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**1. Describe a person who impressed you the most when you were in primary school.**

**Who he/she is?**

**How you knew him/her**

**Why he/she impressed you the most**

**And how you feel about him/her**

I consider myself exceptionally fortunate to have been taught and guided by some excellent teachers throughout my academic life. Among them, I'd like to talk about Mr Mohit, who has been an extraordinary teacher, a really good mentor and who has a great influence on my studies.

I met Mr Mohit for the first time when I was in fourth grade. He was our math teacher. Initially, we thought that he would be a tough teacher and we would have to be very polite in front of him. We got this impression mostly because of his serious face and tidy dress-up. But soon we found that he was a very friendly person and we did not have to be "very polite" with him.

He never made things complicated and tried over and over again to explain something to us. He had a unique way of teaching and could explain complex topics very easily. Thus everything we learned from him was interesting and that's why we remember most of the theories and techniques of math he taught us.

I'd say he has a great influence on my education because he helped me build a strong foundation in mathematics. My major in college was science and mathematics was the

most important subject at that level. I have always been good at math and that' mainly because of Mr Mohit who had a major role in making the subject interesting to me.

Before I learned math from Mr Mohit, my impression on math was not good and I considered mathematics to be a complex and uninteresting subject. But his teaching and influences changed my way of thinking about math and later on, math became my one the most favourite subjects for which I admire him greatly.

### **Follow-ups**

#### **1. Why do some people always miss their childhood?**

Childhood is truly a golden period because it is the age where care is taken by parents and at that age, they are provided all basic supplements. Nowadays, everyone has a busy schedule so they do not have time for each other, so that's why people feel isolated according to me it is the main reason some people always miss their childhood days.

#### **2. Are kids happier than adults? Why?**

Definitely, children are extremely happy as compare to adults because they are free of worries, tensions, and stress. On the other hand, adults are not happier because they have a lot of responsibilities on their shoulders.

#### **3. Why do people still remember many of their friends from primary school?**

I think it's because of the amount of time we spent with them.

We never spend as much time with friends during adulthood because of work and familial responsibilities. Also, we have strong bondings with them.

#### **4. What kind of primary school teachers impress students?**

Creative teachers who think out of the box, especially when it involves new apps and technologies in the classroom they easily impress the students. Besides, those teachers are very polite and easily understand the problems of children.

### **2. Describe an item on which you spent more than expected.**

**What it is**

**How much did you spend on it**

**Why you bought it**

## **And explain why you think you spent more than expected.**

Just like every other people, I love 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 a product which was really beyond my expectations, that is my brand-new laptop.

I have bought a laptop last month and I spent approximately 60000 on it. My laptop is of brand Dell and regarding the look of the gadget, it is silver in colour and very slim.

There were several reasons why I bought this laptop. Firstly, as I am a student so I really needed it because it assists me to prepare assignments and is also helpful in other academic purposes.

Secondly, due to portability like I can take my laptop anywhere outside of my house, I can also take it with me anywhere inside of my house. Thirdly,

I was fascinated by laptops along with their extraordinary features.

Actually, I made a budget of rupees 50000 but when I saw this laptop, it grabbed my attention due to the latest features I did not control myself and then I bought this laptop. I also argued with the owner of dell company but they did not give a discount after that I thought one minute then finally purchased this laptop with the given price.

In the end, it's too expensive but it is very useful for me So, I am extremely happy to own it and with its so far performance and utilization.

## **Follow-ups**

### **1. Do you often buy more than you expected?**

Not frequently, but sometimes I am fascinated by some outstanding things like jewelry and dresses that time I spend a huge amount of money. Apart from this, normally I spend a reasonable amount of money on needed things.

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

Usually many different things, but I suppose the most popular would be clothes, music, electronic gadgets and I guess girls spend more on makeup and stuff like that. Depending on how old they are, they might spend a lot of money socializing or going out, or maybe they have a specific hobby, a favorite sport, or something similar which they spend their money on.

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

Saving money is one of the essential aspects of building wealth and having a secure financial future. Saving money gives you a way out of the uncertainties of life and provides you with an opportunity to enjoy a quality life.

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

Definitely, some individuals are fascinated by advertisements and they buy unnecessary things. Apart from that, some people buy those things that are not required but for the sake of pleasure.

### **3. Describe an activity that you usually do that wastes your time**

**What it is**

**When you usually do it**

**Why do you do it**

And explain why you think it wastes your time.

I do numerous activities daily some are worthwhile and some are useless. I perform various activities just for fun. Here, I would like to elaborate on one such activity that is totally spoiling my quality time that is WhatsApp status that I see when I wake up.

Generally, I watching WhatsApp status in the morning time. Apart from that, not only morning but I also check the status after few minutes. I almost do this activity on daily basis.

The primary reason for spending time on it is that I get instant gratification from it. Being a student, I have to spend about 7-8 hours in the study every day. Due to this reason, sometimes I get stressed. So, to relieve the stress and break the monotony, but actually, I end up feeling more stressed after watching it.

I feel like I would spend more time with my family if I didn't watch this. I could also be playing outdoor activities or going to the gym instead, which would be beneficial for me from a health perspective.

Another hobby I had in my childhood was reading books, but because of this, I am not able to read books as well. And reading novels always improved my mood because I felt I gained something after reading them.

A lot of my friends also complain that in recent years I have stopped spending time with them. I always give the excuse that I am busy, but I know that I would be able to spend plenty of time with them if I didn't spend my time on WhatsApp.

In the end, there is no doubt, WhatsApp has also a profound negative impact on youth and adversely affects their education, behavior, and routine lives. It messes up much of the study time of students and spoils their spelling skills and grammatical construction of sentences.

### **Follow-ups**

#### **1. How do you balance work and life?**

Actually, I spend reasonable working hours on my job and spend quality time with my family because I know time management is essential for both work and life. At work, my focus must be on work because this simple strategy will enable them to finish my job faster and find time for my family.

#### **2. Will you continue doing something when you are aware that it wastes your time?**

Yes, sometimes I spend a number of hours on social media and I also know that it is waste of time but due to the addiction, I don't control myself and continuously spending time on it.

#### **3. What kind of things make people pressured?**

There are several factors that why people feel stressed. Firstly, a Lack of respect and light bonding in the family often contribute to a stressful life for adolescence. Sometimes the drug abuse issue by a family member ruins the peacefulness of the whole family. Due to globalization and the free trade zone, business competition is getting tougher these days and it has increased the workload of many employees. As a consequence, many of these people are exhausted, frustrated, and burn out with their daily lives.

#### **4. Why do some people refuse to abide by the rules?**

According to my perspective, reckless people do not follow the law because they are irresponsible and they feel great when they break the law. I think they feel exhilarating after breaking the law.

## 4 Describe a skill that was difficult for you to learn Cue Card

**When you learned it?**

**Why you learned it?**

**How you learned it?**

**How you felt when you learned it?**

I love learning and oftentimes I challenge myself to spend time learning something new in my life. Although I am a lover of learning, still there were times that I feel like giving up learning. I guess it's human nature to feel that way when something is really difficult.

Here I would tend to elaborate about the time when I learned how to drive. A few years ago, I made up my mind to enroll in a driving school so that I could learn how to operate a car and for me to be independent of my father. During those times, I felt an apology for my father since he always sent me to college even though he's incredibly busy with our business.

At that time, I could not leave my college classes because I had to pay a huge chunk of money at the time of admission as these classes were essential for my bright future. Apart from this, I could not use any public transport since the college was just way too far from our home. Because of that reason, I made the decision to learn to drive. I enrolled in one of the best driving schools in the city and started to learn how to drive a manual transmission car.

I felt anxious because the use of clutch always made me confused most especially when I was driving on an upward slope. What made me nervous was when my engine stopped in the middle of the road and some cars behind me started to honk their horn. I really lost my self-esteem when I was under those circumstances.

