish it but there are many people who make promises but they don't keep it.

But still, I have made one promise to my mother and it was regarding my study. My mother always says to me that she doesn't want me to become poor student.

I remember, when I was in 9th class. My nature was different, I did not speak politely with anybody. I always fought with other and did not do laborious work also.

I spent most of time in playing games instead of studying due to that I got bad result in my test.

One day, my mother taught me that hard work is key to success if we did not do hard work then we cannot achieve our goal. She told me hard work is a key that can open any door. With hard

work and self dedication, anything can be achieved.

As I was not polite, she taught me that one should be soft and sweet natured wins the heart of others.

With no other options left for me and I have made a promise to her that I will do the hard work after that I will burn my mid night oil for my study. I got first position in my 10th class. I made new friends and teacher made me monitor. Today, Whenever I think about my past nature I feel bad. Finally, it's been nearly 5 years since I made the promise, I am highly elated that I made the promise.

# Follow - ups

# 1. Generally speaking, do Indian parents make promises to children?

Not only Indian parents according to my perception all parents make promises to their kids. There are numerous type of promises such as buying new games, chocolates expensive gifts if kids get good marks in exams. In addition to this, If parents make a promise to their child, keep it. Never promise something just to make them happy in the moment.

## 2.Do children also make promises to their parents?

Definitely yes, children also make promises to their parents that they will respect the elders and complete their homework or assignment with in time. Furthermore, they will spend more time on study instead of playing computer games as well as they also promise to behave well in the absence of parents.

# 3. Do most people fulfill their promises?

To be honest, in my country few masses fulfill their promises. For example, Usually, during the election, the leaders make big promises to get attractive masses in their favor. However, these are just fake promises that are never heard of after the election. There are few leaders that actually work for the masses that actually fulfill their promises while others don't. But it is difficult to distinguish between them.

# 4. How do feel when others break their promises?

It hurts me when individuals break their promises because I am emotional person. A broken promise may feel like a huge betrayal and you may find yourself feeling very resentful toward the other person. I believe that if we should not make promises if we cannot keep.

## 6. Describe an art exhibition that you visited.

When you saw this exhibition

Where the exhibition was held

What was on display

And explain your impression of the exhibition?

I am generally quite busy in my hectic work schedule.

Before Diwali, I went to Chandigarh, at sector 17.

I attended an exhibition or a art gallery, which was based on clear cut picture of Sikh history.

It was my first experience to see such kind of exhibition.

The history of painter: he was only 45 years old. His name was A.R. Ahluwalia.

He generally organizes exhibition or art gallery at different places.

When I entered I saw big pictures of 10 gurus.

All pictures were well coloured and well framed.

The face expressions of gurus were very natural.

At the back of portrait there was good combination of colors.

The teachings of Guru Nanak Dev JI WERE there.

Those were hand-written teachings and big in size.

There were varieties of pictures of different gurudwaras like Hazoor Sahib, Nankana Sahib, and Hemkund Sahib and so on.

Apart from it, a dashing portrait of Jahangir, Aurangzeb. I clicked numerous photographs there.

When my parents told me about the exhibition, I wasn't interested, and I thought that I would get really bored.

But after visiting, I remember thanking my parents for taking me there.

There I met with my neighbours also.

I wanted to buy something from there but everything was on exhibition.

These all things increased my knowledge.

I would recommended others also to visit such kind of exhibition or art gallery.

So for me, it was worth visiting the exhibition and I will keep visiting such exhibitions in the future.

## Follow - ups

# 1. How will museums change in the future?

I think that museums will become more modernized and more accurate. I think that they will have better and more interesting exhibits. The way they are set up and advertised I think will also improve so that they are more appealing to the general public. I think they will also have more interesting themes displayed and exhibited.

# 2. Are museums popular in India?

Not so popular. They are mostly for children or students. Sometimes you will see a whole family go to a museum or perhaps a young couple, but it is quite rare. Sometimes grandparents would take their grandchildren there.

# 3. Did you go to any museums when you were a child?

It was hard not to. I mean, it's one of the 'compulsory' extra-curricular activities that we had back in primary school. We went to a different museum each year

with the whole school, and nobody was allowed to be absent from this annual activity, even if you were sick that day.

# 4. Do you think museums are important?

Though I'm not really a fan of museums, it's quite impossible to deny the importance of these places. They hold all forms of evidence of a country's historical development. Besides, what makes museums very special to our society, in my opinion, is the way they teach us to have gratitude and appreciation for things that happened in our country in the past.

# 7. Describe a time when you forgot something important

When it happened?

When you forgot?

What was the result of your forgetting?

Why it was important

I have recently graduated from college and my major was finance. Though I have already left my college, my memories related to my academic years are still vivid. On one occasion, I forgot to submit an important assignment. I was in my 8th semester at that time and in a coursework, we were supposed to submit an assignment which alone carried 40% marks of this course. The pass mark for each coursework was 50% and due to this, the assignment was so crucial for every student.

The teacher who took this course was a guest teacher from another college. In the last month of our course, he assigned individual assignments to every student and gave us a deadline for the submission. He warned us not to copy-and-paste any part of the assignment. I worked on the assignment and completed almost 80% to 85% of it until I got a severe fever. I had to see a doctor and take medicine to recover from this viral fever. The medical report showed that it was a viral fever and there was nothing to worry about. After a week I joined the class but unfortunately, I completely forgot my deadline for the assignment and the due date was already over! I possibly forgot it due to my sickness and distractions caused by it. Sometimes the fever was so severe that I had to take several pills together.

Soon after I realised that I have missed my deadline, I tried to contact professor

but I heard that he would not be available until the next week. It was quite a frustrating experience for me. I then concentrated on finishing my assignment

and waited for the professor to get back to our college. Next week, I met him and explained everything. To my surprise, he did not seem convinced. I told him that I can show him my medical as well as the test reports, but he looked like he did not care.

He got busy on his cell phone and I was literally broke! After he finished his phone conversation, he suddenly asked me the name and address of the doctor whom I saw during my illness. He, in fact, did contact this doctor and saw him personally, which I learned at a later time. He wanted to be sure that I was not making an excuse for the delay to submit my assignment and was genuinely ill. To my relief, two days later he called me into his room and gave me an email address. He asked me to send my assignment to this email address within 12 hours. I would like to mention before ending my story that I got 'A' on this assignment.

#### Follow-ups

# 1. How memory can help you to learn a new skill?

Memory is essential in learning a new skill. It is only through a good memory that we can remember the rules or the techniques that are required to be followed when learning a particular skill.

# 2. Do you think memory is important?

Yes, I do. If we couldn't remember certain things, life would be very awkward and difficult. Our memories hold a lot of important information we use all the time, every day, just to live.

## 3.Do you think it's important to have a good memory?

It can certainly help make things easier. If you can remember things easily and not forget them it can be very beneficial. Activities such as studying and learning seem much easier, for example, learning English is much easier if you can remember all the vocabulary and grammar you learn and how to use it correctly,

and if you can recall things easily it can save you a lot of time instead of having to look up information or ask someone else if they know.

## 4. What are some of the benefits of having a good memory?

It can help you avoid embarrassing social situations if you never forget someone's birthday, or if you don't forget people's names when you haven't seen them for a long time.

It can also be useful in activities like quizzes or competitions which rely on general knowledge if you can remember the relevant information and answer the questions. And I suppose it's probably a good thing in relation to your career or work if you are able to recall information which is relevant without having to ask someone else to help, or refer to a reference book or something like that.

# 5. Are there any things that are especially important for people to memorize?

I suppose it depends on the situation. Everything is important to some people. I mean... most people get upset if their friends or someone close forgets their birthday or a special occasion like an anniversary.

A lot of things we do which seem to be automatic such as getting dressed or driving a car actually rely on memory. If we forgot, or couldn't remember part of the process we would be in big trouble! If you were a musician, it might be important to remember a piece of music or combination of notes for a particular piece of music.

## 8. Describe a skill that you can teach other people.

What it is?

How you learnt it?

How can you teach others this skill?

#### How do you feel about this skill?

Skills play a defining role in our life. They make us more efficient and productive. well, teaching something to someone is not a easy task. Although, I have learnt numerous skills such as, cooking, driving and many more, here I would like to elaborate one of my favourite skill which I want to teach others handicraft. Handicraft is a type of craft where people make things using only their hands or basic tools. The items are usually decorative and have a particular use. It is a traditional form of art. The popularity of this skill is still alive in some places.

I have learnt this skill one of my favourite teacher. During my school days, I had attended art classes from the professional trainer at my school. This has made mandatory in my school though I wasn't interested in handicraft but when I saw some videos on youtube then I became curious in order to learn the skill. I have been doing handicraft since I have learned and never skipped for a long time. Even I spent two hours daily. I believe I still have all the skills required to teach this art either individually or in a group.

