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- 1. Burn the midnight oil**  
To work late in the night
- 2. On cloud nine**  
If you're on cloud nine, you're very happy.
- 3. Under a cloud**  
If you're under a cloud, you're under suspicion or in trouble.
- 4. A piece of cake**  
If something is a piece of cake, it's easy to do.
- 5. Miss the boat/ bus**  
To miss an opportunity
- 6. All the rage**  
very fashionable
- 7. Twenty-four seven**  
at any time
- 8. Hit the roof**  
become very angry
- 9. Down in the dumps**  
depressed
- 10. Take it easy**  
relax
- 11. To Have a Whale of a Time**  
To have a very fun and exciting time
- 12. Once in a blue moon**  
Happens very rarely.
- 13. Costs an arm and a leg**  
Really expensive.
- 14. When in Rome, do as the Romans do**

When you are doing something new, act like others do in that situation.

**15. On the same page**

Two people are in agreement about a situation.

**16. down in the dumps**

Feel low or unhappy

**17. No stone unturned**

try every possible course of action in order to achieve something.

**18. just a stone's throw away**

short distance

**19. Full of beans**

A person who is lively, active and healthy.

**20. Down to earth**

Someone who is practical and realistic.

## Speaking Part 1 Topic

### Work or Study

#### Topic 1. First set of questions, ask to all students.

**May I know your full name?**

My full name is Rupinder Kaur. or

My first name is Rupinder and my family name is Chahal and Please just call me Rupinder.

**How may I address you?**

Or

**How may I call you?**

You may address me as Rupinder.

**May I see your Id?**

Of course, here you go.

**Where do you come from?**

I hail from northern part of India.

### TOPIC 2. Work or Study

**What work do you do?**

I graduated a few years ago and I'm now in full-time employment. I'm currently an English teacher working for the institute or company name.

**Why did you choose that job?**

I was previously a lawyer and found it to be really stressful and never had any free time, so after quitting that job I thought teaching might be the complete opposite of being a lawyer, you know not as stressful and more time off.

### **Do you enjoy your job?**

Most of the time. It's very rewarding to be able to help people every day and the students here are very hardworking and fun to teach, but you sometimes have lessons that do go so well and the money could always be better.

### **Would you like to change your job in the future?**

Yes, as I said before, I like working by myself, so I would like to be my own boss. I'm currently developing my own website, so if it's successful I will leave teaching and work on it full time. This will also give me more time to work on other projects.

### **Do you miss being a student?**

I graduated almost five years ago. When I did graduate, I was so glad knowing I am done with home works, projects, quizzes, etc., but then now I realized I badly miss school days. Whenever I see students, I miss almost everything in college; my uniform, my friends and even my teachers.

## **Study**

### **What do you study?**

I study accounts because it's a really well thought of degree and I'm hoping to pursue it as a career in the future.

### **Why did you choose to study that major?**

There are many reasons for my choice. Primarily, I have an interest in Accountancy. Another reason could be because of Accountancy itself since I've found that my personality has changed positively. I've become more patient and skillful.

### **What's the most difficult part of your study?**

Well, for the most part, I'd say it's the workload. I mean there are so many assignments, and students are always under a lot of pressure to meet deadlines. But on the other hand, exams are a piece of cake.

### **Why did you choose this subject?**

Well, my parents are both accountants, so I guess you could say I'm following in their footsteps. To be honest, I wanted to study graphic design, but my parents wouldn't let me because they thought it would be too hard to find a well-paying job.

### **Are you looking forward to working?**

Absolutely! I cannot wait to put into practice what I've been learning for years now. I'm eager to looking forward a lucrative job.

### **Do you prefer to study in mornings or afternoons?**

According to me, Study in the morning will always be beneficial as I wake up fresh after a good sleep and thus it helps me to retain the content faster. Plus, in the morning the nature is awake and there is a general silence everywhere which helps me to concentrate better

## **Home**

### **Do you live in house or flat?**

I currently live in a house with three bedrooms, a bathroom and an open living space, with a dining area and kitchen. It also has a large yard at the front of the house and a large veranda at the back of the house, which has great views.

### **Can you describe the place where you live? / Please describe the room you live in?**

Briefly, my humble house is located in a small and quiet street, so coming home to me is like all the craziness happened outside is left behind. Just beside my house stands a big old tree. I have my own room with walls painted white, which is kind of a peaceful colour. The air outside is fresh. I usually open the window to enjoy the wind and sunshine, which will help cool down my room without an air conditioner. Since I spend most of my time staying at home, my room means the whole world to me. It's like a friend who is always there to share ups and downs with me. So yeah, I would always miss my house, my room whenever I'm away.

### **What's your favourite room in your home?**

I love my house and my favorite room in my house is my bedroom. I spend most of time in my bedroom. The first thing is that I sleep in my bedroom, so it is the place which gives me the ultimate relaxation. I also like to watch movies in my room. I want privacy and my bedroom is the only place where I can get it.

### **Who do you live with?**

I live with my family. There are 5 of us and we all have our own room, which is way more comfortable as the older we grow, the more privacy we need for ourselves. I think our house is big enough for us yet still a warm and cozy place that I call home.

### **Which part of your home do you like the most?**

It's the dining room where my family spends our time together. Not only lunch or dinner but all our family reunions take place in the dining room where we can enjoy a harmonious atmosphere. We always try to keep the family dinner as something we cannot go a day without, since for us it's the family bonding that lies behind.

### **How long have you lived there?**

Although during my childhood my family had to move a lot, I've lived in the most recent house for almost ten years. Comparing to the old houses, I think this house has been the best so far.

### **What's the difference between where you are living now and where you have lived in the past?**

As I've already mentioned my family moved several times when I was younger. And the most current house where we've been living for about ten years is the best house so far. All of us have separate rooms for our need of privacy yet a big dining room where we can spend the whole evenings together watching TV or having dinner.

### **What do you usually do in your house/flat/room**

Well, definitely I'll spend some me-time there. I study, I chill out by reading, drawing and dancing all by myself. Sometimes I also invite one or two friends to spend time with. We'll watch some movies together and tell each other endless stories.

### **Are the transport facilities to your home very good?**

Not at all. Actually, my house is not nearby the main road, so it takes me about 10 minutes to walk to the nearest bus stop. Besides, the bus service from my work place to my home is usually over-crowded, so I often drive my own car to work.

### **Would you like to move to a different home in the future?**

Although my current accommodation is perfectly fine, I would love to experience living in a villa once. Since it was my childhood dream to have a swimming pool and a garden of my own, a villa seems like an ideal house for me.

## **Hometown**

### **Describe your hometown?**

Actually, I live in place name. It is a small town. Basically, it is located near a big city..... but it is not as biggest as Yet, it is interesting place to live. All amenities are available here.

### **How long have you been living there?**

Well, I have been living in this place since 2012. Earlier we used to live in a village, but living here is pretty great and fun.

### **What do you like (most) about your hometown?**

Yes, I do like my hometown! I like the hospitality of people in my hometown. Also, everyone was willing to give others a hand when they needed help.

### **Is there anything you dislike about it?**

Personally, it's a bit boring for me because as a small town, there isn't a shopping mall or any other means of entertainment. The streets don't get very crowded as well. However, I believe that it is improving day by day and turning into a potential hotspot due to the increasing number of annual visitors.

### **Do you think you will continue living there for a long time?**

Well, future is uncertain it is how to predict but as far as I can see my short-term goal is to go abroad for my higher studies but if i will get good opportunities here in India then I will definitely come back and live here.

### **Are there any tourist attractions in your hometown?**

Well, my city is famous for two places. First one is historical temple. Other one is fort, many people even from different states, come over here to visit these places.

### **Did your friends also grow up in the same place as you?**

Yes, I have many friends from school and college who were born and brought up here. Many of them still live here and some have shifted to different cities or have migrated abroad.

### **Would you say it's an interesting place?**

Yes, it's quite an interesting place as it offers many amenities and education, employment as well as health

care. People from nearby small towns come to my city to avail the aforementioned facilities.

### **Is there anything you dislike about it?**

Well, as my city is growing in size and developing day by day, pollution and crime are also increasing, unfortunately. That is the only thing that has to be dealt with.

### **How do you celebrate new year?**

I wake early in the morning and I wish new year to all my near and dear ones. Then I go to temple with my family to get God's blessings. On this I start to work on new year resolutions which I made.

### **Do you still remember a new year that you celebrated?**

It was a day of 31st December when everyone in my family took holiday from the work. We decided to go outside somewhere and celebrate the new year there. We hired a taxi and made a plan to go Manali. All of our family members participate a new year party which was held in there and we enjoy it by dancing, eating delicious things, buy some things. At 12:00 a.m. the new year has started; whole atmosphere was filled with the happiness screaming s of tourists. The fire crackers had started. All people scream with full motivation and watch the fire crackers. We enjoyed these fire crackers too.

### **Do you have any ceremonies to celebrate the new year in your country?**

In my country on new year, everyone starts their day by worshipping the God. In addition to this, people spend time with their families and friends. Youngsters mostly party with their peers and exchange gifts.

### **why do people think new year is a new beginning?**

A new year is a new beginning. It is like a new birth. As the new year begins, people feel that they need to make changes in their life, start on a new path, do new things, and say goodbye to old habits, problems and difficulties. Often, individuals start making new plans and new resolutions.

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## **Happiness**



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### **Is there anything that makes you feel happy lately?**

Happiness is something which we can't describe in words it can only be felt from someone's expression of a smile. There are several factors which makes me highly elated. Last week, when I got first prize in writing competition that time, I was on cloud nine.

### **What do you do to stay happy?**

To make myself happy I like to do a lot of positive things and I also reward myself whenever I achieve something. Hanging out with friends or playing any sport also makes me feel happy but the thing out of which I get the maximum happiness is by helping others, so I go to the temples and help the needy.

### **Can you stay happy all the time?**

Honestly speaking, it's too difficult to remain always happy in this modern era because of hectic work schedule. Most of the time I feel happy but there are some situations when I feel low or down for example when I get poor marks in my exams and I do not achieve my goal.

## **Is it important to be happy?**

Yes, happiness is extremely significant for a healthy and successful life. Happiness has also been linked to better decision-making and improved creativity. So, rather than success being the key to happiness, research shows that happiness could in fact be the key to success. But it doesn't just help us function better: happiness also brings substantial benefits for society as a whole.