In the end, there were times that I wanted to stop learning but I couldn't accept failure. So I decided to keep going and but I do remember it took me more than one month to learn swimming, while on average, people pick it up within 1-2 weeks. No doubt, Learning a new skill is a daunting task, and with regular practice, we can become masters.

### **Follow -ups**

#### **1. What skills do students need to master?**

In this contemporary epoch, there are different kinds of skills that learners need to master like Critical thinking and problem-solving, Effective oral and written communication,

Accessing and analyzing information, curiosity, and imagination. Apart from this, cooking, money management, driving, and so on are skills that every student should possess. Also, in today's world, everyone should try to have computer skills.

## **2. Is it hard for students to learn new skills?**

It is not, it's a matter of perspective. I personally find learning new skills fun and exciting, especially things that are about programming, science, spirituality or learning new languages.

## **3. Is it hard for old people to learn new skills?**

Most older people have a hard time learning new things but it is not because of their age. It is because they make the conscious decision to stop learning even though they may not realize it.

## **4. Is a good teacher very important for students learning experience? Why?**

Teachers play a very important role in a student's life. As a teacher, one must bring out the best in students and inspire them to strive for greatness. A teacher imparts knowledge, good values, tradition, modern-day challenges, and ways to resolve them within students. A good teacher is an asset to the student.

## **5. Describe a time you moved to a new home or school.**

**When you moved?**

**Why you moved?**

**Where you moved?**

**How you felt about it?**

These days, many people prefer to relocate to another city owing to better work opportunities there and better education as well as for other various reasons.

It all happened about 5 years ago from now when my father decided to change his long time profession and move to a less crowded small town. Initially, of course, I wasn't very much in favour of moving to a small, but when my whole family, including my parents and elder siblings, explained to me about the benefits of living in a small town, I reluctantly agreed with them.

By the way, I wasn't in favour of selling our old house either, because I really liked its design and size, but, again, my whole family convinced me otherwise by saying that they would need to sell the old house in order to get the additional cash for buying a new house. Anyway, now, it was time to visit the new city and look for our new house. So, my whole family, including me, travelled to the new city and started to look for a house, only to find out it wasn't that easy to buy a new house as good as our old one. Finally, after a marathon try of one whole week, we luckily found a house that we could buy. Now, all was left to do was to just pack our luggage and old furniture and move into our newly bought house.

Anyway, moving to a new house, in a completely new and strange place, was a whole new experience for me – an experience which I was never really prepared for. But, I tried my best to get used to the idea while trying very hard to forget about our old but nice house.

## **Follow-ups**

### **1. Why do people move to a new home?**

There are many reasons why people move to a new home. But, most commonly people move for jobs, education. In other words, people move when they get a job or join an educational institute, which is too far for them to commute daily. Another big reason is marriage or because of children. This is because either they want independence and privacy or because their earlier house might be too small to accommodate the growing family.

### **2. What problems do people face after moving to a new place? How do people solve these problems?**

I think it depends upon the place they are moving to. For example, if they are moving to a new place with a different culture, they might face a culture shock. Another problem is getting to know neighbours and making new friends. People solve these problems by having a housewarming party to invite new neighbours and get to know them.

### **3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in the same place?**

It is comfortable to live in the same place for a long time. As people are familiar with everything, they don't need to spend time setting up things again and again. On the other hand, it gets boring and monotonous to live in the same place.

### **4. Is it good to move to a new place frequently? Why?**



I don't think it is good to move to a new place too frequently. Firstly, it might be challenging to do so financially. Moving involves a lot of expenses. Secondly, it might be difficult to make new friends and people might miss their old place. Finally, from a children's point of view, it can be disastrous as it would affect their educational continuity.

### **6. Describe a time when you felt proud of a family member.**

**You should say**

**When it happened?**

**Who is this person?**

**What the person did?**

**And explain why you felt proud of him or her?**

Family plays a significant role in everyone's life. There are countless circumstances when my family members have made me feel proud. Here, I would tend to elaborate on the incident when I was extremely proud of my sister.

Four years ago, my sister participated in an art and craft competition and she had made thread painting. Although she is just 9 years old, the way she performs it seems like she is 15 years old. Well, to be frank, my memory fails me and I cannot recall the exact date when she attended the craft activity but she made a thread painting with the help of a needle and wool and it was on a cloth.

Since she would never made a thread painting before, but she did well. It seemed to be arduous work as it took 4 to 5 hours to finish it but finally, it turned out to be quite rewarding.

The prominent reason for being proud of her is that she worked hard at such a tender age with determination, dedication, and discipline. I was so proud that she was even participating in a competition like this at such a young age. She has always been good at academics and in this craft competition, she got first prize.

we were really feeling proud of her. It was really a proud moment for the entire family. I must say that my father was especially proud of my sister because he always wanted to see her daughter as a winner.

## Follow-ups

### 1. When would parents feel proud of their children?

There are various circumstances when parents feel proud of their children such as when children get good scores when they are kind and they do not judge people based on religion or opinion. For younger children parents are proud when they achieve tiny milestones like saying their first word, taking their first step, and so on.

### 2. Should parents reward children? Why and how?

Rewards are important for many reasons: Rewards can encourage a child's good behaviors. Parents respond right after their child's behaviors make the behavior more or less likely to happen again. Rewards can help get their child to do more of the things their parents want her to do.

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

I don't think parents should reward children too often as it can make them stubborn. Buying them toys, gadgets as rewards can make them materialistic. Younger kids may become too focused on the reward and forget about the reason they are being rewarded for.

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

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

### 7. Describe a difficult thing you did.

**What it was?**

**How did you complete it?**

**Why it was difficult?**

**And how you felt about doing it?**

In our life, we do so many difficult things knowingly and unknowingly. For some difficult tasks, we get appreciation and some remain unnoticed by others.

Last year I passed my driving test. I was the last one in my group of friends to do this – and they all thought it was arduous task – so I was expecting a difficult time preparing for it.

I got my sister to ask me lots of questions about the information to make sure I could respond correctly and knew all about the rules of the road and what to do in certain situations and things like that.

I booked some lessons with a driving instructor and, personally, I found driving very easy. That might be because I had always been fascinated by watching my father drive the car when I was little, and, in fact, after the third lesson my driving instructor said that I was a natural driver.

After a few more lessons I applied for the road test and I was a little nervous on the day – but everything went very well and after the test had finished the examiner informed me that I had passed – and done it very well on the first attempt – which most people don't do.

He congratulated me and I was extremely happy and all my friends were surprised when I told them because most of them had done the test more than once in order to pass. So I had been the most successful in passing the driving test in my group of friends. My family arranged a special celebration for me because they were so happy about how well I had done in the test.

## **Follow-ups**

### **1. What kinds of jobs require people to be confident?**

In my perspective, all sorts of jobs need confidence because it is a serious asset in any workplace, and some employees have it in spades. At the top of the list, the strongest confidence requires in cooks, chief executives, and art directors.

### **2. On what occasions should children be encouraged? How?**

There are many situations like when children get low grades then their parents responsibility to encourage their child. Apart from that, they feel hesitant in doing something that is good for them. For example, we can encourage children to learn something creative such as painting if they show interest in it.

### 3. How do you help children stay focused?

The first and foremost, one can provide them an environment which is free of distractions, like when they are studying, they should not be allowed to use cellphones. Another way to assist them focus would be to teach them about meditation, in which they have to focus on their breath or a single sound.

### 4. What challenges do young people face today?

There are number of challenges though that young people might face that impact their mental health. Nowadays, most of the children deal with stress due to the overburden of academics. Apart from that, there's a lot more technology and the world is more open than before. Due to this, there is cut throat competition in every field and that is another challenge for youngsters.

### 8. Describe a time you got up early.

**When was it**

**Why did you get up early**

**What did you do after getting up**

**How did you feel about it**

Everyone has heard the famous quote, "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man, healthy, wealthy and wise."

Well, I am a morning person and loves to wake up early. Usually, I get up at 6:00 in the morning and have my morning walk. There were not many occasions in my life when I got up exceptionally early, but the one, which comes to my mind is when we had a family trip around a couple of months ago.