Not only I can teach how to do thread painting on piece of cloth but its benefits as well so I think I can teach properly because I know I am excellent in this skill. Moreover, I would say, this is not a herculean task for anyone to learn it. In fact, it is quite attractive and easy skill.

Overall, from my point of view, everyone must learn this art because nowadays we have very hectic schedule so according to me this is the best art which provide us relaxation as well as act as a stressbuster.

# Follow ups

# 1. Should teachers be funny when they teach?

Yes definitely, When instructors use positive and appropriate humor, students report feeling the classroom is a more interesting and relaxed environment, and they report more motivation to learn and more enjoyment of the course. Conversely, when instructors use negative or aggressive humor aimed at students, a more anxious and uncomfortable learning environment, increased student distraction, and less enjoyment of class are reported by students.

# 2. What qualities should teachers have?

A competent teacher should possess individual qualities such as being kind-hearted, humorous, patient, responsible, having confidence and leadership. In my opinion, among all these qualities, patience is the most important quality that a good teacher should possess. A teacher with patience is a teacher who can control emotions appropriately.

# 3.which do you think are more important practical skills or academic skills?

According to me, here in INDIA and every part of the world, practical skills are extremely important but Degrees are also important because someone would like to see your practical skills only after knowing what degrees you hold. Let us understand it like a 2 stair height between you and your Destination. The first stair is Degrees. The Second Stair is Practical Skills. If any of these things is absent, the journey would be difficult but not impossible.

# 4. which age group is best age for learning?

The popular belief is that the younger you are, the better and faster you will learn the language. It means that their brains are able to adapt more easily to new sounds and patterns so that's why a person just can become bilingual if s/he learns both languages as a child. Furthermore, Children do make mistakes and they don't care at all. We, adults, are so frightened to make mistakes that most of the time won't speak a word in order not to look silly.

## 9. 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?

I would like to talk about the time I had to get out of my comfort zone to join an essay writing Contest which made me think out of the box and work flat out to get first position in this essay competition. This annual contest open to all students.

It was roughly two years ago when the quote by the greatest scientist Albert Einstein - "Imagination is more important than knowledge", was proven correct once again in my life. Each year this contest draws the attention of numerous students so it's really competitive and challenging for me because we had to write 300 words in 20 minutes with exact format and also focused on spellings. There was a strict guideline from the instructor if students do mistake in spellings then they will lose their marks in writing test.

Therefore, it really required creativity and imagination from each student. I had to buckle down and brainstorm ideas for the challenge .I was silent for around 2-3 minutes and noticed that everyone was writing their task. And that made the whole situation more challenging for me. I took another 2 minutes and then start writing with outstanding vocab. This all happened in the blink of an eye, after that result was announced and I got first prize from the chief guest. My joy knew no bounds. After all, I can take pride in myself for all the thing I achieved with my imagination and creativity.

## Follow ups

# 1.Do you think adults can have lot of imagination?

According to my perception, Both adults and children have a very powerful imagination. I don't think imagination depends upon age. Most children have a wide imagination because they hear stories, which their parents or grandparents read out to them. They also read story books. This stimulates their imagination center of the brain.

## 2. What kind of books can boost people's imagination?

All sorts of books can boost people's imagination. When we read books, we imagine the characters in our mind. So, all types of books force us to imagine the scenario or the characters. This is the main difference between reading a book and watching TV. Reading is an active activity, where as watching TV is a passive activity.

# 3. What kind of jobs need imagination?

All jobs require imagination Such as fashion designer, they use their imagination and creativity to envision unique designs for various clothing and accessories. Fashion Designers have a responsibility to choose a perfect theme for their collections and select the materials and fabrics for their pieces. They can produce their designs and may sell to customers or display them on the runway in fashion shows.

# 4. Do you think imagination is necessary for scientists?

Imagination is the driving force which inspires scientists and this, in turn, motivates them to try out new kinds stuff no one has tried before for. it is also relevant in improving inventions that may require changes to make them efficient, more reliable and more friendly.

## 10. Describe a special hotel you stayed in

Where it is

What it is like

Why you went there

## And how you felt about it?

I am a student, so I do not get a lot more chance to visit new places and stayed in hotels. But, here I am going to talk about a hotel that I visited last year with my family during summer vacations.

The hotel's name is the 'The Taj'. Taj Chandigarh is the finest luxury hotel in Chandigarh and is well-suited to both business and leisure travellers. The main feature of this resort is, it is very close to the railway station and the airport.

Room prices are very affordable. Hotel management provides special services for kids, such as they provide children care service and children's activity area with full security.

It is the best of wedding parties, private dinners, and conferences.

One and a half years ago, in June, I went there with my family because one of my friends suggested it and told me about the various services that the hotel provides at a minimum price.

We booked two rooms there. We stayed for about a week in this hotel. I liked the outstanding facilities they offered. The first thing was that the entire building is connected with Wi-Fi and I used the internet for free of costs. Besides, the food in the hotel's was yummy. They offered varieties of traditional and other continental foods. But most often I ate our local food because I found it very interesting for me. The services I received from the professional staffs were remarkable. In fact at first, I was a bit nervous about the cost but when I arrived,

all of my worries were gone. I, in fact, liked staying at this hotel and wish to return again. I recommend this hotel to many people.

## Follow ups

## 1.Do the ratings of people influence their choice?

Yes, the impact of online hotel reviews is on the rise. With more than two out of three global travelers now using travel review websites before making a booking, and 93% of those saying online reviews influence their booking decisions.

## 2. How do people reserve rooms?

There are two important methods of reservation of hotel room, first one is through internet. For instance, some individuals make reservation from the online websites like TRIVAGO and many more. Secondly, some masses prefer to book their hotel room by phone.

# 3. what influences people's choice of hotels?

Price, facilities, brand image and recommendations all play a role when choosing a hotel. But the most important factor of all, not surprisingly, is still location. "Price" and "Past Experience" are the next most important factors in hotel selection.

# 4. What's the difference between hotels in your country and hotels abroad?

I don't think there is huge difference in hotels. Nowadays, there are hotels from chains like Taj, Marriot all over the world. The design may vary depending upon the location for example beaches, hillsides etcetera. But as India has all these types of locations, nearly all types of hotels are available here.

# 11. Describe a person who wears unusual clothes.

#### Who is he

## How do you know him

#### What kind of clothes he wears

# Why do you consider that his clothing choices are weird?

Nowadays, everyone wants to wear trendy clothes due to the influence of westernization. I am fond of buying new clothes but not strange one.

There are few people who wear different clothes. Here I would like to elaborate a person who love to wear unusual outfits.

He is my bosom friend. He normally wears bright colours and abnormal dresses. He does not only wear unique clothes but wears awkward footwear also.

A few days ago, in December when most individuals wear woollen clothes, he wore summer dress with winter shoes.

I must say that his dressing style is a different that I have never seen him dressed up as a normal person.

There are numerous things that makes his outfits uncommon and different. If I talk about the choice of colours most men prefer to wear sober and light colours but he prefer to wear eye-catching colours like yellow, orange and red.

I vividly remember that one time he wore vibrant colour dress in our college on essay writing competition. Everyone was shocked to see the costume he wore on that day and all students laughed at him.

I asked him the reason behind wearing these type of clothes then he said that, he wants to change the perception of society that like women, men can also try different type of clothing.

Apart from this, he has a very kind nature and even I discuss all of my secrets with him.

Overall, this is the person that I know who wears unusual outfits.

## Follow-ups

## 1. Where do Indians normally buy clothes?

Now is the Internet age, so now whether young people, middle-aged people or old people like to shop online. I buy my clothes through online only. Am a working woman i don't have time to go shop and select my dress, because for women's shopping clothes is not very easy. So I choose online shopping is the best way to buy my favorite clothes. But i have lot of confusion to select which online website is the best one to give quality products, attractive discounts, best customer service and etc.

#### 2. What is the difference between men's and women's choices of clothes?

Women are very much into fashion and style. Most of the females love to wear bright colour clothes like red, pink and so on. On the other side, males prefer sober and light clothes like white, grey and blue.

Furthermore, men like to buy comfortable outfits but women love to buy trendy clothes.

# 3. Do clothes affect people's mood?

Yes sure, Several studies show people mood can be affected depending on what they wear. The style, material, color and shape of their clothing choices can express different emotions. Baggy clothes and big sweatshirts are related to depression, while dresses and jewelry are associated more with a happy or positive state of mind.

# 4.what do people consider when buying clothes?

People consider various factors in mind while buying clothes such as fabric, price, good quality, texture, colour and so on. For example,

Some clothes look good on you because of the colors while others can show your best features like your eyes or hair.