## **Trees**

### **What kind of trees people usually plant in your country? How about your hometown?**

In my country people are fond of planting trees. There are several kinds of trees in my nation such as neem tree, peepal tree and many more. These trees are also use for medical purposes. If I talk about my hometown, you can find lot of trees around the streets because individuals are nature lover.

### **Have you ever planted trees?**

I hail from an agricultural family. When I was young, soon after coming back from school, my grandmother used to take me to the small (home garden like) vegetables garden. I was to water all the plants (about half an hour). It was enjoyable. A few years later I planted a few saplings of tree plants.

### **What kind of trees do you plant?**

I have planted many trees like guava, mango, grapes, popular, rose, teak etc. We are a group of friends promote plantation for balancing our Nature. Also, I planted many trees in my garden. Now that plants became big trees. Many birds build nest in that. I gave shade. I am so happy with that.

### **Do you like planting trees and why?**

YES, I love to grow plants. We have a few yards of empty place in front of our house where I have planted few veggies and flowering plants. Gardening gives me an immense pleasure. Watching my plants grow, blossom and fruit gives me childlike happiness.

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## **Farming**

### **Have you visited a farm?**

Yes, several times but the ones that I really enjoyed visiting the most are orchards and vineyards in Himachal Pradesh. I vividly remember there were lots of oranges, apples and grapes and the place smelt really refreshing.

### **What kind of farm do you like?**

Without a doubt, it's the orchard, like I said earlier, the smell is pleasing and refreshing. I think it would make me the happiest person in the world. On the other hand, I don't like the poultry farm because I just can't bear the smell of it.

### **Do you think farming is important?**

Yes, Farming plays an important role in our existence. Without it, there won't be any food production as a result, we all die. We consume foods every single day that are a product of farming like rice, fruits and many more. It's impossible to survive without the industry of farming.

### **Did you do farm work when you were young?**

No, As I grew up in the city, I did not get chance to do some farm work. All of my childhood days were spent playing in the park with friends and I just think it's really hard to do some farm work for a child.

My preference varies for different purposes. For example, when choosing clothes, I tend to go for blue, since blue goes well with my skin tone. For house decorations, I would prefer white as it creates a peaceful vibe for the room.

## **Furniture**

### **Do you have a lot of furniture in your home?**

Yes, we do have plenty of furniture in the house for example, table, chair, wardrobe, bed and many more because my parents love to buy new furniture and I always want my house look more beautiful. That is why I usually buy furniture for my house.

### **Has anyone bought a furniture piece for you?**

Yes, recently my mother bought a desk and study chair for me. For instance, last year I really need of these things because I always studying on the floor so that is why my mother gave me these useful things.

### **What kind of furniture do you like to buy?**

Actually, I am thinking of buying a computer table because I find it is very beneficial for me and I realized I badly need one due to this I would concentrate on my studies so to buy this furniture I am seriously saving money.

### **Which furniture in your home do you like the best?**

I really like my bed is the best because it is one of a kind where I can rest as well as sleep over the bed. I enjoy using it because it's just relaxing when I come back from college, I like feeling taking a rest on the bed as it helps me to reduce my stress so according to me it is not only a bed but it also provides a lot of benefits to me.

## **Stages of life**

### **Do you enjoy your current stage of your life?**

Yes, sure, I do as I believe it's the perfect time in my life to pursue my passion. Moreover, I am surrounded by a very loving family and I have a freedom to do anything. This is because my life is full of surprises.

### **In which stage of your life were you the happiest?**

I believe it's my teenagers' life as its the point when I was extremely curious about the world. Apart from that, it's also the time when I met with my true friends.

### **Which stage of your life do you think is most important?**

I think it was my childhood not only because it plays crucial point in my growth and well being but also, because of it I become emotionally and mentally mature now.

### **What's your plan for your next stage of life?**

My plan is related to achieving my goals because I have been working around the clock to achieve them because I really want to have a settled life as well as piece of mind that everything in their proper place.

## **Decoration**

### **What's the decoration like in your home?**

In all honesty, I guess I'd have to say home is "traditional". I've had some of my furniture for a very long time and have added to it over the years and I've never made the decision about what to call my version of decorating. I just try to arrange things in an attractive and practical way and it seems to work.

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My home is styled in a minimal way. Almost everything is painted in plain white, and a few landscape paintings act as a delicate touch. The interior design is simple, but very pleasant to look at.

### **What kind of decoration do you prefer?**

I am more into contemporary, I love trendy styles and because of my attraction to contemporary designs, and I think a well-decorated house can both help you get rid of anxiety or stress and set the mood for a productive day. I will make sure to build my dream house with that kind of design.

### **Do people in your country like redecorating their homes?**

Yes definitely, I think home is not only a place to return to at the end of the day, but it also gives people a unique environment that has an effect on their mood. Normally when there's a special occasion like birthdays, New year, people enjoy redecorating their houses. They want to see something new or refreshing in their homes.

### **What's your favourite color when decorating your home?**

I love the shades of blue and green. The color blue gives me peace of mind and that's relaxing to look at, like the sky, and the green gives me a forest vibe. It's refreshing and it feels like you are close to nature. These earthly colors help me to improve my mood significantly.

## **Window view**

### **What scenery can you see from the window of your room?**

Yes, but I don't consider it as extra-ordinary scenery, It just a typical view of countryside. I have garden in front of our house, it is so refreshing to look the flowers in it. I can also notice the street in front of house and can see people who walk on street. Furthermore, I can also see tall buildings, temple and my neighborhood.

## **Do you like to watch the scenery from your window?**

Yes, Whenever I see the scenery from my window, I make sure to be close to nature. I especially love looking out the window in the morning because just looking at the tranquility of trees, witnessing the sunset, makes me feel rejuvenated.

## **Do you want to live in a house with beautiful views?**

Humans have always been dreaming of living in a luxurious house and accordingly my dream is also similar to the other human beings. I want to live in a large and luxurious house with outstanding views. I would like to have a balcony with my bedroom from where I could smell the fragrance from the garden. At the night times, I will place a chair on the balcony to enjoy the night views, especially the moonlit nights.

## **How do you feel when you can't see any beautiful view from your window?**

As I am a nature lover person so I really feel awful when I can't see any kind of beautiful view from my window. Sometimes I feel depressed if all I can see from my window are concrete buildings and roads.

## **Being in a hurry**

### **What do you always do in a hurry and why?**

There is nothing I am a very organized person. I make sure to prepare things in advanced because I simply hate doing things in a rush. For me doing things in a hurry all the time is stressful and it is a sign of being irresponsible. I think being in a hurry all the time surely takes a toll on one's mental health.

### **Is doing things in a hurry good?**

Like I have just said I am not into doing things in a rush personally that is just mentally distressing. However, I admit that there are things that are beyond our control. That no matter how organized we are, we still get trapped on running behind schedule and that is because of unexpected circumstances like you suddenly get ill.

### **What kind of things you would never do in a hurry?**

I believe things that could change the direction of my life like making life changing decisions or taking exams. These kinds of things need a good time to prepare otherwise it will end up failing. So, whenever I encounter any of these two, I always take my time.

### **Can you do things quickly? When you are in a hurry?**

Not at all, as I easily get stressed out if I work under pressure, I cannot focus and I feel like my brain cannot function properly and because of that I prepare things beforehand so I won't be in a situation, where I just get stressed.

## **Concentration**

### **When do you concentrate?**

I believe the two most important times when I concentrate are when I'm driving and when I'm taking an exam. While behind the wheel, if I don't fix my attention on the road, I'll run the risk of getting into an

accident. And on examinations, such as this one, deep concentration will help me to perform better.

### **Do you find it difficult to concentrate?**

Well, being tired or being under the weather can have an influence on my level of concentration. In a worsened physical state it is much harder to force myself to focus on something. Also, when I'm worried, my mind can become blurred. Disturbance also makes it hard for me to concentrate.

### **Do you think you can do two things at the same time?**

I think that this depends on the complexity or importance of the activity. For simple routine tasks around the home, it's not a problem. As a matter of fact, I prefer doing it as it can save time. But for major responsibilities, such as during big work assignments, I like to devote my full attention by doing one thing at a time to avoid any errors.

### **How do you concentrate?**

To make myself concentrate better, I like to remove things that distract me. For instance, during my reading time, I actually turn off my smart phone and keep my laptop hidden. I also like to set some short-term aims with time restrictions. This helps me to be more mindful and focused about what I'm doing.

## **Flower**

### **What kind of flowers do you know?**

As I belong to India, there are number of flowers grow here like marigold, lotus, crown flower, rose are the ones which are very renowned in the country and are used in every beneficial thing.

### **Are there any flowers that have an special meaning in India?**

Lotus is our national flower and its a symbol of purity. It is a single flower which has religious importance. In temple priest also uses this flower for praying to god. Surprising thing is that it has political importance also because it is sign of BJP.

### **Have you planted any flowers?**

Yes, I have a flower garden at home. In my garden, I have planted various kinds of flowers especially roses because I love the fragrance of roses. Watching my flowers grow and blossom gives me childlike happiness.

### **Have you sent flowers to anyone?**

Of course, I send flowers to my near and dear ones on special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries and so on. In our country, sending flowers to our parents, teachers and friends is part of our culture.

## **Barbecue**

### **Do Indian people like barbecue?**

Yes, Indian people are fond of eating. Due to cultural and traditional diversity, people barbecue in different ways in different regions. Mostly in the North Indian side, people use Tandoor as a barbecue which is a cylindrical clay oven heated with charcoal or wood.

### **What kind of food do you like to eat for barbecue?**

I enjoy eating barbecues such as sausages, marshmallows, chicken and some vegetables potatoes and mushrooms. Apart from that, tandoori naan is my most favorite food. I have been eating this type of barbecue since I was little.

### **Would you like to have barbecue with your family or your friends?**

I love having a barbecue dinner or party with friends or family. When I do with friends, there's so much laughter and craziness because we recall our memories. As for doing that with my family, we spend quality time with each other.

### **Did you have barbecue when you were a child?**

Of course, I had lovely memories of barbecuing when I was child. As far as I remember, There was a one renowned shop of barbecue in my area. I experienced having a barbecue at restaurants and local street markets.

## **Car Trip**

### **Do you like to travel by car?**

Yes, I love to commute by car because one of the most significant benefits of travelling by car is flexibility. I can stop wherever I want, take any street, any shortcut that suits my commute hours. Another benefit of travelling by car is getting to enjoy fantastic views. Also, I can save my time and in my accord car is the most convenient mode of transport.