On the day we decided to start our journey early in the morning, so I woke up at 4 a.m. almost at midnight. Actually, we planned to leave at 5 a.m. to avoid peak hours. So I arose early to prepare some food for our journey. After making all the arrangements for food, I took a bath and get ready for our trip.

We started our journey at exactly 5 a.m. At the beginning of our trip, I felt a little sleepy because this was the first time when I have to deal with such an early start but when we entered the hilly areas the fresh air fascinated me, and it vanished my all thoughts of sleep.

Then, in the whole journey, I felt very energetically and captivating. So from that time, I think getting up early in the morning is not challenging as I had thought. Thus, this was the time when I got up early.

## **Follow-up**

### **1. Do you know anyone who likes to get up early?**

Definitely, my mother often wakes up early. She is an early riser because she knows that early rising is beneficial for our health. Also, it is the time of the day when it is quiet, cool, and fresh, especially during the summer season. So it helps her to concentrate and focus better.

### **2. Why do people get up early?**

There are several reasons why individuals get up early. Nowadays, everyone is busy with their hectic work schedule so some people get up early because they want to do some physical activities in the early morning like yoga or walk because after work they do not have the energy to do such kind of activities and some housewives get up early to do domestic work like preparing food and other household chores.

### **3. What kind of situations need people to arrive early?**

In my view, those who are working or seeking jobs should arrive early for official meetings, performance reviews, and job interviews. As far as students are concerned, they should be punctual for their classes or lectures.

**or**

If people want to receive someone they should arrive at the airport or bus stop early. Going to an appointment, job interview, or exam hall also requires arriving early. There are some crucial jobs where arriving early is extremely important such as doctor, police, traffic police, etc.

### **4. Why do some people like to stay up late?**

Especially, these days people have so much work to do, they want to complete theirs at time. Apart from this, some people burning their midnight oil because they want success in their life.

## **9. Describe an art or craft activity that you had at school Cue Card**

## **What you made?**

## **How you made it?**

## **What it looked like?**

## **And how felt about the activity?**

School days were fun and I miss those days very much. However, there was another thing, that I really liked about my elementary school, which was the periodic art and craft activities. Today, I would like to describe one such activity that I did as a young elementary school student. There was a school competition in my school and our teacher asked us to make thread painting during the weekend.

Since I'd never made a thread painting before, I'd thought it would be a tough task. But it turned out that with the help of my mother, making a painting was actually just a piece of cake.

Well, to be frank, my memory fails me and I cannot recall the exact date when I attended the craft activity but I am sure it must be at the high school. I made a thread painting with the help of a needle and wool and it was on a cloth. I bought everything ready-made from the market. On the piece of cloth, I traced all the village scenes. On the one side, there was a well, ladies were getting water from it. On the other side, farmers were doing work in the field.

It seemed to be arduous work as it took 4 to 5 days to finish it but finally, it turned out to be quite rewarding. I got first prize and Our hard work paid off. And my teacher was also very satisfied with my work and praised me. I felt that this kind of art and craft ideas encouraged me to use the imagination to create my own entertainment.

## **Follow-ups**

### **1. What kinds of traditional handicrafts are there in your country?**

India is a diverse country. There are many traditional products in India. We have earthen pots, ceramic pottery of Jaipur, puppets of Rajasthan, phulkari embroidery of Punjab, hand-knotted carpets of Srinagar, and many more.

### **2. What are the benefits of making handicrafts?**

Arts and crafts usually require kids to use both hands in a certain manner, which can help them develop fine motor skills and bilateral coordination. Moreover, It makes them more creative and productive as well as helps them develop other skills.

### **3. Why do some people think it is difficult to understand art?**

Some people say so because art is interpreted differently by different people. Secondly, everyone has his or her own interests. Some may like classical music, whereas others may enjoy folk music. According to my opinion, different people have different interests so that's why some masses don't like art.

### **4. What can we do to make young people pay more attention to traditional art?**

We can organize youth festivals on traditional art. When young people will compete in these, their interest will be aroused. In addition to this, teachers can also stimulate their interest by showing them such art through audio-visual aids.

### **5. Do you think it's important to cultivate an appreciation of art in children?**

Yes, Talking about art with children provides them with a forum for developing their literacy and communication skills. They develop their imagination and become more creative.

### **6. Do you think art should be included in school curriculums? Why?**

All forms of art, including sketching or dancing, require and train the perseverance and focus of a child, making them absolutely essential in enhancing his or her cognitive development. Art and craft must be an integral part of a school's ethos whereby a lot of topics and concepts are learned through art forms.

## **10. Describe a person who solved a problem in a smart way**

**Who this person is**

**What the problem was**

**How he or she solved it**

**And explain why you think he or she did it in a smart way.**

To 'think outside of the box' is always the term that comes to mind whenever a problem arises and not everyone succeeds in coming up with a solution, but there is one person on

this planet though who always surprises me with his cleverness and ability to come up with a solution to even some of the toughest problems. His name is Rahul and he's my neighbor.

I was having trouble with my cell phone charging back up time. It was trouble for me and I could not get the right power backup as I was supposed to get. Battery draining was a very common issue with this phone set. So, I had to remain worried about my mobile phone charging issue. But Mr. Rahul advised me to follow some charge cycles and also asked me to change the phone charger. I never thought of the issue. And to my surprise, it worked very well.

Mr. Rahul is my neighbor and works as an IT expert at a local company. I have a good relationship with him and share my issues to get his valuable suggestions. Being an Android user, it is really hard when you have a phone and you cannot use it. I was experiencing the matter and I shared the fact with him to get some solutions. He asked me to change the charging adapter and also to install an application to complete the charging cycle.

It was a great solution indeed. In fact, I was planning to change my phone set. If I would not get the solution, I would have changed the phone within a couple of days. But following the instructions, I was able to get back a better battery backup.

### **Follow-ups**

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

It's totally true that everyone is born with natural intelligence, but the environment, society where he lives, can make him improve and grow his intellectual quotient, or unfit, to develop his intellectual skills, genetically received. We are all born intelligent.

#### **2. How do children become smart at school?**

There are various methods, for example, Children and teenagers learn by observing, listening, exploring, experimenting, and asking questions. Being interested, they participate in numerous activities like games, which is also beneficial for them.

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

According to me, some individuals have some extra qualities so that's why they are indulging in more activities and they become expert in it. However, some people have interested in a particular field so that's the reason they are good in one field.



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

The world needs ideas and innovation to make progress against the many problems we face. Apart from this, if society has mixed talent then it is beneficial for their growth and people with different talents work together and tackle any kind of problems.

#### 11. Describe an exciting book you have read

**When you read it**

**What type of book is it**

**What is it about**

**Why did you find it exciting**

I have not read many books apart from my text books.

Here, I would like to talk about a book, which my friend gifted me, and I read it all.

I found this book very exciting and motivating and would like to read it again.

This book is 'The Wings of Fire' by Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

My friend got this book as a prize when she participated in a declamation contest.

It is Dr. Kalam's autobiography.

It was first published in 1999.

This book became popular only after Dr.Kalam became the President of India.

He was sworn in as the president of India on 25th July 2002.

Mr Arun Tiwari helped Dr Kalam in writing the book.

In this book Dr.Kalam says why he wrote his autobiography.

This book is very motivating.

From this book I came to know all about the life and achievements of Dr A.P.J.Abdul Kalam.

Dr Kalam was born in a very poor family in the southern parts of India at Rameshwaram.

The reason why I admire him is that his life shows how & ordinary boy from a deprived class (poor family) could reach the highest level of the nation.

He became not only the best rocket engineer but also the first citizen of the nation.

It is true that he described his post as the President as a piece of luck, but his achievement as a rocket engineer was because of sheer hard work.

He is a role model for one and all.

The success of Dr Kalam depended on the fact that he was willing to grow daily.