# 12. Describe a time when you had to wait in long line

#### When it was

Wow long the queue/line was

#### What it was about

## How you felt about waiting in this long queue or line.

Nobody really likes to wait in a long queue or line. Actually, waiting in queue is quite common in India because of the enormous population. It would not be more than 3-4 months ago and it was just before the Diwali.

On a Sunday evening, I went to a supermall near my home to do some necessary shopping. I spent almost 1 hour to pick up all the essential items. Then I approached the checkout point of the mall.

While shopping, I noticed that many individuals were buying items for the festivals. However, as soon as I reached the checkout point, I had no idea how large the queue in this shopping mall could be! There were number of checkout points but each of those was surprisingly crowded. I could not decide which queue to stand in.

At a point of my waiting in this long queue, I thought to put back my items on the shelves and leave the shopping mall. However, I discarded the idea as those items were important for me and my family. After 30 minutes or so, I started playing games on my mobile phone. I did so for about half an hour and then I noticed that the line in front of me had become smaller. On the other hand, the number of people behind me had grown to more than 50!. Approximately after 20 minutes I paid my bill.

# Follow- up

# 1. What do people like to do while waiting in line?

They do various things like listen to music, play games and so on. For example, nowadays people are busy in their hectic schedule so when they are standing in a queue then they have a time to talk or chat with their near and dear ones. Some people like to talk with others when they are standing in a long line.

## 13. Describe a short trip that you often take but you do not like.

where you go?

when you go there?

why you go there?

## And explain why you do not like this trip?

Honestly speaking, I love travelling and it does not matter how long the trip is. But there are some areas where I go often, but I don't like much.

Actually, I have enrolled in diploma course that's why I daily commute to my college for my study. Distance of my college is only 30 km to my home but this journey takes 1 hour because I ride on the public transport(bus) everyday due to this I feel tired in the morning before reaching my college. I board on the bus at 9 and reach my college at 10.

Though, it is short trip, often it becomes longer for the delays on the road like because this bus stops on every bus stop. I cannot like this journey for some reasons. Firstly, in the morning time, people of my area go for their work and studies through this route. Therefore, bus is overcrowded and even I do not get seat to sit.

Sometimes I get late due to traffic congestion. During travelling, there are so many roads that are congested and usually vehicles get stuck onto the roads.

Moreover, noise pollution makes me irritate and emissions of fuel spoil my morning peace. In addition to this, Every day have the same view and the same people, I feel very boring.

This course has numerous advantages so definitely I have to complete it.

So this is the trip I don't like.

## Follow-ups

## 1.Do Indian people like to travel abroad?

To get away from the hustle and bustle of their monotonous, everyday lives, many Indians are preferring to travel overseas to enjoy their holidays. This is because the desire to explore exotic destinations all over the world has now become a trend. Travel opens our mind to a plethora of cultures, cuisines, and experiences.

## 2. How much time do you think people should spend on a trip abroad?

Actually, it depends on the purpose of trip as well as it also depend on the individuals mood. For example, most of travelers usually spend about a month when they commute foreign countries. According to my perception, if people go abroad with their family then they must spend at least 4 weeks in abroad.

# 3. Who prefers traveling abroad, young or old?

All age groups prefer to travel abroad, because everyone wants to build a good career and to have a more satisfying lifestyle. For example, each year millions of people from developing nations move to developed countries only to have a better job and to get a better living standard for themselves and their family.

# 4. Which is better for knowing more about a country traveling or reading books about it?

Traveling is more important than reading books to understand people and the world. For instance, when you travel to a new country you can face each and everything very closely like learn a new culture, try the cuisine and you also get more knowledge about that particular country.

# 14. Describe a place you like to visit but you don't want to live there.

What place is it?

When do you visit that place?

How you feel about it?

Why you don't want to live there?

Well, I am fond of traveling and in my life I have visited numerous places.

Here, I would love to elaborate the place where I enjoy going every year but I can't stay for long time.

The place is Harmandir Sahib in Amritsar, Punjab, is the holiest shrine in Sikhism. Amritsar is the place where I usually visit with my family. This city is renowned for Golden temple and also attracting numerous individuals across the world because it is one of the most historically and culturally rich place in India.

Last year I went there with my family during my summer vacation, Amritsar is religious and outstanding city. We went there to pay our obeisance in Shri Harmandir Sahib, commonly known as Golden Temple. We went by our own car and enjoyed a lot during traveling.

We visited many places including Wagah Border, Jallianwala Bagh, Gobindgarh Fort and many other places. It was magnificent experience to visit and feel the essence of real Amritsar.

Although, I love visiting this place, I don't want to live there because of some reasons. Though this city is called the Holy city but the garbage and pollution has defaced this place. My whole family is living in Patiala and I cannot live alone. Furthermore, we found heaps of rubbish lying here and there and the water drains were choked with polythene bags.

Besides domestic garbage, factory fumes were also adding in to the existing pollution. It seemed like evening during noon time as the smoke has engulfed the entire city. We felt trouble in breathing also. Owing to these reasons, it's difficult for me live in Amritsar. I have to face lot of difficulties if I think about to live there.

# Follow-ups

# 1. What type of apartment do most people in your country like to live in?

People usually live in either houses or apartments. There are a certain group of people who believe that staying in a house is better than staying in an apartment because houses are more spacious and are often located in quiet areas. Well, in my hometown most of the people live in their own houses.

# 2.Do people in your country like to invite others as guests?

Well, people in my country definitely love to invite other as guests. We Indians believe and follow the custom and tradition of serving people like gods. We follow the path of 'adhithi devo bhava' which means guests are like gods. Guests are treated in the best way possible according to the facilities available.

# 3.Do people take gifts when they visit each other?

In my country, Gift giving is a part of our tradition. We often buy gifts whenever someone invites us to their house even if this is just a social visit. People in our country love to give gifts to others as a gesture of their good wishes and to show that they care. If someone invites a person to a birthday party, a wedding ceremony or to a baby shower, the invited guest always brings gifts.

# 4. What is the difference between the houses in the city center and the suburbs?

A city is a large highly populated area which serves as a hub of banking, finance, innovation, and markets in the area. Since the city is a very crowded and busy

place, many people prefer to live outside of the city though they have to come to the city every day. A suburb is an outlying district of a city which serves as a residential area. Since suburbs are only a short distance away from the city, people can commute from the suburb to the city. The main difference between city and suburb is that suburb is less densely populated than the city.

# 15. What the news was about?

# Where and when you heard it?

# What you were doing when you heard it?

# and explain how you feel about this news.

Watching or reading news is the best way to expand one's knowledge and aiming to keep myself updated with the latest happenings across the world, I watch the news on television and read them as well either on online or the hard copy.

And I would like to talk about international news these days flowing around the globe is about COVID-19 pandemic.

Initially, it was about the spread of the coronavirus in China, and it was beginning to spread to other countries.

This was followed by an increasing number of infections and people who suffered or died because of COVID.

Many countries across the world have imposed a ban on flights such as France, Australia even India has banned flights coming from UK. If talk about world almost two million people died due to COVID.

During the last quarter of 2020, the good news about the vaccine was heard, but people were not sure whether it would work or not.

In the first week of December, I heard from BBC news that Covid vaccine is ready for use. It was a big relief for everyone, on that time my joy knew no bounds. And it was fantastic news for everyone can resume a normal life, go to work, and meet their friends and relatives. This news affects not only me but everyone around the globe. I hope soon this pandemic will over and everyone will relief from this painful time.

## Follow-ups

# 1. Why do some people like to share news in social media?

Some people like to share news in social media because they want to circulate that important piece of news among people to spread awareness. They want their near and dear ones to come across it so that they can also become aware about it.

# 2. Do you think children should start watching news from a young age?

Yes, people should help their children develop the habit of watching news from childhood. It will help them to differentiate between good and bad from an early age and will also develop a habit or curiosity among them to remain aware about the happenings around them.

# 3. Is it important to read the news?

Yes, I think that it's extremely important to read news as it helps us to remain upto-date about the national as well as international current affairs. One can find whatever is happening around them by reading news.

# 4. Are young people and old people interested in same kind of news?

Well, I think age has nothing to do with the type of news people may like to read. People like to read different kinds of news according to their interests. It is a subjective thing and it depends on person to person what kind of news they may have interest in.

## 16. Describe an interesting conversation

#### Who was the person

#### When and where did you have the conversation

#### What was the conversation about

Well, conversation plays a very indispensable role in our life. We generally have formal or informal conversation. However some conversation are quite monotonous and some are quite fascinating. Here, I would like to elaborate one interesting conversation. I vividly remember, last month when I was traveling, One lady was sitting behind me.

She asked me about newspaper, soon we involved in conversation. In brief conversation, I came to know that she is a diet expert and by talking with her I learnt a lot about healthy lifestyle. I am also a fitness freak and thus I enjoyed conversation with her.