### **When do you travel by car?**

I prefer to travel by car when I go to farthest places. Car allow me to travel in an air- conditioned environment and provides adequate protection from inclement weather. In addition, cars are fast and perfect for covering long distances in a short period of time.

### **Where is the farthest place you have traveled by car?**

Last year my cousin came from Canada and he wanted to see Golden temple that time I traveled by car because he had come for only two weeks and we did not have enough time for train reservation.

### **Do you like to sit in the back or front when travelling by car?**

Well, it depends on the situation like when I go with my family then I like to sit in the back seat but when I go with my partner then I love to sit in the front row. I see the various majestic views whenever I sit in the front seat.

## **Special costumes**

### **Do you like to wear special costumes?**

Yes, I love to wear special costumes because I really like the fabric of special costumes. I think these kinds of costumes enhance our outlook and give us great pleasure.

### **Did you try any special costumes when you were young?**

I vividly remember, when I was in 10th standard there was a fancy dress competition in my school and I wore a Cinderella dress. It was really charming dress and I got first prize in that competition.

### **When was the last time you wore a special costume?**

Last year, I wore a special costume at my close friend's wedding. We all friends decided to dress up as celebrities. These outfits gave a royal look and we wore pink color dresses and those time we all looked so pretty and unique.

### **Did you ever buy special costumes?**

I bought a number of special costumes because I fond of wearing special outfits so whenever I get the chance to wear a special costume then I wear it. Whenever I wear a special dress I feel like a celebrity.

## **Wallet**

### **Do you use a wallet?**

Yes, I have a wallet but it's for my different cards like debit, credit, and any other important receipt because nowadays, our society has become a cashless society so that's why no one carries a huge amount of cash.

### **Have you ever lost a wallet?**

Yes, last year I did shopping in the mall. As my hands were occupied with the shopping bags, I kept my wallet in one of the bags. When we were taking a cab, the bag was torn from below. I didn't know that when I reached the hostel. I looked in the bag for a purse and I found that the bag is torn and there was no purse.

### **Have you ever sent a wallet to someone as a gift?**

Yes, I remember I gave my brother a wallet on his birthday. It was actually branded wallet and my brother is too much brand-conscious. When I gave a wallet to him he was over the moon.

### **Do most of your friends use wallet?**

yes, most of my friend's wallets are the same as mine. I have a card case wallet and a few of my friends are using a phone case wallet, where its main purpose is for phone protection.

## **Primary School**

### **What did you like to do the most when you were in primary school?**

I did a lot of fun with my friends when I was in primary school. I remember that I had a keen interest in drawing and I always got a good score in this subject. In addition to this, I loved to do physical activities with my classmates.

### **How did you go to your primary school?**

Most of the time my mother dropped me at the school main gate. In some cases like when my mother had important office work then I used to go to school by school bus.

### **How do you like your primary school?**

I really liked my primary school. I spent my golden period of life there and I made a number of friends. I learned many lessons from my school teachers. There was a playground where I enjoyed and played a lot of activities.

### **What did you do in your leisure time in your primary school?**

In free time I did gossip with my friends and enjoyed various kind of activities. Sometimes I played with friends and sometimes I completed my homework at school. In addition to this, In spare time I played football with my friends because at that time I was very passionate about football.

## **Fruits and Vegetables**

### **Do you like fruits and vegetables?**

Well I am fond of eating green vegetables and fruits because they provide us the various essential nutritional elements such as vitamins minerals and fibers.

### **How often do you eat fruits and vegetables?**

I often consume fruits and vegetables as I am familiar with their importance So they are the main part of my daily diet.

### **Why do you think fruits and vegetables are important to us?**

As I have already mention fruits and vegetables have a very crucial vitamins, minerals and fibers and these are required by the body of living beings specially for humans. So to keep your body fit and healthy everyone should consume typical amount of fruits and vegetables.

### **What kind of fruits do you prefer?**

I like to eat each kind Of fruits in accordance of their season in accordance of their season. Because they are available in large quantities as well as in affordable prices.

### **What fruits and vegetables do you like to eat?**

You can add your favorite veggies and fruits also.

### **do you like the same fruits and vegetable today as you did when you were a child?**

To be honest, as an adult I prefer all veggies and fruits but when I was a kid I loved to eat mango among all fruits and Ladyfinger was my favorite vegetable.

### **What fruit and vegetable did you like to eat when you were a child?**

Same as the above.

### **Is it easy to buy fruits and vegetables where are you live?**

It's easy as pie to purchase vegetables and fruits in my hometown. I live in a city and there are big markets to buy anything even one can buy these eatables from special vegetable and fruit markets.

### **Do you think people should eat more vegetables and fruits?**

Yes certainly, one must eat vegetables and fruits in large Quantities because they contain various nutrients, Which are needed for mental as well as physical health. So, to stay fit and agile one should eat more fruits and vegetables.

### **Do you think fruits and vegetables are important to eat?**

As I have already told you the importance of fruits and vegetables that they bring to us such as they provide us large quantities of minerals as As well as vitamins.

### **How much fruit and vegetables do you think A person should eat on daily basis?**

As I have already mentioned The importance of fruits and vegetables so according to my perspective, one should prefer to to eat these edibles at least thrice a day to fulfill the requirements of the body as it is said that when Apple in the morning keeps the doctor away.

## **Sitting down**

### **Where is your favorite place to sit?**

To be honest specially at night I sit in the balcony of my room I gaze at sky specially the stars and the moon in the sky I enjoy that I ambience because I think it is the most tranquil period of the day more so, it helps me to bust my stress.

### **Do you always sit down for a long time?**

Well I am a workaholic person and usually spend my whole day in working and in the worries of life also so I will say yes whenever I feel very upset or emotional so that time I sit for longer duration specially in the balcony of my room as I already mentioned about it.

### **Do you feel Sleepy when you are sitting Down?**

Ans. As usual, After whole day of working and meeting the deadlines At the end of the day I feel very exhausted as well as lethargic so yes most of the times I feel slumberous.

### **When you were a kid, Did you usually sit on the floor?**

Interestingly, yes as my grandparents and my parents tell me that when i was a child I used to play on the floor with my Siblings or my cousins. In factI used to get hurt while playing on floor.

## **Meeting places**

### **Where is your favorite place to meet with your friends?**

To be honest I am really enthusiastic person I love to explore different kind of places and enjoy this. But, specifically Whenever I have to meet my friends after a long time so that time I usually prefer our domestic cafe Which is very eminent in my hometown as calm and cozy spot.

### **Do you think there are more places which are suitable For meeting with others?**

Well according to my perspective, in this modern era there is no lack of places which are needed by people according to their choice. Such as a number of amusement parks, cafes restaurants as well as hotels people go there according to their convenience and taste.

### **Is there any difference between Your favorite meeting places in present And in your childhood?**

To be frank, When I was kid I was not having any specific liking regarding this issue The streets and the parks were my favorite places to meet with my friends .But now as I am an adult I prefer meeting places according to the situation such as whenever I have to meet my friends I prefer cozy And Serene places So that we can We can talk without any inconvenience and spend some leisure time with each other.

### **Why Are some meeting Place is better than others?**

Ans. Although there are a lot of places where people can meet and enjoy time but Few places are fascinating Due to the tranquil ambience, Location and Safety.

## **Old places**

### **Have you ever seen some old buildings in the city?**

To be honest, I'm not very fond of old buildings however if there is some famous historical buildings so I definitely pay a visit to gain some knowledge as well as for entertainment.

### **Do you think we should preserve old buildings in the cities?**

Well when it comes to the well known ancient monuments Definitely we should pay heed regarding the preservation of them Because with the help of them we can get to know about our history also ancient designs. More so it helps to broaden the horizons. I think These conventional buildings are our heritage so we should conserve them at any cost.

### **Do you prefer living in old building or a modern house?**

To be frank, I am really addicted to the modern facilities which are available in our modern houses such as Air condition environment, well-lit as well as Contemporary style of furniture and many more. I'm sure I will prefer living of a modern house as compare to an old building.

### **Are there any old buildings you want to see in the future and why?**

Ans. Well India is a diverse country and it is rich in historical buildings and cultures. To cite an example the buildings like Taj Mahal In Agra, Qutub Minar in Delhi And Hawa Mahal in Jaipur So these are the old buildings and places where I want to visit and explore.  
evenings

### **Do you like the morning or evening?**

Ans. Well, I give equal importance to the both because during Mornings I go for morning walk as well as do some physical exercises to stay fit and healthy. More so, in evenings I usually spend my time doing some entertainment activities such as watching movies, listening to the music or spending time with my family and watching our favorite TV shows.

### **What do you usually do in the evenings?**

Ans. To be honest, after a whole day of working and burning the midnight oil In the evenings my mental and physical health always need a break so that time I do some fun activities as I have already told you I prefer to listen music, watch movies, spend some time with my parents in our balcony. However during weekends I usually hang out with my friends to unwind myself and recharge my battery.

### **What did you do in evening when you were little? Why?**

Interestingly, when I was a kid As my mother tells me that time I used to play with my friends outdoor as well as indoor games such as hide and seek and cricket. In fact, I attended tuition classes in the evenings during my primary education.

### **Are there any differences between the things you do in the evening now and when were you were a kid?**

Ans. Yes definitely, There is a huge difference between the activities I did in past and I do now. When I was a child I was whimsical as well as carefree I did not need to pay attention to the time. More so I used to consume my time while playing with my friends and having so much fun time. But, As a workaholic person I do not have much of time to spend on such activities usually I keep the track of time whenever i plan to do some fun. And I always keep trying to utilize my time in productive manner rather than enjoying a-lot.

## **Collect things**

### **Do you collect things?**

Certainly yes, I'm fond of gathering things. Specifically I like to collect historical products such as ceramic pottery of Jaipur as well as puppets of Rajasthan. Even I love to collect traditional attires such as phulkari of Punjab and many more.

### **Are there any things you keep from childhood?**

Well I have some toys as well as some old dresses that I used to wear when I was a kid. More so I have some old Indian currency is that is not in use right now so as souvenir I keep them with me. In addition to this I have most of the gifts that are given by my friends and my parents on my special days.