He learned everything that came to him and was always looking for things to learn.

The real success of Dr.Kalam is in his application of the discipline, what he learned, in other fields also.

That is why he could contribute to the making of the artificial limbs of lesser weight. in him we find a person with insatiable quest for knowledge & great love for suffering fellow beings.

Unfortunately, we don't have Dr Kalam with us today, but he will live in the hearts of all Indians.

I would like to read this book again, because it is a very motivating book.

## Follow Ups

### 1. Do you prefer books or movies?

I think movies lag behind books in capturing innate emotions and eerie details. Due to this reason, I pay excessive heed to read books instead of watching movies. However, due to my tight schedule, I do not get sufficient time to read books. So, occasionally I watch movies too.

### 2. Do you think it is important to read the book before watching the movie version of it?

I think it is not worthwhile. In the case of some movies, the directors leave no stone unturned to have perfect movie adaptations. In my friend circle lot of my friends haven't read the Game of Throne series, however, they still cherish the TV adaptation. In nutshell, it depends on a person's preference and availability of time at his disposal.

### 3. Do boys and girls like the same kinds of books?

I have experienced a few differences in the magazines read by boys and girls. For example, I a lot of girls in my friend circle prefer to read fashion magazines whereas boys pay excessive heed to sports and business magazines. However, as far as reading books is concerned, both genders have more or less the same choice.

### 4. What kind of books do Indian people like to read?

In my opinion, reading choices do not vary from nation to nation, in this contemporary epoch, technology has bridged the gap between countries. Due to this reason, people of my nation read all kinds of books.

**12. Describe a café you like to visit.**

## **Where it is**

## **What kinds of food and drinks it serves**

## **What do you do there**

## **And explain why you like to go there?**

The fast pace of modern life in the city can be too much for an introvert (someone who prefers to be quiet and spend time alone rather than speak with people often) like myself and I sometimes desire some time to retire into my shell ( to spend some time alone) and take a little retreat (to go to a quiet place to escape from something).

Fortunately, I found the perfect place called “café coffee day” which I am going to share with you right now. It is a small and cozy café within walking distance from my house.

One bonus point is that the coffee there is second to none (as good as or better than all others) which caters to my unique tastes! The foods are really scrumptious (very delicious), giving me great refreshing energy when suffering from fatigue and stress (a feeling of being extremely tired, either physically or mentally) I have to admit.

I can increase my concentration span while reading a book or other materials and finish work with great productivity, compared to when I’m at home, surrounded by many disturbances like babies crying and neighbors arguing.

Despite being popular, the coffee shop’s still able to manage a quiet and soft atmosphere. The setting is perfect with relaxing music, and the staff are really well-trained and cater to the guests’ needs quite well. Also, other guests, there are usually really quite respectful and generally don’t disturb other people by talking or laughing too loudly. I always recommend it to my friends who need a break from the busy city life.

## **Follow-ups**

### **1.What kind of people would like to go to a cafe?**

Many introverts like being or working alone with other people. The coffee shop offers a uniquely calm atmosphere where people can gather with family and friends to catch up over a coffee or enjoy a relaxed lunch.

### **2. Why do young people like studying in a café instead of at home?**

The trend of studying or working in a coffeehouse is widespread among white-collar workers, young professionals, and students. The trend is likely to have originated due to the

need for more flexible working environments as a result of a new generation of businesses that did not own office space. The phenomenon also developed because of a lack of study spaces in houses.

### **3. Do old people like to drink coffee?**

In my country, traditionally, tea is much more popular than coffee. Most seniors like drinking tea because it helps them to feel rejuvenated. Tea can actually be called the national drink of India. Drinking coffee is becoming a trendy kind of thing nowadays, especially for younger people.

### **4. Do Indian people like to drink coffee?**

I would say that Indians like both tea and coffee. People who often burn the midnight oil to meet the deadlines would prefer coffee, while those who want to be in the perfect shape would choose tea.

## **13. Describe a plan in your life that is not related to your work or study cue card**

**What is about?**

**Why you made this plan?**

**What you need to do first?**

**And explain how you feel it is successful?**

I am a very organized person, so every day I make plans related to my study or work. Here I would like to talk about a plan that is not related to my study or work. I want to travel in the future. I want to visit other countries of the world and gain first-hand knowledge and experience. Other places will give me an opportunity to take a break from the mundane routine and to find some peace in the hectic life.

Well, I am a passionate traveler and love to explore new places. Honestly, I have this plan for a very long and this plan was hidden in my mind since my childhood. Gradually, the plan started spreading its wings in the mind. And now I dream to travel across the world.

To meet my desire, I would need some specific things. The most important point about traveling is time. I need to manage enough time to spend out of my country. In fact, people cannot move out of their own states owing to time deficiency. Secondly, I would need a

sufficient amount of money. Without a complete budget and arranging the money, it would be insane to move out to see the world around. Traveling with a companion is better and has some positive impacts. Hence, I also may need a companion for me.

In reality, it would be hard for me to fulfill the plan. There would be lots of obstacles and I would have to face and resolve them in order to fulfill the plan I have. Determination and goodwill along with prudent decisions would be required. But I will try my best to organize everything.

## **Follow-ups**

### **1. Do you think it is important for a person to have a career plan?**

A career plan is important as it can help people to manage the direction of their career, the job skills and knowledge they may need, how they get them, and how they can secure their dream job. Developing a career plan can make major objectives that seem impossible become much more manageable.

### **2. How do most people plan their future education and their future career?**

Most of the masses get advice from their elders regarding their further study and future career because they think elders have more experience and they suggest them a right path, which is beneficial for their future.

### **3. Do you think it's important to include the factor of one's salary in a career plan?**

Yes, salary is the most important thing in everyone's job. It is important to live in this competitive world, where things are very expensive, and it will help to fulfill the needs and live a luxurious life. One does not choose a career that is not well paid.

### **4. Do you think planning is important or is it a waste of time?**

Planning is a sort of timetable. We know time table and schedule have a lot of importance in our lives and both are key parts of planning. If we have no plans about life then definitely our life is useless. So, planning is very crucial for everyone. According to my thinking if someone has no plans then definitely have no future.

### **5. Should parents set goals for their children?**

I am not sure setting goals for children is right but I think parents should direct children to set their goals. Moreover, 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.

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

It depends on the child and his/her parent's roles. Some start very young like learning to tie their shoes, learning to feed themselves. In addition to this, parents should help them to set goals. They will learn a sense of accomplishment when they will achieve their goals. It motivates them to do better.

## **14. Describe an article on health you read in magazine or on the internet Cue card**

**What it was?**

**Where you read it?**

**When you read it?**

**And how you felt about it?**

Well, I am an avid reader. I enjoy reading the newspaper and articles on different topics. Here I would talk about a health article which I have read recently on the Internet.

Actually, last Sunday I was inspecting Facebook to discover new posts from my friends. So on that day, I came across a link to a health-related article. The title of the article was "Health is wealth".

The author mentioned various things about health. He explained that nowadays people tend to eat fast food rather than cooking fresh meals at home. Unlike living conditions have increased the contraction of people to various diseases like obesity, diabetes, heart attacks, hypertension, etc. Due to technological advancements, people have exchanged the available time for exercise with browsing the internet, watching television, and checking their accounts on social media websites. They also prefer to drive than to walk, use washing machines than clean their clothes manually.

The writer also recommended some remedies for a healthy lifestyle. Firstly, a balanced diet is one of the best ways to stay healthy. It includes proteins, vitamins, and minerals in equal proportion. So, this diet has multifarious benefits and it also maintains the body weight. Secondly, a good walk can reduce the cholesterol level and it increases the efficiency of

heart and lungs as well as reduces blood pressure. Thirdly, Unlike a machine, the body needs rest at regular intervals. A minimum of six to seven hours of sleep is necessary for the body to function optimally.

After reading the whole article, I realized that health is wealth because if we are not healthy then all our wealth, fame and power can bring no enjoyment. Keeping fit and healthy is indeed not an option but a necessity.