We started conversation on a common topic "obesity in young people". It was topic of my interest so we were both actively participating. Firstly she told me the main reasons of obesity. The first reason according to her is sedentary life style as young people are not physically active. Youngsters don't prefer to walk on foot and most of their work is done with the help of machines.

The another reason is unhealthy diet. She told me that one should have balanced diet, which contain all components in accurate proportion like vitamins, proteins and minerals. She told that in last few decades the food habits of people prefer to dine out and they like restaurant food more than home cooked meals.

She suggested me to make time for physical activity. She told me 30 minutes per day of exercise can have dramatic positive effects on overall health.

Usually young individuals complain that they don't have time to take exercise but according to her, time management is mandatory. Our conversation lasted for 2 hours and I got good knowledge from her.

## Follow-ups

# 1. What is the difference between the conversation between males and females?

Men generally talk about sports, business, politics, whereas women talk about fashion, family and children. However, gender differences are disappearing very rapidly. It is not surprising to see women talk about politics and men talk about cooking and fashion.

# 2. What is the difference between talking on phone and face to face conversation?

Face to face conversation allows a person to use expressions and gestures, which add life to any conversation. It has a personal touch. There is little room for telling lies. On the other hand, a phone conversation can be very deceptive.

## 3. Why is body language important?

Body language can do what words cannot. It is a non verbal communication. It involves gestures, movements and expressions to convey messages. It breaks the barrier of unfamiliarity.

# 4.Are there any disadvantages of face to face conversation?

Yes, sometimes a person may feel nervous and may not be able to express himself well face-to-face. Sometimes, if there is a conflict then there are chances that one person may get so angry that he may hit the other person. On the whole there are more advantages of face-to-face conversation.

## 17. Describe an unforgettable bike bicycle trip.

When it was?

Where you went?

What happened during the trip?

and explain how you felt about it.

Well, I feel cycling is the best way to explore any place. It is eco-friendly and also helps maintaining fitness. Here, I would like to elaborate a bicycle trip which I really enjoyed.

A few months ago, I went on a day-long bicycle tour with some close friends from Chandigarh to Shimla. It was a far distance for a bicycle ride, but we enjoyed the ride anyway. It was an interesting and adventurous experience for every one of us. It took about six hours for us to reach Shimla.

I made the trip with some of my local college friends. In fact, they were planning to make such a day-long bicycle tour for a long. After finalising the plan, we were seven members in this team and brought our bicycles to take the longest ride of our life. We started the journey early in the morning and planned to get back to the city before the sunset and we were successful in doing so.

The trip was amazing. We did many things during the tour and taking photographs was the most common of them. Besides, we mostly ate delicious street food, took some time offs in beautiful places. Sometimes we had to slow down as the streets were broken in some parts of the city. Finally, we also sang various songs during the tour.

I enjoyed the tour from the very beginning to the end. In fact, it was the longest bicycle ride for me and I could not believe that I would be able to ride such a long distance. When I returned home in the dusk, I felt a great sense of accomplishment despite a horribly tired feeling.

## Follow-ups

# 1. Do people in your country often travel by bikes?

The trend of commuting through private vehicles is gaining ground in this modern era. In my country, people normally commute to work by car because cars are more convenient mode of transportation with comfortable seats and superior features instead of bikes.

# 2. Which is more convenient, bicycle or a car?

According to my perception, Car is the most suitable mode of transport because they allow people to travel in an air-conditioned environment and provide adequate protection from inclement weather. In addition, cars are fast and perfect for covering long distances in a short period of time.

# 3.Do you think that children should learn the skills of riding from an early age?

Yes, Learning to ride a bike or cycle is an important skill that every child should learn. I believe that children should definitely start learning how to ride from an early age. My parents bought me first cycle when I was 10 years old and it helped me become more confident about myself.

# 4.Do you think cycling is a good way to exercise?

Definitely yes, Cycling is mainly an aerobic activity, which means that your heart, blood vessels and lungs all get a workout. You will breathe deeper, perspire and experience increased body temperature, which will improve your overall fitness level. The health benefits of regular cycling include: increased cardiovascular fitness.

## 18. Describe a computer or phone game you enjoy playing since your childhood.

What the game is about?

When you started playing it?

How often you play this game?

# Why you enjoy playing it?

Due to the advancement in technology, the popularity of PC or mobile games has been increased to a large extent. Computer or mobile games are not only played for entertainment but also helps to enhance the cognitive growth. I have been playing various computer games since my childhood.

Here I would like to elaborate my favorite game which played the most and it's called Mario.

The game was about this guy Mario who was out there to save his queen, so his aim and hence our aim was to make sure that he reaches the queen. To do so, he had to fight lot of enemies and animals and jump through fires and lots more to reach destination.

We used to play the game using keyboard and most of the times we used to play in group, but sometimes I even enjoyed playing it alone. But, one thing is for sure, the game was amazing and almost addictive. I have loved it through my entire childhood.

I loved playing computer games as a child, so me and my friends would figure out what is the new game that is being launched and would go and buy its CD.

My curiosity made me play again and again until I understand the game and how to score and break the records. For a few months, I used to play around three to four hours a day and this hugely impacted my study. So thereafter my father didn't allow me to play, but weekly once without knowing my father I played many times.

The main reason for loving this game is breaking the records of my friends and siblings made me so joyful. I used to dance when making the highest score.

# Follow ups

## 1. What is the impact of teen addiction to game?

Video games are a source of entertainment for children, teens, and even adults. I tell you about the potential negative and positive outcomes of playing video games. Simple-to-play and easy-to-access games like Angry Birds may uplift mood, promote relaxation, and develop positive emotions, like joy. On the other hand, violent video games may increase the risk of violent behavior in children.

# 2. Should parents or teachers take necessary action to prevent children from playing games?

I do not think that parents should stop children from playing computer games, but I believe that it is important for them to supervise the gaming habits of their children. They should monitor the number of hours and type of games being played by the children.

# 3. What do you think are the benefits of playing games?

Video games can have mental health benefits. Studies have shown that some video games can boost mood and make for better heart rhythms a sign that they may also help relieve stress. Some researchers say kids who play these video games improve in three areas: planning, organization, and flexible thinking. There's also some evidence that games encourage creative thinking.

# 4. Why games have been popular amongst teenagers in recent years?

Many people, and children in particular, enjoy playing computer games because video games can be both entertaining and educational. Users, or gamers, are transported into virtual worlds which are often more exciting and engaging than real-life pastimes. From an educational perspective, these games encourage imagination and creativity, as well as concentration, logical thinking and problem solving, all of which are useful skills outside the gaming context.

## 19. Describe a time when you were really close to a wild animal.

What it looked like?

Where you saw it?

What it likes to eat do?

Why you like it?

Animals are the essential part of life chain without which human beings cannot survive. Being a nature lover, I like to visit zoos and animal sanctuaries. On numerous occasions, I have got a chance to have a look at wild animals. On one such occasion, I went quite close to a wild animal tiger.

Last few months ago, I went to zoo at Chandigarh with my friends and we saw numerous animals and birds whereas, we were not allowed to go close to the cage where they were kept. I saw this animal from a distance around 5 to 6 feet.

It was really fun there as the atmosphere was pleasant and the park is immensely huge. Then we decided to go on a Jungle safari where the animals were open and we were in a jeep which was protected with strong metal due to safety reasons.

That was a time when I saw a lion which is my favourite animal due to various reasons. First and foremost is, its appearance which includes his long vibrant fur on neck. This makes him completely different from others. Secondly, its nature is aggressive due to this it is called king of forest. Once this animal came really close the our Jeep due to which all the people got scared as it's a carnivores animal and is so strong that it can even damage the vehicle. Then I noticed . I saw tiger with big heavy body , waving tail and its body covered with combination of dark yellow and tint of orange colour. I clicked many photographs of wild animals and I still have a desire to see it again.

## Follow-ups

1. Should people be allowed to hunt animals for their own entertainment?

As far as entertainment is concerned, nowadays people have a lot of means to entertain themselves, so they shouldn't be allowed to hunt animals for pleasure. In my opinion, hunting for fun should be banned globally. There is no point in killing helpless animals just for the sake of enjoyment. It is morally unacceptable.

# 2. What sorts of human activities make it more difficult for wild animals to survive?

According to a World Wildlife Fund report, farming, deforestation and hunting are the major human activities that have threatened the lives of thousands of animal species. Human induced climate change is also a serious threat to wild animals.

# 3. What wild animal do you like?

Actually, I do not have any specific wild animal that I like. If I have to pick one of them, I prefer to choose elephants. Cause I like its giant body and it is difficult to find a such huge animals in the world. It looks like cute, gentle and tame animals as compare with other fierce animals.