### **Would you keep old things for a long time why?**

Honestly I am a very sensitive person. I respect each and every thing that I receive from others or buy Because these things take me back to the old days also remind me the best memories of my life as well As some worst also. Moreover I also think that maybe They come in use one-day. (These things help me to take a tour down memory lane).

### **Where do you usually keep things you need?**

Ans. I'm not very organized person regarding this concern Are usually keep things where I can easily find them such as in my cupboard as well as on my study table. Also I place the things in the drawers.

## **Advertisements**

### **Are you interested in watching TV advertisements or internet advertisements?**

Being a Netizen, I like to watch internet advertisements As I'm also a shopaholic person as well as I'm really interested to get updates about the technological products and even the beauty products that are launching. So the second reason is that I can easily skip the advertisements within few seconds according

to my need.

### **What kind of advertisements do you dislike?**

To be honest I do not like the advertisements which are related to the promotion of drugs such as alcohol and cigarettes and tobacco (online gambling). I think because of these kind of ads the number of drug abusers are increasing day by day. More so the curiosity of youngsters is enhancing regarding drugs due to these alluring ads.

### **Do you share advertisements with others?**

Interestingly yes, I usually share the advertisements of clothing brands as well as some fashion accessories with my bosom friends and cousins. when it comes to my parents I usually allocate that advertisements related to kitchen equipment's, electronic equipment's or maybe some edibles.

### **Do you want to work in advertising in future?**

Definitely not, First of all I do not think that I have such talent to work in the advertisements more so I have some other future plans.

Fishing (fish)

### **Why do people go for fishing or why do people go fishing?**

Ans. According to my opinion I think there are some reasons why individuals like to go for fishing first of all most of the people earn bread and butter by doing this. more so some people enjoy fishing as interest and hobby because it also gives an opportunity to spend leisure some time with family members or friends and it also acts as a stress buster activity for them.

### **Do you like eating fish?**

Definitely no, The first reason is that I am a strict vegetarian person. I do not prefer any kind of non-veg Whether it's beef or pork. And the second thing. I think its a cruelty with living beings and inhumane behavior.

Or

Certainly yes, I love to eat fish I think it is the one of healthy meals. Because it is fully loaded with proteins and various essential nutrients. My most favorite fish cuisines or fish fritters and chips.

### **Where can you see fish?**

Undoubtedly I can see fish in any water body such as lakes, rivers, ponds as well as in Aquariums. But when it comes to my hometown I can easily look at fishes whenever I go to Sikh Temple of my village because there is a holy pond where a lot of fishes are living I usually feed them.

## **Forget things**

### **What kinds of things you have to bring when you go out?**

Ans. Definitely my cell phone as well as my wallet Because my wallet always contain e- money some cash also my personal documents Such as driving license my ID proof I always bring these things with me whenever I plan to go out. The thing which I never forget to bring with me is water bottle and A handkerchief.

### **Did you ever forget to drink something?**

Ans. How can I forget that moment it happened two years ago and I had to go for an exam that time I forgot to bring my ID card so that's why I was not able to give my exam. More so I think that is the biggest mistake that I have done in my life.

### **How do you remind yourself?**

To be frank I do not need to do a lot of efforts after that exam incident specifically because I always make a list whenever I have to go outside. Moreover my mother used to instruct me to bring the products for the need When I travel.

### **Do you carry different things in the morning and in the evenings?**

Well I think it depends upon the circumstances mostly because in morning I go for morning walk I always keep my earbuds, smartphone and water bottle (container). But during evenings may be I have to for shopping or to meet friends so I keep things according to need.

## **Spending time with others**

### **Do you like talking with others?**

Ans. Being an extrovert, I love to talk with other people to share my thoughts as well as to understand their Opinions (thinking). Because I enjoy it and also I get familiar with the different aspects of a particular thing. Sometimes it assists me to get updates also.

### **How do you like spending time with your friends?**

interestingly, we love to go out, eat different cuisines recall our childhood memories and sometimes we discuss about our schooling life also. Moreover we talk about our favorite singers and other Artist. My friends and I usually discuss about your future goals. Because we always support each other during thick and thins of life.

### **Would you prefer to study alone or with others?**

Ans. Definitely I like to study myself. Because I think whenever I study alone I feel More focused on studies As well as there is no distraction around me. Because last year when we planned for Group study we spent the whole night in doing fun.

### **Do you remember a time when you need to cooperate with others?**

Sure, I vividly remember, During one of my school science projects I had to cooperate with my seniors because I was selected in their team. and being seniors, they used to order me for the things so that was the time when I had to compromise. seriously, it was really the difficult period of my schooling life.

## **Boring things**

### **What kind of things are boring to you?**

To be honest, I easily get bored with the things which takes a lot of time to happen such as the online products or food that I order usually. More so the things that I have to do on daily basis that make life

monotonous. Additionally, reading books as well as speeches of political leaders make me bore to death.

### **What do you do when you feel bored?**

Honestly, whenever I think I'm feeling bored I always try to do some entertainment activities such as watching my favorite movie listening to my favorite music and sometimes I try to cook some new dishes with the help of YouTube so these kind of things helps me to get out of boredom.

### **What was the most boring thing that you did when you were a child?**

To be frank, when I was a kid my grandmother used to take me with her to the religious gatherings. That time I was not able to understand the Sacred Hymns. So I used to bored out of my mind listening to that devotional songs.

### **Do you really think school is boring?**

Ans. certainly no, (not at all) I think school is organization where Children learn how to write and read. A kid get familiar with knowledge and education. One makes a lot of friends and memories in a school. More so school is an unforgettable memory for most of people. It helps to develop various skills of a person such as communication, understanding, learning, interpersonal skills. It Organizes a number of events where student can take part as well as get aware of the world more so find hidden talents. Fortunately in India school is known as a temple.

## **Running**

### **How often do you go for a run?**

I go for a run thrice in a week because it makes me feel refreshed and rejuvenated. Although I go for a walk everyday, running helps me burn extra calories.

### **Where do you usually go for running?**

usually go for a run in the spacious playground in my locality. It has a running track and is full of greenery and I really enjoy walking, jogging and running there.

### **Do you like running?**

Yes, like running because it makes me feel refreshed and rejuvenated. Although I go for a walk everyday, running helps me burn extra fat. More-so it improves my mood whenever I feel depressed. Even my day seems incomplete to me without it.

### **Do you think running is a good way to stay healthy?**

undoubtedly, running is a extreme good physical activity to keep oneself as fit as a fiddle. Because it reduces cardiovascular illnesses. Even it improves the joint health in old age. So running has significant effects in ones life.

## **Time management**

### **Are you ever late for anything?**

To be honest I am a punctual person I do not like to get late for anything. But yes sometimes due to some circumstances I get late maybe health issue or something else. However, mostly I try to be on time.

### **What excuses do you use when you are late?**

Ans. Along with punctuality I also possess a habit of speaking truth. As I have already told you know most of the times I do not get late but if I am getting late then there may be some genuine reason so definitely I tell them the genuine reason behind my lateness.

### **What excuses do people have when they are late?**

Most common excuse is of traffic because in Peak hours there is so much vehicles going here and there. More so people make excuses regarding their vehicle conditions or maybe health illness.

### **Are you good at organizing time?**

Well I'm damn good at organizing my time. because I am familiar with the importance of time. As it is said that if we are wasting our time then time will waste us. More so for the organization (management) of my time I usually set reminders on my mobile phone and follow my daily routine.

### **How do you usually organize time?**

Well I have a habit of setting reminders which helps me to remind the particular time period of a task. Or sometimes when I am in stress I make a paper list and allot time for myself for particular tasks.

### **Do you think planning is important for time management?**

By all means, planning is important to achieve anything in your life I think it is a fundamental source of getting success in life. If we plan something we work hard on that and achieve targets. moreover, if we are not making strategies there are high chances of failure.

### **Why Do you think some people pay to learn time management?**

Undoubtedly time management is an essential skill nowadays. And according to my perspective everyone should learn about it if they want success and happiness in their life.

I must say the depression and anxiety that people are suffering nowadays is just because they are unable to manage the time and due to this they have to suffer a lot of family conflicts as well as disrespectful behavior at their workplaces.

### **Do you think children should learn to manage time?**

Punctuality has become the most important quality nowadays. According to my perception everyone should learn about it whether they are adults or children. It will be beneficial in future for them. It will assists them to devote particular time to studies as well as to extra curricular activities.

### **Why do some people find it hard to follow their plans?**

Maybe these people are indolent. They not like to finish the work at a particular time. Individuals can be reckless and do not aware of the consequences of time disorganization. More so health reasons also make people lethargic.

### **How would you teach your children time management?**

Interestingly I have never planned about it. Definitely I will follow the footprints of my parents as they taught me about time management. I will make my kids aware about the value of time. Moreover I will

make timetables for them and set the reminders.

### **Do old people and young people organize a time in the same manner?**

certainly no, the elder and young do not manage their time in the similar manner. First of all the old have rich experience of lives as well as a lot of knowledge. Furthermore, they know the preciousness of time. On the flip side, young generation has indulged in technology and entrainment. They just want to spend their time in fun as they are party animals. But if they have to manage their time they prefer to set reminder on cell phones. Whereas, the grey haired follow traditional methods as making paper lists.

## **Spending time by yourself**

### **Do you usually spend time by yourself?**

Ans. Yes, I absolutely love spending time by myself because I have an extremely hectic schedule and I like to relax and be alone for sometime during the day which helps me to regain my energy and peace of mind.

### **What did you do last time you were by yourself?**

I watched a comedy movie the last time when I was alone all by myself. It was last night and I really enjoyed that 'me time'.

### **Do you like spending time by yourself?**

As I have already mentioned about it, I absolutely (surely) love spending time by myself because I have an extremely (intensively) hectic (busy) schedule and I like to relax (refresh and rejuvenate) and be alone for sometime during the day which helps me to regain (revive) my energy and peace of mind. I really love my company because with this phenomenon I understand myself in a better way as well.

### **How do you usually spend time by yourself?**

I often spend time by myself by sleeping, doing my pending household or official chores or by watching some movies. It also provides me time to introspect myself.

Foreign food

### **Have you ever tried foreign food?**

Of course, foodaholic person I love to consume varieties of food such as Chinese, Japanese, Mughal, Mexican as well as Italian. These cuisines are widely available in my country.