### **Follow-ups**

#### **1. Do you think people are healthier now than in the past?**

No, because, the earlier people had supposedly healthier environment, cleaner air to breathe, better quality food to eat (no fertilizer or chemicals or additives in food as is rampant nowadays), simple life habits, relatively more physical work/exercise, more work/family balance.

#### **2. How can you tell whether a website is reliable or not?**

In my perspective, we can check the website is trusted or not through domain name and content. For example, there is a music website and the content is not related to music then the website is not reliable.

#### **3. What activities can school organize for children to keep fit?**

Schools can organize extracurricular activities like running, games, and sports campaigns for the kids. Schools also need to add more physical education classes to their daily curriculum.

#### **4. What can government do to improve people's health?**

The government can impose a tax on junk foods. Also, there are other ways like, building parks and stadiums that encourage the people to exercise. In addition to that, the government can also promote health by forecasting programs and advertisement about health on tv and radio

### **15. Describe a time when you were friendly to someone you didn't like.**

**You should say:**

**when and where it happened**

**who this person was**

**why you didn't like this person**

**and explain why you were friendly to this person on that occasion.**

Generally speaking, it is actually quite a challenging task to become friendly to someone if we don't like him or her. I also faced such a challenge about a year ago, and today, I would like to share that story with you.

In my family, I have a relative who is a kind of ill-mannered man and elder in age. So, I cannot tell him about his sick nature and consequently, I have to be nice to him always. He is skilled in making trouble among the other family members and most of the time he brings some false allegations against us. He lives adjacent to our apartment block in the town with his own family.

I cannot like or prefer the uncle for his weird behaviour. He always tries to create confusions among his surrounding people and he finds an invisible delight in doing so. Now, all of the family members of my family have become aware of his attitude and behaves.

Once he brought a false allegation against me and he reported the issue to my parents. But fortunately, I became able to prove that the allegation was false. The uncle alleged that I had broken a vase at his apartment on a specific event when he invited some of the guests including our family members. But I denied the allegations and proved that I stayed for a few moments at his apartment and I did not enter the room where the flower vase was kept. I had to take a leave from the party due to my academic engagement.

When I turned successful in proving the issue, he changed his tone and said that it was his mistake to blame me. He also apologised for his mistake. It is his habit to seek apology when he is proved wrong and then imposed the blame to someone else. As a result, the innocent relatives of the family turned tired of on him.

Despite all the negative doings, I still have to be nice to him because he is the older than me. My parents have taught me to be nice to everyone regardless of age, gender or class. I never misbehaved with him after the allegation and pay proper respect.



## Follow-ups

### 1. Why are people friendly with the person they don't like?

Sometimes, people have to be friendly to someone they don't like, because they feel they might need a favour from the person in the future and if the person knows that they don't like him or her then he or she not assist them.

### 2. What kinds of people are usually friendly?

I think extroverts are generally friendly and they also tend to have a wide circle of friends. Since you are so good at meeting new people, striking up conversations, and you genuinely enjoy the company of others, it probably is no surprise that making friends comes easily.

### 3. What are the differences between being friendly and polite?

Polite refer to showing good manners toward others, as in behavior, speech, etc.; Friendly means acting in a non-threatening manner toward and/or showing kindness to someone, as a friend would behave.

### 4. What do you think about people who are always straightforward?

A straightforward person can speak their mind no matter what the situation is, and whatever the consequence might be. These people are fearless and confident and never give other people the wrong ideas about themselves. They also possess a sharp tongue and caustic humor which lands them in very difficult situations.

## 16. Describe a time you bought something from a street or outdoor market

**When it was**

**Where the market was**

**What you bought**

**And how you felt about it**

In this fast-paced world where more and more people are turning to online shopping, open-air markets seem to have lost their popularity. But, I come from a city in which such markets are still quite popular.

Shastri street market is probably one of the most renowned markets in my city and it is located in the heart of my city. Last year I visited this market with my friends. We enjoyed ourselves a lot and did a lot of fun. We bought numerous things.

Suddenly, I saw a shop, in that shop there were huge collections of curtains like window treatment set, window scarf, single panel and many more. I was incredibly fascinated by one curtain that grabbed my attention. The curtain is light blue color with contrast of navy blue shade that was hanging in shop. The reason that allured me was its shiny velvet fabric along with frills. I felt exhilarated after this shopping because I bought this product at a very nominal price.

These days I regularly visit that market and I have saved a lot of money by buying the daily need items. Since the vendors of that market have low operational costs, they share their profits with their customers.

Through this sharing, they have created a win-win situation for themselves and their customers too. To conclude, the street markets provide quality products at reasonable prices.

### **Follow-ups**

#### **1. What kind of markets are there in India?**

There are several kinds of markets available in India such as financial markets, stock markets, and commodity markets, and so on. Every market has its own importance.

#### **2. Do you think small markets will disappear in the future?**

No, I do not think small markets will disappear in the future because they have their own importance. One has to specially make a plan to go to these big malls which are outside the main cities. Small shops cater to the immediate needs of the people. So small shops and small markets will never disappear although they might suffer a decrease in sales.

#### **3. Have people's shopping habits changed in recent years?**

It is clear that the way consumers' shopping habits currently have changed substantially compared to the past according to the development of technology. People are able to purchase things they need more easily than before. There are new forms of shopping methods introduced such as online shops on the Internet and shopping mall applications on smartphones.

#### **4. What are the differences between shopping in street markets and big shopping malls?**

Shopping malls exhibit recreational attractions and modern amenities for shoppers while street markets exert a pull through ethnic food and clothing, and are held in traditional settings. Apart from this, in big malls products are very expensive whereas street markets sell products at a reasonable price.

### **17. Describe a time when you are waiting for something special that would happen.**

**what you waited for**

**Where you waited**

**Why it was special**

**And explain how you felt when you were waiting**

This is a famous quote everything happens on time. Waiting is always unpleasant but we cannot avoid it. Sometimes we are to wait even we do not want to.

I have waited many times for different things, but here I would like to talk about a time when I had to wait for something special. When I was in 12th standard, there was this one time I had to wait for my friends, which was so special.

It was my birthday and I had invited a group of friends to a coffee house to celebrate it. We were scheduled to meet there at 8 that evening. I was so eager that I came early. Certainly, none of them were there, but it was easy to understand because I was early. However, I waited for half an hour, but nobody showed up, and then I started to feel uncomfortable and worried. As I was losing my patience, I began to call each of them to ask why they had not come yet. To my surprise, none of them picked up the phone. I was really fed up, as you can imagine because it was my birthday and my friends had treated me like that.

I waited for a couple more minutes until I couldn't stand it anymore, and decided to leave. As soon as I called the waiter for the bill, I heard the "Happy birthday" song start-up in the coffee house. Out of nowhere, all of my friends suddenly appeared with a birthday cake. They hugged me and wished me a happy birthday. It was such a surprise. My anger quickly gave way to laughter and we had an unforgettable night chatting until the early hours, drinking coffee, and, of course, eating cake.

**Follow-ups**

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

I have accepted the act of “waiting” to be a part of our normal life and we have to wait for many of the situations in our life. For instance, when we order food at a restaurant or when we need to travel by public transport. In general, if the situation or the task requires two or more people to complete it, then the waiting factor kicks in automatically.

## 2. Who behaves better when waiting for children or adults?

Nowadays children want everything in few seconds so according to me, they are not good at waiting because they have a lack of patience. However, I think adults have more patience when it comes to waiting because they are more mature and from their past experience they know that some things are worth the wait.

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

Yes, that's pretty true.... Actually, in earlier times there were no smartphones ...no metro...no flights even... because of which people had a tendency to wait they had enough patience inside them but nowadays when people know that our lives are much faster than before then why to wait??...this is the main cause of the decrease of patience level in people...