# 4. What do you think about zoo?

I opine that zoo which is a nice place to let people know more about some other kinds of animals are still survival and people can get closely see them. On the other hand, it can teach students about animal field. It stimulates students to look into natural environment.

4. So many animals are extinct nowadays. Why you think this is happening? In my opinion, habitat destruction and hunting are the two main reasons why so many animal species are getting endangered and extinct nowadays. In order to develop cities, farmlands and industries, deforestation has been done on a massive scale which has in turn led to animal-human conflict. Also, poaching and

hunting of animals is done to sell their skin, bones etc. fetching high prices in the international market.



## 20. Describe your favourite Season or weather.

What kind of weather it is

When this weather usually occur

What you usually do during this weather

Explain how this weather affects you

And explain why you like this type of weather.

Weather is an important part of nature. Every country has different kinds of seasons according to their global position on the earth. It plays a crucial role in the nations of a particular place. India has four seasons Summer, Winter, Autumn, and spring. Different people like different according to their choice.

Here I would like to elaborate my favourite season, that is spring which comes after winter.

Spring season in India falls in the months of March, April and May.

This is the favourite time of the year for everyone as it comes after the bone chilling cold months of December, Jan and Feb.

During spring months, flowers bloom in the gardens and nature remains at its best. It seems as entire flora has worn colourful attire.

We can see greenery all around us and can hear the humming of honey bees in the gardens which hover on the flowers to collect the nectar to prepare sweet honey.

I spend most of my time in my domestic garden. I run after colourful butterflies with my younger cousins/ nephews and nieces.

Unlike the months of summer and winter, temperature remains normal in spring. It's not too cold and not too hot. The sky becomes clear. I enjoy watching towards floating clouds and enjoy gentle and refreshing breeze

This season rejuvenates the minds and everything on the earth looks adorable and charming.

The mild temperature and warmth of the days is conducive for the ripening of the crops also. These months are eagerly awaited by the farmers as they harvest their crops in the last month of spring season.

I love this season very much as it is the time for festivals also. I enjoy Holi festival a lot. This is also known as a festival of colours. People throw colours on one another and these frolicsome days add colour in life.

I like spring season the most as it provides great pleasure, joy and happiness.

## Follow-ups

# 1. Do you often pay attention to the weather forecast?

Yes, I pay attention and according to me everyone should pay attention on weather forecast. For instance, if you're planning a trip or going on holiday it's important to know whether you'll need to dress up warm or take an umbrella ... farmers need to know what the long-range forecast is so they can plan their work ... I suppose people who organise outside events need to know as well in case things get rained off.

# 2. How does the weather ( or, the weather forecast )affect what activities people do?

weather affects the activities of people in many ways. in recent years the weather is changing day by day very fast. In some areas, people use weather forecasts to determine what to wear on a given day. Since outdoor activities are severely curtailed by heavy rain, snow and the wind chill, forecasts can be used to plan activities around these events and to plan ahead to survive through them.

### 3.why do some people dislike some kind of weather?

It depends upon the mood and choice of people. some people like one kind of weather and others are not. some people like winters while others hate the scorching heat of the sun. some like the spring season while others like the rainy season.

## 4.Does the weather have an effect on the economy?

Eeather has a big impact on our economy at all levels local, state and national. In our local economy, weather influences various business decisions, such as when to plant or harvest. For example, Significant storms preclude many workers from being able to report to their jobs and that can create significant declines in revenue for the duration of the inclement weather, or even a much longer period of time.

## 21 Describe a part of a cityor a town you enjoy time sepending in.

Where it is?

What it is like?

What do you do there?

and explain why you enjoy spending time there.

Well, there are a plethora of places in my city Chandigarh, where I love to pass my time. One such place I would like to describe is Rose garden.

The garden provides learning and recreational facilities. It is divided into different sections and is managed by the Forest Department under the Ministry of Environment and Forests. There are millions of plants which are eye-soothing. It is one of the largest botanical gardens of my city, and a nature learning centre for the nature lovers, bird watchers, photographers and botanists and a tourist destination. The Garden has a scientific collection of approximately 100,000 preserved specimens of plants.

I love to do pretty much everything at this place, including relaxing at a restaurant, walking in its wide space freely, renting a boat, watching beautiful lotus flowers in ponds in addition to watching water plants and birds from the observation decks. In fact, thousands of people visit this place in the morning, without paying any fees, in order to do jogging while families also bring their children to enjoy the beautiful nature. Whenever I visit this place, I get rid of all the worries and tensions.

When the city is full of skyscrapers, this place provides breathing space to the residents.

Moreover, I get a chance to widen my social circle by meeting like-minded people over here.

Apart from this, I always get into a state of flow while having a walk over here.

Due to this garden, I have maintained my physical and mental fitness.

Overall, this is a place where I often visit as it is near my home and easy to catch up with my friends as well.

## Follow – ups

## 1. How do public places change in towns or cities?

Cities do not exist without people and it is important to shape the city according to their needs. More and more people are migrating to cities in search of a better life, that's why public places change in to cities because in this modern scenario, new generations want modernized amenities.

# 2. What public places do old people usually go?

Recreation plays a key role in the well-being of older adults and in enhancing their quality of life. For example, in India, most of the older masses visit parks and gardens. In recent times, there has been a significant increase in travel among senior citizens. Some old people love to visit markets, libraries and religious places.

# 3. Why do young people like to go to public places?

There are several reasons behind this. Firstly, young people love to hang out with their friends in gardens and markets. Secondly, they want open space because nowadays young individuals have lot of pressure regarding their work or study, so these public places reduce their stress. Apart from this, public places are pocket-friendly as compared to other places such as watching a movie in theater.

# 4. Will more people move to cities in the future?

Definitely yes, more and more masses will migrate to urban areas in the future because there are plethora of amenities in cities. Like, Where there are more

people, there are more jobs. This is the main reason so many people leave country side to live in big cities. Moreover, All major and affluent

colleges/universities are located in or near a big city. These influential institutions offer more majors and draw famous professors which students prefer to study under.

## 22. Describe a famous person that you are interested in

Who is this person is

How you know about this person

What sort of life they had before they became famous

How this person became famous

And explain why you like this person.

There are several personalities whom I admire and would love to meet. One among them is Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, better known by his stage name Sidhu Moose Wala, is an Indian singer, lyricist, rapper and actor associated with Punjabi music and Punjabi cinema. He is one of the most successful singers. He is not only famous in India but also in foreign countries. He has melodious voice and I got to know about him when one of my friends told me to listen his dollar song when I was trying to listen and from that time I become a diehard fan of him.

I have listened all his songs and I never miss his new songs. My mobile phone and laptop is filled with his songs. Although he is successful today and people think that he born with a silver spoon as he became famous in his early age but most of the people don't know about him and his journey from rags to riches. The one thing why I really like him he is such a humble and generous person. I got to know from one of the article that he do charity for the cancer patients. I think he is a huge inspiration to many. If I ever get a chance to meet him I will never miss the boat.

## Follow-ups

## 1. What type of people are famous in your country?

Rich and powerful people with lots of money are usually famous these days. But if you want me to be specific, I would say that music artists, movie stars, cultural celebrities, successful sportspeople, top business executives of very big and profitable companies, successful professionals and politicians usually fall into the categories of famous people.

## 2. How do people become famous nowadays?

Some people become famous because of their natural talents.

These people might be famous for singing, acting, or hitting a baseball. Your natural beauty might even lead you to become a famous supermodel one day. Other people may become famous for things they do — both good and bad.

# 3. What is the difference between people who were famous earlier and who are famous now?

In ancient time, most of the celebrities whether they were politician, actors, leaders, businessman they were famous because of their accomplishment after so much of hard work in their life. These days most of the celebrities were media made. All source of media has the power to make any person a star overnight. It doesn't matter if they actually deserve it or not.

## 4. What do you think about nepotism amongst the famous people?

The practice among those with power or influence of favouring relatives or friends, especially by giving them jobs. Nepotism works in Bollywood that's why bollywood don't Focus on the talented actors. Moreover, nepotism always present among famous people because they want to use their influence and give a platform to their children to achieve success.

## 23. Describe a time when your computer broke down.

When it was?

What you were doing?

What you did about it?

## And how you felt about it?

At present computer is one of the essential parts of our daily life. Many people of today's society are of the opinion that computer is the blessings of modern science which make our life more comfortable and handy.

Here, I would like to elaborate my HP laptop, which got damaged recently. A couple of months ago, when I was working on a project in the night and I was using the laptop. while lying on the bed. I fell asleep while I was working and the next day when I got up in the morning I tried to switched on my laptop but there was no display then I realised that I kept my laptop whole night.

I got worried because my all project work depended on it. After sometime I called my friend and told her whole situation.

She advised me to visit the near hp service center and on that afternoon I went to service center when I reached computer expert said that laptop is overheated and need to be replaced some parts.