### **Do you like to try new food?**

Absolutely. I'm foodie so I am fond of eating new food varieties. More so, being a travel freak, whenever I travel to a new place I surely try and taste their traditional meals. As I have mentioned earlier that India contains umpteen kinds of International food that's why it is easy for me to eat them.

### **What kind of new food you tried recently?**

Well I have tried a new cuisine approximately 2 weeks ago on the occasion of my mother's birthday. The name of this dish is sushi it is a popular Japanese food, prepared by sushi rice and some other condiments.

## **what kind of foreign food are popular in your country?**

well India is known as diverse nation in the world. Indian have different likings regarding food. The eminent International cuisines are Italian, Japanese, Chinese and Mexican.

## **Saving**

### **Did you save money when you were young?**

Yes definitely, I used to save a lot of my pocket money given by my parents to buy some useful things or eat during school breaks.

I tried to collect money from my parents, grandparents and other family members on several occasions and festivals and safely deposited them in different money boxes.

### **Have you ever given money to other children?**

Of course, I always helped my friends and family children at various occasions. I firmly opine that it is my responsibility to help others in their difficult situations as my parents taught me the habit of sharing and caring.

### **Do you think parents should teach children to save money?**

Undoubtedly, Parents must teach their off springs about the importance of saving money. Probably, they are the ones who teach children how to take care of each penny. It will be proved beneficial for them in the future as well.

### **Do parents give pocket money to children in your country?**

Surely, Indian parents give pocket money to their children basically for the daily expenses, for the enjoyment purpose, and it is very common everywhere.

## **Scenery**

### **Is there good scenery in your hometown? Or does your hometown has a lot of scenic view?**

Not much but few Scenic Can be witnessed in my hometown. Currently, I am living in a countryside area there are a lot Farms, ponds as well as lush green trees all the sides .The ambience of my locality is a very tranquil each and everything looks very picturesque.

### **When you travel do you like to stay in hotels with good scenic views?**

Without any doubt I always prefer hotel with picturesque views. First of all these views provide relaxation refreshment to the mind. Second reason I am a photogenic person so with the help of these views my photos come (turn out to be) more elegant. Frankly speaking most of the times I pay extra money in the search best hotels with best location.

### **Do you like to take pictures of good scenic view with your smartphone? why?**

Certainly yes I do click a number of pictures whenever I see any good natural view fortunately I have a sophisticated camera on my smartphone then Photos turn out to be of best quality. I love to keep memories with me through the photos. Most of the times I post these photos on social sites and get a number of likes and comments.

## **Is there a good scenery views in cities?**

Well I'm not damn sure about this because whenever someone want to look at the natural scenic view then the person should definitely visit mountain or a hilly area As well as the tranquil countryside. But I must say if one want to look at widespread and huge traffic lighting during night then definitely they should prefer the city.

## **Sports**

### **Are you interested in sport?**

Yes, I have keen interest in some sports like badminton and cricket. I love playing these sports as well as watching their live matches in my free time.

### **Do you like sports?**

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### **What sports do you like? (Why?)**

I like cricket and badminton the most. I developed a liking towards cricket from childhood because my father used to watch live cricket matches on television. I like playing badminton too since school time because I used to play it informally in my leisure time with my friends and cousins.

### **Do most people in your country like sport?**

yes, most of the people of my country like a variety of sports like hockey, cricket, football and kabaddi. Hockey is national game of India which is played by many people as a profession. People also have immense interest in cricket and football.

### **What sports do people in your country like to play?**

People in my country love to play kabaddi. It is a traditional Sport of India. Many people also like to play cricket formally and informally.

### **What benefits do you think sport can bring us?**

Sports can bring us myriad benefits. They help us to keep fit and active. They help us get relieved from worldly worries momentarily and also develop several qualities within the players such as sportsmanship, team spirit, cooperation and patience.

## **Indoor games**

### **Do you play any indoor games?**

Yes, I like to play indoor games as in the evenings after dinner we all family members sit together and play games such as Ludo, Chess etcetera.

### **Do you prefer to play indoor games or outdoor games?**

Generally, I prefer to play outdoor games such as cricket and badminton as I feel that it is crucial for a healthy body and mind to spend time in the fresh air. Also, outdoor games are a good medium to exercise.

### **What indoor games did you play when you were a child?**

When I was a child I used to play carrom board, card games, snake and ladder and puzzle games.

### **Is there any particular indoor game that you liked (when you were a child)?**

I used to play snake and ladder, which was my favorite game at that time. And now also, I enjoy playing snake and ladder, which reminds me of the memories of childhood.

### **What sorts of indoor games do children play now?**

As we know this is the era of modern technology, so most of the children indulge in mobiles or computers or television. Besides this, now the days most popular games played among children are ludo, snake and ladder, monopoly, cards, Uno etc.

### **Do you play video games?**

No, I do not play video games because I am not fond of them. I think these games have drastic effects on health.

### **What kinds of video games do you like to play?**

As I said earlier, I am not fond of video games. Rather I would prefer physical games or indoor games.

### **Is it good for young people to play video games?**

Well, I think there is no harm in playing video games if it is played for some interval of time. In contrast, if one plays games for long hours, they may suffer from headaches and even be addicted to them, which will be very harmful to health as well as mind.

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 [YOUTUBE.COM/ENGLISHWITHROOP](https://www.youtube.com/englishwithroop)

## Cue cards

### 1 Describe an English class/lesson that you enjoyed.

- **What was taught in the class**
- **When did you take the class**
- **Where it was**
- **What did the teacher do that made you enjoy it?**

### Vocab

- Worldwide
- Crucial
- Plethora
- Pleasant
- Memorable
- Quite
- Innovative
- Live environment
- Fascinating
- Hilarious
- Grabbing
- Astonished
- Herculean
- Part and parcel
- Idiom – just a stone's throw away
- Proud as a peacock

Well, Everybody knows that English is an international language as it is spoken worldwide So, it has become crucial for everyone. I have had a plethora of pleasant experiences in the English language so far. Here I would like to talk about such a memorable English lesson that I enjoyed it a lot which was delivered by my favorite English teacher Mrs. Sameera.

Actually, when I was in 4th standard in primary school which was just stone's throw away from my house, my English tutor told me about quite interesting English story that I remember till now. This story was about hare and tortoise and my teacher told this story in a fascinating way and created live environment in class with her innovative ideas and examples.

Everyone in class heeded and listened teacher properly. That class was so hilarious because my tutor cracked many jokes while teaching for grabbing more attention.

The lecture was of about 2 hours but nobody realized that when 2 hours passed. Not only me but all my classmates enjoyed the lesson. After school when I came back to home, I told this story to my mother and I was astonished that each and every line and words in my mind. My mother felt pleased for this and I was as proud as a peacock.

### Follow-ups

#### What are the benefits of learning a foreign language?

There are plenty of benefits of learning a foreign language, Firstly, it assist to find jobs at international companies. Apart from this, new language helps people to travel different places because with the help of foreign language they can easily communicate with different people.

#### What are the benefits of being a foreign language teacher?

To be honest, having a good hand in foreign language has many benefits specially for teachers. By this they can sustain their life by earning handsome salary as demand of foreign language is growing day by day. Moreover, foreigner teacher come in contact with different people while teaching so it is really helpful for them to enhance knowledge regarding different cultures.

### **Will computers replace foreign language teachers in the future?**

Undoubtedly, technology has become part and parcel of life but it is wrong to say that it will replace teachers in future because computer can help students in grammar, pronunciation but they cannot help in developing innovative ideas because computer cannot think like human because it is man made machine.

### **Is grammar the most difficult part about learning a foreign language?**

No, according to me pronunciation is quite herculean task for any learner when he or she learn any foreign language as one can learn grammar by rules but there is not any trick or regulations regarding pronunciation.

### **Do you think grammar is important in language learning?**

Definitely, grammar is utmost necessity to know about any alien language as with the help of this one can interrelate his or her native language with foreign language. Moreover, with the help of this one can easily find errors in his or her sentence. Ergo, grammar play crucial role in learning any language.

## **2 Describe a difficult thing you did Cue Card**

- **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**

## 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.

## On what occasions should children be encouraged? How?

There are many situations like when children get low grades than their parent's 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 3 Describe an object you find particularly beautiful (for example, a painting, piece of jewellery /furniture etc.)

- Where the artwork object is
- How it is made
- What it looks like
- And explain why you find it particularly beautiful

## VOCAB

- Hoarder (love to collect things)
- lucrative
- parodied
- hodophile
- revitalize
- fatigued mind
- dog with two tails
- charming
- delightful
- picturesque

Well, art is quite crucial as it lends colors in our monotonous life. Being a hoarder (love to collect things), I like to keep unique and charming art creatures in my room. Here I would like to talk about very lucrative painting of the Mona Lisa that is hanged on front wall of my room. Actually, it is the copy of most parodied work of art by very prominent artist and original painting of the Mona Lisa is placed in huge museum of Paris. Being a hodophile person I love to travel different places an last year I went to Paris from local shops of Paris I bought copy of this famous painting. This painting is made with the help of pastel colors it is very unique because an artistic technique in this painting uses subtle gradations of light and shadow. In my

spare time I like to gaze steadily at this painting and smile of lady in this painting is really mysterious that really revitalize my fatigued mind. When any relative or my friend come in my room always appreciate this beauty and make me feel like a dog with two tails. So this is amazing painting/artwork that I find very unique and delightful.

### **Do you think there are more beautiful things today than past?**

To be honest according to me, in yester years there were more beautiful things as compared to present time. As in ancient time, kings or Queens loved to make their sculptures as passion but these days only rare people like to make paintings as one can click photos with the help of technological gadgets such as mobile phone and cameras.

### **Do you think there are many scenic spots in India or there are many more in other countries?**

Undoubtedly, India is diverse country and one can easily enjoy different picturesque view of maintains, rivers, deserts and many more to name but a few here. However, according to United nations educational, scientific and cultural organization, Norway is the land with best scenic views with steep walls, dense forest, glaciers and mountains.

## **4. Describe a time you used your cell phone/smartphone to do something important**

- **What happened?**
- **When it happened?**
- **How important the cell phone /smartphone was?**
- **And explain how you felt about the experience?**

### **Vocab**

- Hooked
- Birthday bash
- Unfortunately
- Bundle of nerves
- Curiosity
- Joy knew no bounds
- Memorable
- Ease
- Imitating
- charming

Well, it would not be wrong to say that we are completely hooked to the internet to fulfill each and every task ranging from communication to business purposes. Today, I would like to take this opportunity to talk about a situation when I had to use my cell phone to get my work done.