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

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

## 18. Describe a famous athlete you know.

**Who he/she is?**

**How do you know him/her?**

**What has he/she achieved?**

**And explain why he/she is famous?**

There are so many athletes in this world who are globally admired. But for me, there's one particular athlete who has given me goosebumps with his speed.

He is none other than Milkha Singh – the man who flew! Also known as The Flying Sikh, he was an Indian track and field sprinter who was introduced to the sport while serving in the Indian Army.

I know him because when I was a student, I got a chance to meet him in person. After talking to him, I was anxious to know more about his larger-than-life personality. I saw in movie “Bhaag Milkha Bhaag”, read his autobiography The Race of My Life... In short, I’ve done everything I could do to find how he became most decorated Indian athlete.

Milkha Singh is the only athlete to win gold at 400 metres race at the Asian Games as well as the Commonwealth Games. He also won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games. He represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. Furthermore, His finishing time in the 1960 Olympics 400m final race set a national record that stood for 40 years.

Simply put he was the first Indian athletics superhero who had emerged on the scene at a time when such a star coming out of India was deemed impossible. Milkha Singh fired world imagination and successfully placed Indian athletics on the world map without the slightest of backing from the establishment.

When somebody perform miracles, popularity eventually follow! This is what happened with Mr Singh... He was awarded the Padma shri in recognition of his legendary sporting achievements.

In the end, unfortunately he is no more with us but his legacy will remain forever.

### **Follow-ups**

#### **1.What kinds of exercises do Indian people like?**

Indian’s like to perform Meditation, Morning walk and Yoga. But nowadays, most people don’t find enough time and motivation to follow some fitness regime. That’s why there has been a dramatic increase in diseases like obesity and diabetes in India.

#### **2. What characteristics do you think an athlete should have?**

I think two essential qualities for an athlete are – discipline and self-belief. Success is not an overnight phenomenon; it requires regular hard work and perseverance. Moreover, in athletics, mental strength is as important as physical fitness, if not more.

### **3. Why are there so few top athletes?**

Because the journey to become a top-notch athlete is not a cake walk. I think the availability of resources and training infrastructure is the biggest deciding factor in the success of an athlete. India in particular, has chronic staff shortages at sports training centres. As a result, sportspersons who are well off; move abroad to seek better training, while most athletes remain in the country.

### **4. What's the best way to become a top athlete?**

A great athlete is a well-rounded one and there's a lot that goes into it... Discipline, lifestyle habits, self-awareness & personal development – all of that combined to create an athlete that is strong, fast, and most importantly, injury free.

## **19. Describe a creative person whose work you admire.**

**You should say**

**Who he/she is?**

**How do you know him/her?**

**What creative things he/she has done?**

**And explain why you think he or she is creative?**

There have been many people I have met over the years but here I would like to talk about a particular person with fantastic creativity. I mean his creativity is fabulous. He is none other than my father.

So I am here to tell you why I think my father is creative? He always comes up with new ideas, new performances sometimes they are hilarious (extremely funny), mysterious (difficult to understand), or even serious every now and especially I was pretty much so impressed by how touching they were sometimes.

Since my childhood, I have seen him fixing things that everyone rejects. Making new things from what is leftover. According to him, nothing is ever wasted. Its utility to achieve one thing is over now and now can be used for something else. He always does various kinds of activities he never sits idle because he thinks that an idle mind is a devil's workshop.

Once a bed broke in our house and when everyone else was thinking of where should it be thrown my father made a beautiful desk out of the bed. I think creativity is not just about drawing things out or writing something beautiful. It is about leading a life in ways that are different from others. And on that, my father has surely led a beautiful life. He also made a lot of outstanding things from waste material.

The reason I really admire him is that when everyone is busy in the hustle and bustle of life he is the one person who has remained calm and yet achieved things without any hurdle.

## **Follow-ups**

### **1. Do you think you are a creative person?**

Every person is creative. Creativity comes from the inside. I believe that I have the ability to think out of the box and experiment with things. I believe that I am willing to act in a particular capacity that makes me creative. I spend hours making my work more innovative.

### **2. Is it good for children to learn arts?**

Art is an essential subject for children at school because it teaches them to be independent and think for themselves. Apart from this, art enhances fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and problem-solving skills which may assist children in attaining better learning outcomes.

### **3. What kind of jobs require people to be creative?**

I think all jobs require people to be creative because it inspires employees to work with each other. For example, an engineer needs to think of new ways to do things; the plumber needs to learn new things every day to make his work better and simpler, a carpenter needs to learn new ways of doing things that can add grace to his work, a teacher has to bring up innovative methods to teach so that children don't get bored.

### **4. Do you think leaders need to have the creative ability?**

Yes, leaders require the ability to look at things in new ways and solve problems by seeing things. For example, if they are not creative, people then stop following them as they would appear boring to them, but if they add creativity to their work, talk, and way they do things, they will keep having follow.

## 20. Describe a difficult decision that you once made

**What was the decision?**

**When you made the decision?**

**How long did it take you to make the decision?**

**And explain why it was a difficult decision to make?**

I think that decision-making is an integral part of our life and we are constantly making decisions, either big or small. If we do not make decisions then life will become boring and we will not be able to move forward in life. Today, I would like to talk about one such crucial decision, which I made around three years ago after graduating from high school.

After completing my schooling/graduation and it was time for me to decide what I wanted to do in my life. I was confused about what course should I opt for my further studies as I did not want to opt for traditional courses like engineering or medicine. I wanted an option that would provide me a bright future and at the same time should be interesting as well.

I searched a lot on the internet about alternative courses and colleges but as there was too much information, I got more confused. So, I decided to consult my elder sister who is living in Canada.

When I asked her for advice, she suggested I pursue a course in Animation as she knew about my interests in this field. It took me nearly one month to make the decision. My family also liked the idea when I told them that I have finally decided to pursue a course in Animation.

Anyway, it was indeed a very important decision to make because it allowed me to find out my true potentials, both on the intellectual level and professional level, in the subsequent years. Besides, this particular decision made me more confident about my life and future than ever before which was more of an important "gift" for me in itself.

### **Follow-ups**

#### **1. What decisions do people generally make in their daily life?**

People make different kinds of decisions every day from dawn to dusk such as what to eat, what to wear, what to do, and when to sleep or wake up.



## **2. Which is easier, making a decision by oneself or making a decision after a group discussion?**

It is definitely easier to make a decision after a group discussion because we have the advantage of knowing different perspectives on the issue. However, I also believe that we should not get influenced by others and listen to our gut feelings when finally making decisions.

## **3. Why are many young people unwilling to listen to their parent's advice?**

Sometimes parents make decisions about their children's lives based on societal pressure. Especially in today's Indian scenario, there is devasted change in everything from 30 years from now. Apart from this, parents' views are far more different than their child.

## **4. Why do middle-aged people tend to second guess their decision?**

People change their decision when they feel that they may have made an inappropriate decision after discussing with wiser, trustworthy, and more experienced individuals. Sometimes they may second guess their decision when they did not think deeply or did not analyze the consequences of their first decision.

## **21. Describe a habit your friend has and you want to develop.**

**Who your friend is?**

**What habit he/she has?**

**When you noticed this habit?**

**And explain why you want to develop this habit?**

Good habits are essential for making success in life. They are beneficial not only to the one who possesses them but also to others as well. A person with good habits makes steady progress in studies, career, personal life, and all. On the other hand, a person with bad habits, however talented he/she is, will one day lose the successes in life.

So today I would like to talk about my best friend, my partner-in-crime, Jyoti. She is a complete person with lots of good habits and that's why she is the most likable person in our group.

One good habit she has “Early to Bed and Early To Rise. She does study in the morning time because according to her there are fewer distractions in the early morning and no noise so that she can concentrate keenly on her studies. According to her, any kind of task we aim to do can also be done in less time if we do it in the early morning.

I first observed this habit last year when our classmates made a plan to go to the cinema at the late-night then she told me she could not go with us because she has a habit of early to bed so that time, I identified her habit.