When I asked about the repair cost then he told me that approximately 6000 rupees and I felt really bad at time because I had not told anything about my laptop to my parents then I thought how I will manage the repair cost. It was very difficult task for me.

Then the next day I went to my friend and borrowed some amount of money and I gave money to the technician then finally my laptop got repaired and I took a deep breath.

Nowadays, I am very careful about my laptop. This was the time when my laptop broke down.

## Follow-ups

## 1. What do people use computers for?

In modern scenario, with the passage of time and advancement in technology use of electronic gadgets is increasing rapidly in order to access information. Individuals used for communicational purposes (internet), to store and calculate data and to write up massive documents multiple times while only needing to write it up once. Others use computers for entertainment value; to play games, watch movies and play music etc.

# 2. Should students be allowed to use computers at school?

Yes definitely, computer should be allowed at school because there are number of benefits for students . Students will be able to thrive because of the easy access they will have to the laptops. With the computers, students will have more efficient note taking, be more organized with school work. Furthermore, computers in school would help students take notes faster on the other hand, When students have to take notes on paper, it 's tiring.

# 3. What do you think of people who are addicted to computers?

I think people who are computer addicted mostly spend their time on computers because they are over rely on computer. According to me, those people who are lonely, shy, easily bored or suffering from another addiction or impulse control disorder are especially vulnerable to computer addiction. Nowadays, families become nuclear that is the main reason why individuals become addicted.

# 4.Do you think computers make our life simpler or more complex?

With the advent of technology and computers, our lives have totally changed. Though admittedly, use of computers can also be done in negative ways, but I think there are more pros than cons, and computers have certainly made lives easier for everyone. With computers, access to information has become very easy.



## 24. Describe a polite person whom you know.

### Who is the person

## How you know him/her

## And explain why you think this person is polite.

In fact, I have met a number of polite persons in my life, and picking just one of them as the most polite person is my mother. She is in late 40s. She is not tall but looking very gorgeous.

There are several reasons why I choose my mother for the politest person. Firstly, No doubt, all the members are lovable and co-operative but I am very much near to my mother and she is having cluster of qualities. She is one of the most softspoken person in our entire family. Not only does she respects people she knows, but she is respectful to everyone who interacts with her.

Recently, a beggar was roaming around in our colony asking for either food or money and while everyone disrespectfully asked the person to move, my mother not only gave him respect but also food and money. On asking her why she did that, she replied that "everyone deserves to be treated respectfully, irrespective of their position, behavior or clothing."

My mother has always tried instilling these qualities in both of her kids, although we are not as kind as her, we try to follow her teaching of respecting every individual.

Secondly, she teaches me hard working is key to success and she told me that without hard work person cannot reach the goal. She is real motivator for me. Moreover,. Her speeches are well constructed and she always carefully tries not to hurt anyone with her speech. she is well-known both for her gentle nature and talent.

she never breaks her promises and makes promise considering her ability. So, I like her very much for her politeness and other qualities. She is like a candle who burns herself and gives me light.

## Follow-ups

## 1. According to you, are you a polite person?

I do think I'm a polite person. I treat other people nicely and patiently, and I do not insult anyone unless they truly deserve it. Also, I properly apologize when I make mistakes and I show my gratitude when other people help me.

## 2. Do you think people should be polite? Why is being polite important?

People should always be polite because it shows that they have good manners and it helps them earn others' respect. Being polite is like having good social skills — it can help one widen their social network, and this can positively influence one's private and professional life.

## 3. Who taught you to be polite?

This may sound weird but my friends actually taught me to be polite. I wasn't a very nice person when I was a kid, and my parents often scolded me for being rude to elders. One day, I remember watching one of my friends talking really nicely and politely to a senior. She was praised, and so I started imitating her. My parents were really surprised when I changed my attitude, and they gave me some sweets as I was "being a good kid". I have been showing my politeness to everyone ever since.

# 4. How do people in your culture show good manners towards others?

Good manners can be shown in a wide range of acts in our culture. For example, when we run into people who are older than us like our parents, grandparents or our university lecturers, we say hi and bow our head to show our respect towards them.

## 25. Describe a thing you bought and you are happy about

Explain why you bought it?

Why you selected this product?

From where you purchased it?

## And explain why are you so happy about it?

Just like every other people, I also have to buy things for myself and my family, and it's not that I always feel happy about my choices or purchases. But, today, I would like to talk about buying a product which really made me happy.

I have bought a laptop from the online website. This is the age of technology and using the internet with mobile phones is not very efficient. Someone may browse the internet or social networking websites temporarily on a mobile network, but that is not suitable for any large scale jobs. Often I have to perform some official tasks using the internet and this is almost impossible by using the cell phone.

Besides, I like watching movies for recreational purposes and my cell phone is unable to come with such support for me. Moreover, my parents are religious and they love listening recitation and a laptop can serve this best. Considering all such matters, I decided to get a laptop.

I have bought a laptop last month and have been using for around three weeks. By this time, the laptop has proved its worth. It has an outstanding charging back up and the battery lasts for seven hours approximately once it is charged completely. Besides, my parents are also using it and they are happy too. I planned to use the internet modem but my father has arranged a broadband internet connection. So, using the internet is no longer a problem for us. I have two younger sisters and they are also careful about using the laptop. They mostly use the laptop when I am not home and watch cartoons and animated movies on

the internet. My mother takes care of the laptop and she is responsible for keeping it safe and clean from dust.

## Follow ups

## 1.Did you tell anyone after buying it?

yes definitely, I showed to my friends because they are very close to my heart and I always share my thick and thin situation with them. For example, they had also watched animation movie on my laptop.

# 2. what are your thoughts about trend that people buy new things instead of repairing the old ones?

Industrialisation has brought with it the rise in standards of living for most of the world and people can afford to buy new things instead of getting the old things repaired. This has indirectly resulted in the increase in the amount of waste that is produced each year via the disposal of old things.

# 3. Is increasing consumerism a good trend?

consumerism is a positive phenomenon that fuels economic growth. consumerism has its advantages: the consumer chooses his/her lifestyle – what goods are necessary and what luxuries can be afforded. The opportunity to enjoy this world (food, drink, entertainment) in various quantities. On the other hand, there are some drawbacks too.

# 4. What is the product, which is consumed most in your country? Why?

Mobile Phones, Laptops, Digital Cameras, Power Banks, and a lot more are the most demanded products in India. According to me, Nowadays mobile phones are very popular. It is not only a source of entertainment but also source of communication.

## 26. Talk about a time when you gave advice to someone.

Who you gave advice to?

What advice did you give?

Why you gave the advice?

and how you felt about the advice?

In my journey of life, I have received plenty of advice from family members and friends. There is a vast difference between giving and receiving advice.

Here, I'd like to talk about a suggestion I given to my younger sister.

I'm a very health conscious person every day I wake up early in the morning at 5:00 am.

I prefer morning walk, yoga, and meditation as different forms of exercises.

However, my sister is too lazy and she is not aware of her health; therefore, I gave her one best advice for a healthy life.

I gave one statement, which is not a statement but the slogan - "Early to bed early rise makes a person healthy, wealthy wise."

I recommended her to wake up early in the morning and came with me for some exercise.

In addition to that, everyone knows that an empty mind is a devil's workshop.

Due to her nature, she used to take an excessive amount of fast food and junk food.

I always advise her that "Health is Wealth. Soon she realized that she was wrong and she started to follow me. We both go for morning walk, yoga, and meditation.

Furthermore, we joined a gym to maintain our fitness and started taking healthy diets.

Anyway, even though, I was initially nervous about giving that advice to my sister because of her aggressive nature, I felt really good later on because, after all, my sister had finally understood the value of health benefits. So, this was a time when I gave advice to my cute sister. I still feel very glad to be able to give her an advice that proved to be very helpful for her.

## Follow ups

# 1. What kind of advice do parents give to their children?

Parents play an important role in the development of their children. Some parents suggest their children should take regular exercise. Some children concentrate more on other things than their studies ,parents tell their child that a qualification gained from university could give them an advantage over other competitor in the labor market and help them find a decent job.

# 2. How do experts give advice to others?

I believe doctors cannot easily give advice to someone who is suffering from illness without undergoing a medical examination. They cannot advise by just listening to the person's complaint about his health. Doctors can only give some medical advice once they know the health condition of the person.

# 3. What advice do parents give to teenagers about making friends?

Parents are good advisors. They suggest their children that they should socialize with people who can make them laugh and change their perspective. they teach

their children that they should treat their friends with good faith and keep their promises..overall ,they advise that their children should keep company with true friends.