I take into account that it was my sister's birthday and my family organized a birthday bash. To make her 18th birthday more remarkable, I wanted to gift her an attractive gown, which she always wanted to buy. Hence, I made my mind to give it as a present on her born day but unfortunately, because of lockdown during corona pandemic, shops were shut down and I was unable to purchase the gown from a local shop. I was a bundle of nerves on seeing my inability to gift her something unique. Later, I tried to search for it online, and luckily, I found the dress on an online shopping site, and without thinking for a second, I made an order. On the next day, I received my parcel and packed it beautifully using decorative material. When I presented it before my sister, she opened it with great curiosity and joy that knew no bounds. She wore it and was charming like a princess and was very thankful to me as I made her dream come true. This event has made our bond much more stronger, thus I also feel very pleased but it was possible only because of my mobile phone as it assisted me in making the celebration memorable. It acted as a helping

hand to me when I was unable to do my task on my own.

## Follow-ups

### What do you usually do with a cellphone?

I use my phone for various purposes including educational as well as entertainment but most of the time I use my phone to watch informative videos on the internet to ease my studies and in my spare time, I make calls with my friends and relatives.

### What are the differences between young people and old people when using a cellphone?

As far as I knew, the old generations do not have sufficient knowledge of today's advanced technology so they mainly use smartphones to make calls or to watch the news but this is totally opposite in the case of youngsters as they mostly use cellphones to get hands over the modern day lifestyles likely by imitating fashion styles of famous celebrities. Additionally, few of them use the internet to gain knowledge or for communication purposes.

### Which one is more important, using a cellphone to make phone calls or to read messages?

Well, it is quite difficult to compare the significance of both as some people feel shy to talk personally or make calls. Hence, they find to send messages to others to convey their thoughts. So, it's a matter of personal choice and I can say both mediums have their own importance.

### Do you think there should be a law to stop people from making phone calls in public?

Honestly speaking, I do not consider the fact of imposing a complete ban on making calls in public. Although in some public places such as hospitals and schools, people are not permitted to use phones to maintain silence over there in emergency situations, people need to contact their knowns and it should be wrong to stop them legally to do so.

## 5 Describe an Important Thing you Learned, not at School or College

- When did you learn it?
- How did you learn it?
- Why did you think it was important to learn it?
- How you felt when you learn it?

## Vocab

- Perspective
- Surf
- Genius at fixing car and urge
- Icing on the cake
- Desire
- Description
- Initial
- By the grace of God
- Imitate
- Regardless

In my perspective, learning is fun if we learn something in a unique way. Apart from schools, we learn lot of things in our daily life either from our parents or others. At present, I would like to describe a situation when I learnt the skill of editing videos.

Briefly talking about it, during the time of lockdown, when I was totally free at home, I used to surf the internet whole day and somehow, I saw a video highlighting the concept of video editing. As I always wanted to gain an understanding of editing, I paid attention to it. Robin Gray, one of the top youtubers, explained the concept in very detailed manner.

Being a video editor, he has head and shoulders above all in teaching virtually. I also had a desire to have my own youtube channel and later, I created my own channel and started posting videos on it by following the descriptions of Robin Gray. Initially, I was somewhat confused whether I will be able to fulfil my desire or not but by the Grace of God, I experienced an increase in the list of my followers. They love my way of teaching art skills to them. They used to call me a genius at fixing cars and urge me to post more and more digital content regarding art and craft.

I am very thankful to MR. Robin because I am capable of fulfilling my dream only because of him. Above all, my parents are proud of me as my youtube earning works as icing on the cake for me.

## **Follow-ups**

### **What do children learn from their parents?**

Well, parents are considered the first and best teachers of life, who are responsible for sowing the seeds of good character in their children. Offsprings learn each and every basic task from their parents like walking, talking, and other moral values.

### **Are some children well-behaved because of their parents?**

As I mentioned earlier, children learn all the basic skills from their parents and behavior is one of them. So, it would be right to opine that how a child behaves is the impression of their parent's nourishment. However, they tend to imitate the behavior of others in some cases and may behave disorderly.

### **Is it necessary for adults to learn new things?**

To be honest, learning has a great significance in everyone's life and if I talk about learning something new then age has nothing to do with learning. Like adults, in order to remain updated with today's modern technology should learn to use the internet and may get educated also. They can also learn other skills regardless of their age.

### **What are the options for learning new things?**

Although, there are several ways to learn either by going to institutes or at home from a skilled person technology has paced so fast that one can learn anything by searching for it online and I think it is the best way to learn because of the availability of unlimited options. For example, a learning platform is providing education to a lot of children in every corner of the world.

## **6 Describe something surprised you and made you happy**

- **What it was**
- **Who do this**
- **how you found about it and what you did**
- **and explain why it surprised you and made you happy**

## **Vocab**

- 1.numerous

- 2. in seventh heaven
- 3. panic
- 4. finger licking
- 5. on the top of world
- 6. pleasure
- 7. instrumental
- 8. Ailments
- 9. exhaustion
- 10. hassels

Surprises are always pleasant and often we dream of it. But when the surprises appear from the dearest people, it becomes more enjoyable and in my life I have been surprised numerous times. The surprise that made me feel in seventh heaven was my 18th birthday celebration. Actually this celebration was planned by my bosom friends and they did lot of efforts to make my birthday special.

During my birthday my 12th class final exams were going on so I did not imagine that someone celebrate my birthday as my all friends were busy in preparation of exams but opposite to my expectations, my friends arranged night party for my birthday. The most surprising thing was that did not let me know about celebration and made shocking plan for giving me surprise. One night before my birthday my best friend came to my house and asked me to go urgently to my friend Neha's house which her and told me that Neha is very depressed about final exams. I was so panicked on that moment and quickly went to Neha's house when I reached there I was shaken up as my all classmates were there and they started clapping and wishing me a happy birthday. My aunt prepared cake for my birthday and It's taste was finger licking. My loved one gave me beautiful gifts and I was on the top of world on that day and I thanked everyone for making my day special.

## Follow ups

### How do people express happiness in your culture?

To be honest, in my nation people show pleasure in different ways such as by wearing smile on face and by throwing party to loved ones. for example, mostly youngsters celebrate their happy occasions like birthday parties with family and friends.

### Do you think happiness has any effect on people? how?

Definitely happiness play an instrumental role in people's lives as without it life will be totally boring. As happiness motivate individuals to perform anything in more efficient way. Moreover, happiness keep people away from may serious heath ailments such as mental exhaustion, brain fag and depression.

### How can people be happy?

There are number of factors which lead to happy life. according to me, the most important are satisfaction and positivity. people should be satisfied about everything they have in life by this their life will be full of happiness and content.

### Is it good for people to be unhappy? Why?

Well, happy and sad moments are part of life but unhappiness has many disadvantages as it put adverse impact not only on health but also affect people's behavior. Many health hassles such as depression, body weakness and anxiety are caused by unhappy life.

## 7 Describe a photo that you are proud of

- When did you take this photo
- What is the photo about

- **Why you feel proud of this photo**

## **Vocab**

- 1. entire
- 2. beautiful quote
- 3. recall
- 4. thick and thin situations
- 5. enhance
- 6. alive
- 7. bed of roses
- 8. attain
- 9. teleporting
- 10. path

Photography is an art of teleporting the past into the future as by this we can save good as well as bad memories for our entire life. Here, I would like to talk about photo that is of my schooldays and this photo is group photo of my classmates and tutors. During the last days of my school, my juniors threw a farewell party for my class as a farewell party helps in conveying a good message and an expression of best wishes. There were numerous performances performed by students that made the party more enjoyable. After performing various tasks everyone was interested in a group photo and the cameraman clicked a superb photo of all students and teachers. To enhance the beauty of it he added a unique and beautiful quote on top of it. This photo make me feel proud because it includes my many friends who always stood with me in my thick and thin situations during my schooldays. Another reason for feeling as proud as punch for this picture is in this photo my all teachers are present who showed me a path of life leading to success. whenever I feel alone or depressed I always prefer to look at this photo to recall happy and sad moments of life .

## **Follow-ups**

### **Why do people use photographs to document important things?**

According to me photographs are the best way to keep memories alive because by this one can recall his or her past life. Also, with the help of photographs people can share their moments and emotion with anyone.

### **What one can learn from photograph taken throughout history?**

Honestly, people can learn about life from photographs that life is not a bed of roses as failure and success are part of life. for example, from photographs of ancient people they can learn about hard work they did in past to attain success.

### **Are photographs the best way to remember something?**

Definitely yes photographs are the best thing to remember something from the past. They can give us a glance into our past but there are other ways. Also today there are video recordings, letters and many things that people can save for the future but photographs are always an easy and convenient option to save for the future.

## **8 Describe a problem you had while shopping online or in a store**

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

## Vocab

- Every nook and corner
- Attain
- Thrilled
- Charm
- Pleased
- Flickering
- Baffled
- Instantly
- Awful
- Down in the dumps

Well, we live in a technological era, technology has spread its legs in every NOOK and corner. Sometimes I like to do shopping with family outside and sometimes I prefer to do online shopping and I attain experience other good or bad. Here, I would like to share an incident that happened to me a few months ago. My roommate was using a Samsung galaxy 8 plus smartphone. I also need to buy one as my old one was really very-very old. I placed an order on Flipkart to buy the same on the 17th of June. It got delivered on the 19th of June. I was quite excited. The two days were normal. It was working like charm. I was pleased with my new lifeline.

But after two days its screen started flickering, it was automatically getting switched off again and again. I placed a replacement request. A technician visit was scheduled. The very next day of the complaint, a technician called me as I was in college at that time I requested him to wait for half an hour. He agreed. After leaving the college, I called him but his mobile was switched off.

Next day, I received an SMS regarding technician visit and called him instantly. Technician visit was successful and they agreed to replace the product.

The phone got replaced on 27th of June but to my bad that the second one was competing with the first one. It wasn't even turned on. I was like What the hell going on with me? I was completely baffled. It was an awful experience for me and I felt down in the dumps at that time.

## Follow-ups

### What kind of customer service do you think is good?

In my perspective, best customer satisfaction is when companies follow best practices like valuing customers' time, having a pleasant attitude, and providing knowledge and resourceful resources.