I know there are many advantages of waking up early everyday. One who wakes up early in the morning will definitely become a healthy person. Whether we have work or not, if we implement the habit of waking up early in the morning, we can go for walk or do exercises which is obviously a healthy way of starting a day.

## **Follow ups**

### **1. What habits should children have?**

I think children should wake up early and sleep on time. They should brush their teeth twice a day, once in the morning and once at night. They should respect their elders, their parents, and their teachers. These are basic habits, I think all children must possess, but there are also plenty of other good habits, which parents should help children develop.

### **2. What should parents do to teach their children good habits?**

Having a good habit is like having a very important life skill. I think the parents should start with simpler activities such as handwashing for instance. Ask children to join you, and sing a song together. This turns the habit into a game and allows children to associate feelings of fun and positivity with handwashing. Then parents should move on to encourage children to use good manners, to enjoy physical activities, and to take part in skills that will develop their mental abilities.

### **3. What influences do children with bad habits on other children?**

Children with bad habits definitely influence other children. For example, stubbornness generally passes from one child to another. But the solution lies with the parents.

### **4. Why do some habits change when people get older?**

I think the change in habits is because of changing priorities with age. For instance, as people get older, they tend to work more so that they could earn more, and this rat race is

never-ending. This chronic busyness makes it difficult to catch up with health & fitness goals.

## **22. Describe a bicycle /motorcycle /car trip you would like to go on.**

**Who you would like to go with?**

**Where you would like to go**

**When you would like to go**

**And explain why would you like to go by bicycle/motorcycle/car**

Well, travelling is my passion I never miss an opportunity to travel to new places. Though for long journeys as a family we prefer to travel by train, I would like to talk about the time when I would make a visit to a mountain area by car.

Recently my friend has got a brand-new car on his 19th birthday. But he is unable to drive the car since his father is not allowing him to move with the car until the college exams are done. Thereby, he is planning to make a trip in his car. Hence, we would tend to visit Leh Ladakh.

To be honest, I am yet to set the date for this trip. I have planned for it and will make it happen when everything will be in order. Most probably we will go after my exams.

I would like to go there by car because it is a long journey. A car is our best choice because it would give us room to comfortably converse with each other and shelter from inclement weather during our journey if any. Besides, this car trip would allow me the flexibility to travel to places of our choice at our own pace.

In the end, I'd just tell you that... If a man stays in one place for a long time, he becomes monotonous. Travelling removes this monotony and gives pleasure.

### **Follow-ups**

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

In India, most people prefer motorcycles for travelling within the city and when travelling alone, while they prefer cars when travelling to another city and when travelling with family.

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

Automobile vehicles are undisputedly major cause of air pollution but in reality, most air pollution comes from energy use and production. This makes industries major contributors towards polluting our air.

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

Yes, definitely! People need to radically change their transit options and think from an environment perspective. Because vehicles running on fossil fuels are no doubt a great source of air pollution. Authorities must impose strict guidelines. I believe the golden handshake between government and the public will do wonders for the environment.

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

I think the transportation system in rural and urban setup is quite different. Let me tell you how, people living in densely packed cities typically already have easy access to a network of buses, trains, and perhaps bicycles. Metropolitan areas are specifically built to serve the needs of hundreds of thousands or millions of people who are all packed tightly into a small area. Compared to urban areas, rural regions are far more dispersed. Instead of amenities being packed tightly into one downtown area, they are spread out. Most of the time, cars are the most effective way to travel from home to work, school, or the supermarket.

## **23. Describe a place you visited on vacation.**

**When you went there?**

**Where it is?**

**What you did there?**

**And explain why you went there?**

I love traveling and I have visited number of places in my life. Today I am going to speak about a place where I went on holidays. The name of the place is Golden temple. I went there with my friends after my exams. It is about 500 kms from my hometown

The name of the place is Golden temple. It is in Amritsar, Punjab and basically, it is a temple, a worship place of Sikh community but it is visited by millions of people of all the religions every year owing to its popularity.

We mainly went there for worshipping of God. Firstly We took bath in the holy pond because it is believed that the water in the pond has healing powers. After that, we paid obeisance and sat in the darbar sahib. Besides, we went to museum and saw old weapons. Then, we went to community hall where we ate community food. I saw many foreigners as which shows the popularity of this place around the globe and we clicked photographs with them. On the 2nd day, we did shopping from the traditional shops of Amritsar. Next day, we visited bagah border and saw parade.

It is a unique place because sitting inside the temple and listening to sacred hymns relieves all the stresses and worries in life, while the food served at the community hall inside the temple brings satisfaction .

I like a lot to visit this place of historical importance as it provides me immense inner happiness spiritually and psychologically that strengthens me from inside to face the hardships of life. I must say that it is worth visit destination for everyone who wants to have a spiritual and peaceful experience.

### **Follow-ups**

#### **1. What are some popular attractions that people like to visit in your country?**

Well, India is a land of beauty and numerous tourist attractions have made the country lucrative to all, especially the rich people. The country has a vibrant history of different periods and most of the tourist spots are friendly for the family. The most notable tourist attractions of India are shrines, forts, parks, restaurants, and museums.

#### **2. Do old people and young people like to go to different places for vacation?**

Yes, I think so! old people are more inclined towards history, god, and devotion. So, their first preference mostly is some sacred temple or a museum. Whereas, Young people love to party hard. Beaches and loud places such as clubs are their favourite holiday destinations.

#### **3. What do old people and young people think about when making travel plans?**

Old people, according to me, mostly care about cost and comfort. They are pennywise, so they try to get the most travel comfort at the least possible cost. While youngsters only focus on activities. They want thrill & adventure, rest everything is secondary.

#### **4. How do people get to know about new places?**

I think the internet is a goldmine of information. Anytime you feel the need of knowing about any new place, you just have to say "OK GOOGLE" and the magic is done!

### **24. Describe a good service you received.**

**What the service was?**

**When you received it?**

**Who you were with?**

**And how you felt about it?**

Receiving a good service from a company or shop has become a rarity these days, at least, in places where I live. Among such rarity, however, we still "accidentally" receive some good service, just as I did about a few months ago, that makes us feel special. I received excellent service from the Walmart store.

I went there with one of my friends to purchase a gift for the upcoming birthday of my niece. The service that I received in this store was exceptional.

I was looking for a great birthday present for my niece in Walmart, but I did not know what type of gift item to buy for her. So, I was looking for something randomly once I was in the shop. A salesgirl approached me and politely asked if I needed her assistance. When I said "yes", she started showing me different items while also explaining the origin, use, and price of the products. By the way, before showing any gift item, she asked me about my niece's age, preference, and expectations which was very professional in my opinion. Besides, she was very helpful and patient. But to my surprise, the store manager also came to me after a while and showed me some wonderful gift items after inquiring about my niece age and preference.

It was in the middle of the last year, possibly, nearly a week before my niece's birthday who was turning nine last year.

I was impressed by the support the salesperson and the manager offered. They both showed the utmost professionalism, salesmanship, and care which I really liked about this store. The manager even offered me a discount when I checked out. With their help, I had been able to pick a perfect gift for my niece and I really felt great about the service.

### **Follow-ups**

#### **1. What do you think of the relationship between companies and consumers?**

According to me, Consumers have human-like relationships with brands. When a brand has built up trust in its customers, brand loyalty begins. If customers find a product they can believe in, then they will be loyal to brands. Thus, it is not surprising that the leading companies in the world like Apple, Amazon also have the most loyal customers.

#### **2. As a customer, what kinds of services would you expect to receive from a company?**

I think companies should fulfill their promises most of all. For example, if companies make promises like one-day installation, the promised work should be done within one day. In addition, if the product provided doesn't keep up to the standards promised, the company should apologize and reimburse the customers.

#### **3. What kind of jobs involve coping with the public?**

Broadly, most sales and marketing jobs involve the most public-centric approach. Apart from them, Services such as automobile workshops, product installations, healthcare, and teaching also involve day-to-day public interactions. Although the internet swallowed a huge share of face-to-face services, still a large number of jobs entail coping with the public.