## 4. Whose advice is more helpful? Parents ' or friends'?

Parents and grandparents probably have more life experience than a friend, and so according to my perception one can get a wiser or more sensible answer from them. On the other hand, friends are less likely to become too worried if you go to them with a problem. For example, My parents gave me good guidance when I was a younger, now, I have a successful career.

# 27. Describe something important that has been kept in your family for a long time.

What is it?

When your family had it?

How your family got it?

and explain why it is important for your family.

Someone has rightly said that "old is gold." We have many old things which we preserve in our houses as memories. Well, there are many things in our house that we use for different purposes. Some of these things are new, and some are old.

Today, I will talk about an old object that my family has kept for a long time, and that is "spinning wheel". It is my grand mother's spinning wheel. Her mother gave it to her on her marriage. She used to spin it two to three hours daily and used the thread that was made from fibres to make clothes. Unfortunately, she died five years ago, but my mother keeps it very safely.

It is a wooden spinning wheel. Its colour is dark brown with white flowers on it. There is one thread on the wheel that connects it to another part. It is about 50 years old. We buy many new things, but no one can replace it.

It still increases the beauty of the living room. When we lived in a village, it was placed in grandmother's room, but ten years ago we moved to the city from the village, and my mother specially made a glass and wood box from a carpenter in the living room and placed the spinning wheel in it, so that everyone can see it. It is very close to my family, and it would be a great honour for my family and me if we keep it at home for the rest of our life.

## Follow-ups

1. Which do you think are better, old things or new things?
It depends on products ,Sometimes old is better, or more often, equal. For instance, jewelry of the old times has better designs, some of which are not available now. As far as the technological gadgets are concerned, new things are far better than the old ones.

# 2. As well as family photographs, what are some other things that people keep in their family for a long time?

Apart from family photographs, some people love to keep old things such as, old brass utensils and trunks and some articles of furniture like an old round wooden table, a chair and so on. Moreover, some people keep the old jewelry for a long time..

# 3. In your culture, what sorts of things do people often pass down from generation to generation? (Why?)

In my culture people pass down Jewelry from generation to generation. Some articles of clothing are also passed from generation to generation. For example, My grandmother gave a beautiful set of gold jewelry to my mother because It is a family heritage. It has been handed down from generation to generation in my family.

# 4. Why do you think people keep these things?

People love nostalgia. On the one hand, the old things may be left behind by the love, warmth and deep memory that can help people remember the past time. Many times people want to hold onto something to pass things down to their offspring.

## 28. Describe an occasion when you ate a kind of food for the first time.

When you had it

Where you ate it

What it was

## And how you felt about it?

I think maybe the first time I tried foreign food was an occasion when my parents took me to a restaurant with some friends of theirs.

So, I guess I must have been around 16 or 17 years old at the time. It was an authentic Chinese restaurant in the city because my parents' friends where a Chinese family and they were celebrating a special occasion.

It was quite different from what I was used to and it's an experience I still remember vividly to this day.

One of the strangest things for me was the number of different dishes that were served during the meal.

The first course was a soup which had chicken and some vegetables in it and I remember it tasted so different from anything else I had eaten before. But I like it.

Then there were various other dishes which were served, some spring rolls, honey chilli potato pastas and at the end of the meal some kind of dessert which was really sticky and sweet.

I was fascinated by it. It was all totally different for me but I loved it all and I learned how to use chopsticks to eat the food because one of the other kids there, the daughter of my parent's friends showed me how to use them.

It wasn't easy at first but I soon got the hang of using them. It made the whole meal even more interesting and exciting.

At first I thought I might not like it, simply because I had never had Chinese food before but I loved it and the whole experience was amazing.

Obviously since then I've tried many more types of foreign food, and had a lot more Chinese food also; it's become one of my all time favorites but back then it really was a new experience for me.

I've even learned how to cook some of the dishes because my mother's friend gave her some of their family's recipes so we learned how to cook them together.

## Follow-ups

# 1.Do you like to try new food?

Yes, I do like to try new food because change is always excites me, even though, I never get bored of having our Indian dishes. A couple months ago, I tried Indian food for the first time. Even though I don't really like spicy food, the flavors in Indian food... The mixture of the spices made for an amazing taste, even if I couldn't finish the whole thing.

# 2.what kinds of popular food are popular in your country?

In India people have a vast variety of tastes. But, overall, people prefer street foods. Such foods evoke strong reaction in the brain and in taste, therefore these are established as the best in our minds. Today, street foods like, Gol Gappa, Momos, Chowmein, etc. rule the roost. Moreover, its pricing makes it easy to access for all.

## 3.Do you like to cook at home?

Unfortunately, it's not my cup of tea. I don't like the idea of spending so much time in the messy kitchen- preparing various kinds of ingredients, cutting veggies and right after I have to wash pots or completely tidy up the mess. I just don't like that, I am just a food lover and no desire to learn how to cook.

### 4. Is it expensive to eat out in your country?

I usually avoid eating outside and prefer to eat homemade food. Homemade food items have better taste, superior food values and I enjoy my dinner with my family members more than eating in a restaurant because restaurant foods are quite expensive in my country.

#### 5. What is the difference between Indian food and western food?

Indian food is spicier than western food. It is cooked in oil or ghee, which makes it heavier calorie wise. Western food does not have so much diversity .Apart from it, Meat is the staple ingredient that western people are fond to eat and are mostly omnivore in nature whereas Indian people are vegetarian.

## 29. Describe a goal you want to achieve in the future.

## What the goal is

What would you do to achieve it

## When will you achieve

## Explain why you want to achieve it?

We all make goals for our lives, the ones that we all work hard to achieve. One of my ambitions that I have not yet achieved is to be able to communicate in French. As you know that, the ability to speak a second language has become a valuable asset in today's society. Besides looking for motivated individuals with experience, companies are searching for potential candidates who can offer more with regards to cultural diversity.

I just thought about this idea a year ago because I realized that nowadays, knowing more foreign languages is an advantage not only in our daily lives but also in work environments.

In order to achieve this, I registered for a French class for beginners, twice a week, I also downloaded an application on my cell phone which helps people study foreign language named Duolingo so that I can study on my own at home.

For the first two weeks, I did not skip any classes and spent at least 30 minutes every night studying French on duolingo at home.

Unfortunately, I could not keep up with the schedule for long since I was working full time, not to mention that I had many other social activities that distracted me from studying.

There were days when I was so busy that I had to work overtime to finish my project work. As a result, I was not able to go to class and I definitely did not have any time to study at home.

Moreover, my friends complained that I had been ignoring them, so I needed to arrange the time to hang out with them.

Just like that, I gradually lost my ambition to study French and until now, I can only remember one alphabet table, even though French uses various types of alphabets.

In the near future, I will join the class again and will study properly so that I can speak fluently.

## Follow ups

## 1. Should parents set goals for children?

Parents are the backbone of their children and their future. They are the first ones to inspire, the first ones to support and the first ones to help them gain the confidence that they need. I am not sure setting goals for children is right but I think parents should direct children to set their goals. Parents and children should discuss the goals together so the parent knows what activities to expose the child to that would allow them to learn more about their goal/interest.

# 2. When do young children start to set goals for themselves?

From the very young age. Parents had to help them to set goals. They will learn the sense of accomplishment when they achieve their goals. It motivates them to do better. Moreover, this will vary from child to child but I highly recommend letting your children guide as much of their life as they safely and responsibly can. We let our kids set goals as early as three years old. Children thrive in setting and achieving goals they care about.

## 3. What kinds of goals are not realistic?

Unrealistic goals don't stand a chance of success. But unrealistic doesn't mean what you think is wrong, instead, it means you don't know what you want. If you know what you are doing, it is a realistic goal. As an example, let's say an unrealistic goal of yours is going to mars. Why it is unrealistic? Because you don't

know how you are going to do it, you have no knowledge, resources, or a plan on how you are going to do it.

# 4. Why do people set goals?

People set goals because goals gives them a motivation to work hard. I think the main reason why goals are important is because they help you to stay on track. So, you are less likely to get lost in the world of troubles because your aim is onto

your goal and you tend to forget about everything because the entire focus is on achieving the goal.

# 5. What would you feel if you couldn't achieve your goal?

If I failed because of external circumstance, I'd feel disappointed, acknowledge there was nothing I could have done, try to figure out what went wrong, do it again or move on. If I failed because I did not work hard enough or make the right decisions I'd be very disappointed and angry with myself, then I would calm down and examine my mistakes and do it again or apply my new found wisdom elsewhere.

## 30. Talk about a toy you liked in your childhood

What was the toy
Who gave it to you
How often did you play it with?

Toys are extremely precious for children and they are possessive about their favorite ones. As a child, I was lucky enough to have quite a few of them but there was one which I absolutely adored. It was teddy bear and my mother gifted on my 6th birthday. When I got this toy, I jumped for joy and paid no attention to my other presents.