### What is the difference between shopping online and in store?

There are various differences when it comes to shopping online and shopping in stores. online shopping is extremely easier in comparison to shopping in a store. One can shop from the comfort of their house, compare and contrast prices with other brands and the return process is also easy. In stores, one has to use more time and energy in comparison to online shopping.

### What problems do customers often have while shopping?

There are some obstacles that people face while they do shopping. For instance, when they never get the proper size, quality, and brand that they want.

### What do you think customers should do when there are problems with products bought online?

Firstly, customers should call customer care service and file a complaint and tell about the website name and the problem that they faced. If they listen to their issue then they should wait for a solution but if they don't then they should go with a refund policy.

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

### You should say:

- Where and when you saw the plastic waste?
- Why there was a lot of plastic waste?
- What you did do after you saw it?
- And explain what your thoughts were about this.

### Vocab

- Nature lover
- Cream of the crop very best
- Unpleasant
- Destroy
- No stone unturned (try every possible course of action in order to achieve something.
- Ruin
- Bounden duty
- Excessive
- decorative

Being a nature lover, I love to spend a lot of quality time in the lap of nature by exploring the beauty of my surroundings, which in turn, helps to refreshen my mind. Here I would like to elaborate on the central park, which is positioned in the heart of my city.

Actually, it became the cream of the crop only after it had gone under construction as several new facilities were added to it likely an open-air theatre and swimming pool, and many more. Even after having so much scenic beauty, the park was so unclean. Two weeks earlier, when I went there to pursue my leisure time, I was taken aback to see such an unpleasant view, which was destroying the beauty of the whole park.

A lot of people visit the recreational area daily including their children, they use to have some snacks there but instead of using a wastebasket, they throw all the waste material in the open and nobody takes care of it. All members, who pay a call to the play area are responsible for creating a garbage dump there. I was quite disappointed to see it and decided to polish the scene. I called my friends to lend me a helping hand and within a few hours, we had done our task but in order to prevent such circumstances from happening in the future, we put boards in the park regarding environmental cleanliness. Also, we bought more trash bins and place them here and there so that people can make more and more use of them.

In my opinion, nature is a god of gift to us. But we are leaving no stone unturned to ruin it. Moreover, the lack of strict guidelines from the government is another reason for this. It is the bounden duty of all people to keep our surroundings neat and clean.

### Follow-ups

#### Do you think we should use plastic products?

Honestly speaking, I don't agree with the view of using product made from plastic as it is a non-biodegradable product and harms the nature. Furthermore, Indian government has also banned the use of plastic bags and alternatively, we should use eco-friendly products.

#### How can we reduce our use of plastic?

Well, there are many ways to control an excessive use of plastic likely we can use cloth bags and steel utensils in order to reduce the use of plastic bags and other plastic products. Another way could be that we should recycle the products and should refuse to accept goods packaged in plastic.

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

As far as I know, among whole plastic garbage, plastic bags are most common to see as while shopping, people collect their purchased items in a plastic bag and moreover, people buy mineral water from markets, which is also put in plastic bottles and other waste includes plastic mugs and toys and many more.

## Why do people like to use plastic products?

Although, it totally depends upon people whether to use plastic material or eco-friendly products but I think, the main reason responsible for using plastic is that it is cheap and easy to use along with it, plastic is easily available and people can get a variety of decorative material made from plastic.

## 10 Describe a time when you needed to search for information

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

### VOCAB

- Part and parcel
- Bleak
- Culinary skills
- Quite
- Convenient
- Resist to try to stop something
- Fabulous
- Appreciating
- Appetizing
- Finger licking
- Bibliophile person

Undoubtedly, internet has become a part and parcel of our life that without it life would be totally bleak. Anyway, here I would like to talk about a time when I searched about cooking on you tube. Actually few months ago, I decided to make delicious dish at home for my family members. As I have not good culinary skills that's why I liked to take help of you tube for preparing food. After long time search I found very interesting video about making white sauce pasta. In this video the chef explained everything in quite convenient way that I could not resist myself to cook it. It required pasta, sauce, cheese, milk, cream and other spices. Fortunately everything was available in my kitchen. Without wasting time I started cooking this dish .Finally after 30 minutes I made this delicious dish and this was looking fabulous .When I served it to my family members everyone appreciated me for this appetizing dish. So this was a time when I made finger licking dish with the help of information from internet.

### FOLLOW UPS

#### How can people search for information now?

Although there are variety of platforms to search any kind of information, according to me one of the most convenient ways is google as one can search any kind of information on this application by just one click.

## What information people can get from television?

Anyone can acquire information according to his /her choice from different channels on television. for example, from discovery channel people can gain knowledge regarding animals and geographical locations

## Do you think libraries are still important in this digital age?

Definitely libraries play a key role in this modern world. Mostly bibliophile people love to go to library to read their favourite type of books because of calm environment in libraries.

## 11 Describe a person you know who is from a different culture.

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

### Vocab

- Curious
- Assistance
- Over the moon
- Generous
- Diversity
- First glance
- Quite
- Numerous
- Renowned
- Down to earth

India is a diverse country and people from different cultures live here happily. Every state has their own language, clothes, food, festivals. When we meet a person from other cultures we are always curious to know more about them and how different they are from us. We try to learn different things from them and we teach them our culture. Here I am going to talk about a friend recently who I met on the train. Her name is Deepika and She is from Hyderabad which is quite different from my home state Punjab. We introduced each other after boarding the train and started talking about current topics of our country. I talked about my state and then she also gave me some vital information about Hyderabad.

I just met him for the first time in the train and we became friends. We both were traveling for a long distance so we chatted about numerous topics. At first glance I thought she was a Christian then she told me people in Hyderabad same. She not only told about their culture but also told me that Dosa is renowned food in their hometown.

Now she is working as a Doctor and serve the people also she organise campaign for the needy people, there she provide assistance in various ways such in for of money, clothes, food and so on.

I felt over the moon that I made a friend who is from different culture and one good thing about my friend is that she respected all cultures. She is down to earth person as well as she is quite a generous person.

### Follow-ups

#### Where and how can we get to know people of different cultures better?

Today we can meet people from different cultures on the internet on different social media platforms where they are discussing their culture and traditions. Apart from this there are many cultural celebrations organised by the government in these places where people from all around the country come and take part.

## What are the advantages and disadvantages of cultural diversity?

Cultural diversity is actually the beauty of any country and I don't think so there is any big disadvantage of cultural diversity only people have different languages so they are unable to communicate with each other easily and the advantages is people can enjoy a lot of festivals all together and they can have fun just because of cultural diversity they get more option in clothes, food and many other things.

## How can traditional culture and other cultures coexist?

Today actually in this global world there is a space for everything traditional cultures and other cultures can absolutely coexist by keeping all the differences aside and accepting each other the new culture should respect the traditional culture and give importance why the traditional culture can be preserved by the new culture so they can transmit the culture to the next generation this is how both can coexist.

## Which Indian traditions are disappearing?

Today a lot of Indian traditions are disappearing first of all the celebration of all the festivals is not done in the traditional way people are not making sweets on Diwali and they are not going to each others house to greet on the new year they have started going on vacations like the Western people.

## 12 Describe a Time You Made a Decision to Wait for Something

- **When it happened?**  
**What you waited for?**  
**Why you made the decision?**  
**And explain how you felt while waiting.**

Waiting actually tests one's patience levels. Everyone can not wait, especially in this fast paced world of technology people have become impatient. Today due to huge demand and limited supply we have to register and wait for many products, for example, electronic gadgets and vehicles. Waiting for worthy products always benefits us.

Actually my father wanted to buy a new car and we already had two cars, one sedan and another hatchback so he was planning to buy a SUV and for this situation we had to make a decision and wait. A couple of months ago we decided to buy a Mahindra XUV700. It's an Indian car with a lot of features and this car beats all others in its segment so we wanted to buy this car. When we approached the dealership they made our bookings and told us to wait for six months.

This period of waiting was quite long and we all family members were eager to enjoy the new ride. Looking at other cars there was no car near to XUV700 so we decided to wait for this car. We wanted a car with good features and maximum security and on the top of all it's an Indian manufactured car so it's like it's worth waiting for a good product.

The feeling of waiting can not be explained in words, it reminds us with every heartbeat that we want something. In between I kept in touch with the dealership so whenever there is an update I can catch up. They told me if somebody from the registered buyers cancels their car we will give it to you. So I inquired every week to get an update on my car.

## Follow Up Questions

### What do people in your country often do while waiting?

People do a lot of things when they are waiting it depends actually on the situation the first thing that people like to do when they are waiting in my country is they talk to each other and they make conversations related to ongoing topic the second thing is they like to make important phone calls or check the social media account apart from this some people like to read books on their mobile phones and listen to music when they are waiting students and children like to play video games when they are waiting.

## Why do some people like a slow-paced life?

Some people are really very much attached to their cultures and they really value that traditions so they do not match up with the global standards and they want to stay rooted with their own local culture so they preference slow paced life they don't like the use of technology and they don't like everything so fast they like to do things in there original speed and their love peace and nature so they loves slow paced life.

## Is being patient good for people? Why?

Being patient is absolutely good for people in this world of modern technology the first thing people are losing is there mental health and their becoming more impatient towards so many things so if a person can be patient for sometime they can definitely benefit in so many ways it is always fruitful to wait for something if time is required and being patient really benefit in a lot of ways.

## 13 Describe a time when you received money as a gift.

- **When did you receive it?**
- **What did you do with it?**
- **How did you feel about it?**

## Vocab

- Inspiration
- Pleasure
- By god's grace
- Applauding
- Honourable
- Felt over the moon
- Budding years
- Resentment
- love of money is the root of all evil

A gift always brings a smile on our face, whenever we receive it. Moreover, it shows our importance in other's life. Gifts are considered as best source of motivation and inspiration and it can be in form of money, book, pen, clothes and gadgets.

I have received many gifts in my life and it always make me feel pleasure. Here, I would like to talk about a gift which I received in form of money.

I vividly remember that when I was in 10th standard cultural programme was organised by my school and all parents and chief guests also invited to attend this event.

On that occasion I participated in singing competition as by God's grace I have melodious voice and I sang Punjabi folk song. When I stopped singing everyone was applauding for my talent and at that time honourable chief guest came and gave me 5000 rupees as he was really impressed by my way of singing. I felt over the moon at that moment because it was proudable moment for me. when I went back to home my parents really proud of me and my father decided to buy harmonium for me by adding more money in it. And it really helped me a lot in polishing my talent and I have won so many singing competitions till now. So this is monetary gift that motivated me a lot.