#### **4. Why should companies react quickly when customers have difficulties?**

I think it is important to proactively deal with consumer complaints and difficulties because it can easily erode brand loyalty. According to conventional wisdom, customers are more loyal to firms that go above and beyond. Reducing response times and responding to your customers with helpful and relevant information is the key to customer service success today.

#### **25. Describe a businessman you admire.**

## **Who this person is?**

## **How do know this person?**

## **What kind of business this person does?**

## **Why you admire this person?**

I often like to read the life stories of successful business persons in the world because they teach us many things. Their lives and professions are also inspiring for people. Today, I'd like to talk about one such person who is not only a successful business person but also a very renowned personality in my town. He is none other than my neighbour.

Since he is from the same town where I spent my childhood and teenage time, I have heard a lot about him. A couple of times, I have seen him in different seminars and programmes. Unfortunately, I never had the chance to talk to him in person. But, if I ever get a chance to spend some time with him, I would ask him about his success stories as a business person.

He is the eldest son of a successful local businessman and inherited his father's electronic industry division many years ago. That was just the beginning, and over time, he has worked really hard and built his empire in the local business market. In a few years, he took some giant leaps to expand it beyond his town. And lately, he has been awarded as one of the best business entrepreneurs in the country.

From the local electronic business he had inherited from his father, he gradually and successfully amassed fortune and business success and thus has become one of the enviable businessmen in the country. His companies now produce cosmetics, shoes, papers, clothing items, medicines and of course different electrical and electronic items.

Taking great decisions and gradually enhancing the business was his success mantra. Everyone in our locality agrees that he was an honest, hardworking and wise person who knew when to take risks and when not to. His timely decision, investment in promising sectors and hard work have rewarded him well. His companies currently employ millions of people, and this is also a big success as a businessman.

## **Follow-ups**

### **1. What do you think should be the retirement age for men and women?**



In my perspective, the ideal retirement age should be 60-65 years for both men and women. By that time, you're old enough to have built up a nice financial reserve and young enough to enjoy your job-free years.

## **2. What qualities do people need to run their own business?**

I think the prime quality is financial literacy because ultimately the success of any business depends upon whether it is financially sound or not. Besides that, people need to have risk taking qualities and they must be able to effectively take charge of the whole business activity.

## **3. What do you think are key factors the contribute to the success of a business?**

I think there are number of driving forces behind the success of a business. For example, a successful hotel needs a good location, a good quality service, and delicious food more than anything else. Generally, if the business is tapping onto the mindset of his consumer; the success is inevitable.

## **4. If you had the opportunity to open your own business, what would it be and why?**

If I had the opportunity to start my own business, I would definitely pick a real estate business. Simply because, Starting a real estate was always my dream, I've worked with few real estate companies in the past. So, I have a lot of information about this business.

## **26. Describe a town or city where you would like to live in the future cue card**

**Where is it?**

**How do you know about this city?**

**What it is famous for?**

**Why you would like to live there?**

I originally from India and currently I live in a countryside area. My hometown is .....I have been living there since my birth. I want to migrate to the renowned city Chandigarh in the future because of the popularity and number of amenities available in the developed cities.

I know about this city from one of my close friends. she lives there for many years. Also, I gained a lot of information about this city from the internet about this city then I come to know that this clean and green city.

This city is well-known for various things. Firstly, Chandigarh has emerged as the cleanest city in India and it tops Indian states and union territories with the highest per capita income.

secondly, famous for its greenery, civilized people, and soothing atmosphere. Unlike other cities, there is less traffic on roads as the Chandigarh police are very strict about rules, and there is very little pollution. Chandigarh is a tri-city comprising of Panchkula, Mohali, and Chandigarh.

Thirdly, The city is also not very populated. Punjabi food is very famous in Chandigarh. It's well known worldwide that Punjabis are very fond of eating.

Furthermore, there are many places in Chandigarh that add to the beauty of the city. The very famous rock garden made by Nek Chand is the most creative place to visit and see. Nek Chand Ji has turned waste materials into the most beautiful, most amazing art. Sukhna Lake is another famous attraction for many people. Boating in the middle of the lake makes you feel so soothing.

One of the main reasons why I want to live in Chandigarh, there are a lot of job opportunities where I can get the opportunity to work in a multinational company. In this high-paced life, everyone wants to live in a safe and harmonious place for peace of mind that's why I also want to live in this appealing place.

## **Follow-ups**

### **1. Why do more and more people live in the city?**

Three of the top reasons are jobs, education, and lifestyle. Firstly, Where there are more people, there are more jobs. This is the main reason so many people live in big cities. All major and affluent colleges/universities are located in or near a big city. Thirdly, Many individuals live in cities for a convenient life.

### **2. What are some factors that attract people to settle down in certain places?**

There are several factors that affecting people's choice to settle down in another places. Large cities are the places where various educational institutions are established.

Moreover, more job opportunities attract the people towards the cities. Some people migrate to another cities to enjoy the facilities available over there and to secure their children's future.

### **3. What is the difference between the young and old when choosing where to live?**

Youngsters prefer to live in big cities because Cities provide so many opportunities for the youths, such as career growth, personal development, and recreation. Youths are full of energy and are eager to accomplish things. Major cities have entertainment hubs, shopping malls, and modern transport systems. On the other hand, most seniors feel an irresistible need to stay connected to their roots. They seek peace and serenity. Rural areas are less polluted than cities, so that's why they prefer countryside areas.

### **27. Describe a foreign person who you have heard/know that you think is interesting**

**Who this person?**

**How do you know this person?**

**What kind of this person is?**

**Why do you think this person is interesting?**

Well, I have heard many high-profile foreigners such as sports stars, politicians, motivational speakers, and businessmen. I always try to keep myself posted about the global economic news as well as renowned personalities. So today, I'd take this opportunity to talk about a man who has been my idol and has had a profound impact on my personality. He is none other than Ravi Singh Khalsa. He is a British Citizen.

I've read about him online and also get to know about his work through the news. He is a great volunteer and helps needy people. He got the award of excellence and achievement in the united Kingdom. Ravi was shot to fame in the UK in 2014 when he mobilized his charity to help the people after heavy rain and high winds caused huge amounts of damage to property and land.

There is a range of things which made me find him interesting. He also stepped in to provide relief to flood victims in multiple Indian states impacted in the 2019 Indian floods.

Another main reason why I like him so much is that he is a very down-to-earth person. He is a prime example on this planet that one can achieve anything they want with the virtues of persistence and hard work. He has travelled to the front-line around the world including Kosovo, Syria, Congo, Somalia, Syria, Iraq, as well as help communities closer to home in the UK during the floods.

## **Follow-ups**

### **1. Do you have any foreign friends and do you think having foreign friends is a good way to know other countries?**

Yes, I have few Australian friends who I've met during my studies on the internet. They are nice and very soft-spoken people. And absolutely, I believe that it's a wonderful way to explore different culture and lifestyle through the eyes of a native friend.

### **2. Do you think it's important to know the culture and language before going to another country?**

Personally, I think it is essential to know about the culture and language of foreign country before visiting it. Learning the basic dialect is often helpful in exploring the city and make new social connections. Many times, I engaged with people on a completely different level as I was not only perceived as the annoying tourist but as someone who at least tried to learn their language & culture, if anything out of respect.

### **3. What do you think of people who work in international companies?**

Working for an international brand would definitely give good exposure to people working there. It can be a great way to see something of the world whilst you're learning. Multinational companies have presence in various countries, and landing a job with one, means you could soon be living overseas in some of the most exciting and diverse landscapes on the planet.

### **4. What abilities do people need to have when working in an international company?**

Global companies always look for multi-talented individuals. As such, good communication skills, interpersonal skills, awareness about culture and language, leadership capability, and a cooperative attitude are some of the abilities that people need to have when working for an MNC (Multi-national company).

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