I remember that, I spent a lot of time with my teddy bear and to be honest, at that time, nobody in my area was having this sort of toy. It was so different from other stuffed bears. It was so much more fluffy and it was huge.

Also, the colour, well I was in love with that bear. He was just like a friend I would talk to and have fun with. There have been endless stories that I have shared with him. And then he has been there when I used to cry.

There were so many days I had a fight with my mother or my brother and when nothing worked out, I used to simply go out and vent my anger into the bear.

Apart from it, me and my friends used to bring their teddy bears along with them and we used to have fun laughing and fighting with or dressing up our bears.

I think the one reason I was in love with the teddy bear was because there were no fears with it, no chance of any scolding. It could keep all my secrets and I could just carry on with life, enjoying every bit of it.

In conclusion, I would like to say that toy was first of my friends in my childhood. Being an introvert, I shared my thoughts with my soft toys and animals. As it was gifted by my mother, it held a special place in my life. Though I've donated most

of my childhood possessions, I've kept this one as it makes me feel nostalgic every time I look at it.

## Follow ups

## 1. What is the difference between girls' and boys' toys?

We found that girls' toys were associated with physical attractiveness, nurturing, and domestic skill, whereas boys' toys were rated as violent, competitive, exciting, and somewhat dangerous. Boys had more "spatial-temporal" toys (e.g., shapesorting toys, clocks, magnets, outer-space toys); they also had more sports equipment (e.g., balls, skates, kites), toy animals, garages or depots, machines, military toys, and educational and art materials. Girls' rooms contained more dolls, doll houses, and domestic items (e.g., sinks, dishes, stoves). Boys almost never had domestic toys

## 2.Do you think toys really help in children's development?

Educational toys can help develop problem solving skills, teach about conflict resolution and how cause and effect work. It also teaches children about sharing, helps develop their fine and gross motor skills and nurtures their creativity and imagination.

# 3. Does modern technology have an influence on children's toys?

Yes, modern technology has a big influence on toys. Both the type of toys available and the children's preferences for toys have changed over time. Today robots, app controlled cars are more popular. Board games are becoming less and less popular.

# 4.which do you think is better, for children to play with toy alone or with other kids?

It is definitely better for children to play with other kids. They learn caring and sharing and many other social skills when they play with others.

# 5. How are toys today different to toys of the past?

There are many differences between toys from the past and present. ...

Modern toys are usually made from plastic, nylon or foam and are mostly produced in factories. Toys from the past were often unsafe as some were made with sharp edges and from unsafe materials.

## 31. Describe a country where you would like to work for a short time.

Where you would like to work?

What kind of job would it be?

When would you like to go?

### Why you want to work there?

Well, it is quite evident that people from developing countries are migrating to developed nations due to work or study. And here I would like to talk about a country named Canada where I would like to go and work for a short time.

In today's era of globalization, everyone wants to explore culture of different countries.

People from developing countries like India have a strong desire to settle in developed nations like UK, Australia, and New-Zealand.

In my case, the country in which I would like to work for a short period of time is Canada.

Many of my cousins are already settled in Canada and they always suggest me to move to Canada.

So, I have decided to go there for higher studies.

Actually, in Canada, students can work 20 hours a week while studying.

In this way, students can manage their expenses without being a burden on their parents.

Moreover, In Canada, people are remunerated on the basis of the number of hours they work in a day.

In addition, the government has decided fix pay for people working in every sector to make sure that no one is exploited.

There are the reasons why I would like to work in Canada.

Apart from this, I would like to work in a restaurant or in a bar while studying.

Being an extrovert, I like to meet new people and make them my friends.

By working there, I can meet new people every day and can learn about their lifestyle and culture.

Furthermore, I will become independent and will learn about how to deal with financial matters effectively.

Besides this, the Pay scale of people who work in a restaurant or bar is also high compared to other part-time jobs.

So I would definitely like to work for a short period in Canada.

Also, in Canada, there are so many people who are most popular throughout the world. I think by working there, I will get a chance to explore myself and also have a chance to know the way that how they work.

# Follow ups

# 1. What kinds of jobs are easy to get in a foreign country?

There are several kinds of jobs are available if we talk about students for example In some countries, such as the USA, the only work available to international students during their first year of undergraduate studies is working within the university. There are many different jobs offered on campus, from working in the writing centre, as a teaching assistant, in the cafeteria, to computer centers.

# 2. should young adults work abroad?

Yes, young adults should work abroad because of several reasons like, taking care of their overhead expenses, taking the financial burden off their parents' shoulders, they become more independent and responsible and they gain experience about the work culture, which would help them in their future. It is

also a good way to learn about the culture of that country and to meet new people and make friends.

## 3. Do Indian parents encourage their children to work abroad?

Today parents encourage young people to work in foreign countries. The advantage of this trend is that it allows students to acquire international exposure and gain confidence. This experience widens their horizons and thus helps them think wisely and make decisions in their life. Another important benefit of foreign trips is that students learn to be independent and gain confidence.

# 4. If you had an opportunity to live abroad, which country would you like to settle down in?

Moving overseas can dramatically change your life for the better. Living overseas can offer new opportunities, new lifestyles, new careers and a new direction. If I have an opportunity to live abroad, I would like to settle in Canada because developed nations provide numerous amenities such as good education system, medical facilities and so on. Apart from this, In Canada there are countless job opportunities and high standard of living.

## 32. Describe a time when you forgot something important

When it happened?

What you forgot?

What was the result of your forgetting?

Why it was important?

I have recently graduated from college and my major was finance. Though I have already left my college, my memories related to my academic years are still vivid. On one occasion, I forgot to submit an important assignment. I was in my 8th semester at that time and in a coursework, we were supposed to submit an assignment which alone carried 40% marks of this course. The pass mark for each coursework was 50% and due to this, the assignment was so crucial for every student.

The teacher who took this course was a guest teacher from another college. In the last month of our course, he assigned individual assignments to every student and gave us a deadline for the submission. He warned us not to copy-and-paste any part of the assignment. I worked on the assignment and completed almost 80% to 85% of it until I got a severe fever. I had to see a doctor and take medicine to recover from this viral fever. The medical report showed that it was a viral fever and there was nothing to worry about. After a week I joined the class but unfortunately, I completely forgot my deadline for the assignment and the due date was already over! I possibly forgot it due to my sickness and distractions caused by it. Sometimes the fever was so severe that I had to take several pills together.

Soon after I realised that I have missed my deadline, I tried to contact professor

but I heard that he would not be available until the next week. It was quite a frustrating experience for me. I then concentrated on finishing my assignment and waited for the professor to get back to our college. Next week, I met him and explained everything. To my surprise, he did not seem convinced. I told him that I can show him my medical as well as the test reports, but he looked like he did not care.

He got busy on his cell phone and I was literally broke! After he finished his phone conversation, he suddenly asked me the name and address of the doctor whom I saw during my illness. He, in fact, did contact this doctor and saw him personally, which I learned at a later time. He wanted to be sure that I was not making an excuse for the delay to submit my assignment and was genuinely ill. To my relief, two days later he called me into his room and gave me an email address. He asked me to send my assignment to this email address within 12 hours. I would like to mention before ending my story that I got 'A' on this assignment.

### Follow-ups

## 1. How memory can help you to learn a new skill?

Memory is essential in learning a new skill. It is only through a good memory that we can remember the rules or the techniques that are required to be followed when learning a particular skill.

## 2. Do you think memory is important?

Yes, I do. If we couldn't remember certain things, life would be very awkward and difficult. Our memories hold a lot of important information we use all the time, every day, just to live.

# 3.Do you think it's important to have a good memory?

It can certainly help make things easier. If you can remember things easily and not forget them it can be very beneficial. Activities such as studying and learning seem much easier, for example, learning English is much easier if you can remember all the vocabulary and grammar you learn and how to use it correctly, and if you can recall things easily it can save you a lot of time instead of having to look up information or ask someone else if they know.

## 4. What are some of the benefits of having a good memory?

It can help you avoid embarrassing social situations if you never forget someone's birthday, or if you don't forget people's names when you haven't seen them for a long time.

It can also be useful in activities like quizzes or competitions which rely on general knowledge if you can remember the relevant information and answer the questions. And I suppose it's probably a good thing in relation to your career or work if you are able to recall information which is relevant without having to ask someone else to help, or refer to a reference book or something like that.

# 5. Are there any things that are especially important for people to memorize?

I suppose it depends on the situation. Everything is important to some people. I mean... most people get upset if their friends or someone close forgets their birthday or a special occasion like an anniversary.

A lot of things we do which seem to be automatic such as getting dressed or driving a car actually rely on memory. If we forgot, or couldn't remember part of the process we would be in big trouble! If you were a musician, it might be important to remember a piece of music or combination of notes for a particular piece of music.