## Follow-ups

### In your country, do parents give children money for housework?

In my nation, India, it is not a routine practice for parents to offer money to their children for house chores. There may be very few parents who do this and it is mostly considered as the children's

responsibility to help with the housework. In terms of money, children get pocket money for their daily expenses.

### **Is it important for children to have the right attitude towards money?**

Yes, children must possess the right attitude towards money and its transactions. Children should understand the significance of money, and its effective utilization must start in the budding years. This habit helps in their career when they commence working and earning.

### **What do you think of the saying; love of money is the root of all evil?**

The saying love of money is the root of all evil depicts a gospel truth. Love or obsession with money is the primary reason for resentment. It also invites numerous pressing problems in a person's life, such as insecurity, lack of trust in others, unsatisfied family life, selfish attitude, etc.

### **Is it important to teach children how to manage their pocket money?**

Yes, it is highly significant to educate children to effectively utilize their pocket money so that in their adulthood, they understand the significance of money, do not squander it and are skillful at taking care of monetary assets in the future.

### **What kind of occasions require people to send money as gifts?**

Occasions such as birthday parties, wedding celebrations, congratulating someone on a baby's birth, and a few other such instances require people to give money as gifts.

## **14 Talk about a TV Show you Like to Watch**

- **What is the program about?**  
**When do you watch it?**  
**Who do you watch it with?**  
**Why do you like to watch it?**

### **Vocab**

- Quite
- Prominent
- Curious
- Plethora
- Bust
- Workaholic
- Get rid of
- Monotony
- Humour
- Bed of roses
- Burn mid night oil
- glimpse

Television is a great source of entertainment as one can watch different types of programs such as movies, reality show, news and many more to name but a few.

Here I would like to talk about my all-time favourite television programme. It is none other than big boss. It is Indian reality show hosted by Salman khan. He is quite prominent actor of India. This show telecasted on colours Tv channel on weekends at 10 pm. I usually like to enjoy this show with my homies as everyone in my home is very curious about this programme.

There are plethora of reasons why I favour this show. Firstly, being a workaholic person, I have no free time to entertain myself and whenever on weekends I have spare time, I love to watch this show to bust

the stress. Apart from this, various famous Tv actors take part in their show with great will and this show contain good content of humour and one can easily get rid from monotony of life by watching this programme.

I have learnt many lessons from this programme as starts from different backgrounds participate in this. I have learnt that life is not bed of roses one has to burn midnight oil for happy days.

There have been 15 seasons of this show and 16 one is coming soon. I have been eagerly waiting for it as me and my family member addicted so this wonderful reality show.

## Follow Up Questions

### What do Indian people like to watch?

Indian people like to watch anything and everything but most of the time Indian women like to watch daily soaps and reality shows while the teenagers like to watch Netflix and reality shows.

### Do you like watching foreign countries' TV shows?

Yes definitely I like to watch a programs from foreign countries because they are so different and unique and they give a glimpse of their culture so I definitely like to watch programs from foreign countries as they have excellent audio visual and graphics which gives a totally different and unique viewing experience and I can get connected to their culture by watching their programs.

### Do you think watching TV shows can be educational for children?

Absolutely yes watching television shows can be educational for children because on television children learn by audio and visual which is the best technique to learn anything and audio visual is the best way of storytelling children may find difficulties in reading and understanding a language but when it is explain in audio and visual children may find it more interesting.

## 15 Describe a person who you believe dress well

- Who this person is
- What kind of dress he /she wears
- How do you know him/her

### Vocab

- Bosom friend
- Polite
- Informally
- Outfit
- Knotting
- Unique
- Drop-dead gorgeous
- Apple of eye
- farewell
- an apple of eye

Dressing sense reflects person's personality, character, mood and style. Although I know many people who dress well, one of them with great dressing sense is my bosom friend and neighbour Rahul. Actually few years ago a family migrated from Chandigarh and started living next to our house all members of this family are very polite and nice by nature and Rahul is the most fashionable person of this family. Our most of society members influenced by way of dressing of Rahul as he came from developed city Chandigarh and he always wear beautiful attires with good colour contrast. I have never seen him dress informally even I went to his home for discussing some urgent topics, I find him in formal outfit.

Rahul usually wear formal suits and leather shoes. Moreover, his tie knotting style and colour collection is very unique that he always look drop-dead gorgeous. During any special celebration dwellers of my society always like to take his help for selecting different dresses as he is not only a stylish person but also an apple of eye of everyone in my society. I considered him a stylish person because last month I was selected as Mr/Miss farewell because of dress that he suggested me to wear so this a person with good dressing sense.

## Follow-ups

**Do you think online shopping will replace in store shopping in the future? Why?**

As far my knowledge, I don't think it will completely replaced shopping in stores because there are some people who love to visit the shops as well as roaming around the shops and also they enjoy bargain.

**Why is fashion very important to some people?**

Fashion is one of the most critical industries in our world today. Style has become one of the primary ways in which people express their personality and in which they distinguish themselves from those around them. Moreover, People of all ages are addicted to new trends in the world of fashion.

**Are older people as fashionable as young people? why?**

Older people are often uninterested in fashion and more interested in what looks good on them or what is comfortable. However, young people focus much on fashion and they believe in wearing fashionable clothes.

**Are women more fashionable than men? Why?**

It depends. It is a matter of personal choice and preferences. Every individual has a different taste on fashion. Men and women are equally fond of/not fond of latest trend and fashion. It also depends on their economic status what they can afford.

## 16 Describe a Person who Likes to Grow Plants.

- **Who the person is?**  
**How do you know the person?**  
**What types of plants does he/she grow?**  
**Why does he/she grow plants?**

Growing plants is a hobby of many people and they do it with a lot of love and care. It is believed that if a person can take good care of a plant, then he/she can take care of anything. People who love plants are nature lovers and they motivate us to grow more plants and make this planet more habitable. With increasing pollution and cutting down of rainforest we are experiencing extreme weather conditions and greenhouse has a grave effect on the flora and fauna. Here I am going to talk about my grandmother who likes to grow plants.

I have spent my entire childhood in her laps and I love her more than anything. We belong to an agricultural family and we had domestic animals. My grandparents were into agriculture and animal husbandry. So whenever it was vacation I used to go to my village and I visited my farms on a daily basis. My grandfather always did agricultural business but my grandmother was more into growing flowers and vegetables. In our house garden in the backyard, she had grown many flowers and small plants like basil, aloe vera and in our farm my grandma plants all the vegetable plants. And she personally took care of all the vegetable plants. I used to go to my farm with her regularly and she gave me fruits to eat which were farm fresh. I loved cherries and grapes from my farm. We never bought vegetables from the market, my grandfather always came to our house on weekends and carried a lot of fruits and vegetables from the

village.

Many people grow plants and vegetables in the countryside just because they are aligned with nature and they know proper planting and gardens. In the village there is good fertile land to do agriculture. My grandmother is more into religious activities so she performs her prayers regularly and offers the fresh flowers from our garden. And it is her favorite activity so she has grown multiple fruits and vegetables. So my grandma is the person who loves to grow plants.

## Follow-ups

### What kind of plants do people like to grow in their homes?

People in my country love to grow plants and their so much aware about the environment especially people in my country like to grow small plants in their house and kitchen gardens especially basil and aloe vera are very popular that people grow in their home apart from this people also grow some flowers like roses which they like so much this are some plants that people grow in there I have seen many people also growing money plant in their home.

### Do people in India like to give plants?

No it is not so much popular in my country to give plants to others whenever somebody wants to grow a plant in their house the definitely bite from a nursery they do not give plants to others it is very popular in the western culture but not in Indian culture in some urban cities I have seen people have started giving plants as a gift but I cannot definitely say that people are more into giving plants to others and different occasions.

## 17 Describe a time that you and your friend had a disagreement.

- When this happened
- Who you disagreed with
- What you and your friend argued about
- And if you two solved the disagreement in the end.

## Vocab

- Crucial
- Heritage house
- Inherited
- Forefathers
- Amenities
- Thrives
- No stones unturned
- Vital
- Thrives
- Escalate
- Bounden duty

Taking decisions is crucial and people may agree or disagree with our decision. We must respect their opinion. I often agree with my parents and friends' decisions but sometimes my opinion is different and I disagree with them on certain issues. If someone is not comfortable with my opinion I try to understand their side. If I feel I am wrong I change my decision. Here I am going to talk about a time I disagreed with my parents decision about buying a house.

I had a disagreement with my father. My parents are very quick in decision making and their decisions are good. My father never wastes time in discussing with others. One day my father decided to sell our heritage house and buy a new one. And my mother also agreed with him. This decision was made very quickly without giving a second thought and proper analysis. My both parents wanted to buy a new property so they decided to sell our heritage house which we inherited from our forefathers.

I have very emotional bonding with my house and my entire childhood memories are attached with the house and the locality. I cannot think of leaving my friend's house, And my Heritage House it's more than awesome. So I suggested that my father renovate it with modern amenities. So they can feel the change in the house . I also suggested some changes they can make and use the space properly.

Yes, absolutely it was resolved after a brief discussion with my parents and they understood my feelings. I disagreed because I had a strong bond with my grandfather and he always told me stories about our house and area. It was the same place he spent his childhood so he took good care of it. He also took assurance from me that I would never sell this house and always preserve it.

## Follow Up Questions

### **If there is a disagreement, what do you do?**

It thrives primarily upon the issue. If it is a minor alteration, I leave no stone unturned to not let it escalate and discuss it with the person I disagree with and carry on. However, if it's something vital, I take the opinion of my parents and friends to make informed decisions.

### **How can we prevent disagreements from escalating into a fight?**

I think remaining calm and rational is a prudent approach. I think the optimum method to de-escalate issues is to wait. We always make imprudent choices when we give unnecessary attention to our issues. I usually take the services of a neutral person and make informed decisions blessed on the feedback.

### **Who do you think should teach children to respect- teachers or parents?**

I think it is the bounden duty of both parents and teachers to teach good qualities to children. However, there is no denying this conviction that things are better learned by observing others. Children acquire a lot of traits by watching their parents, so parents must behave prudently in front of them.

### **What do you do when you disagree with your parents?**

Well, being a junior, I usually accept my parent's viewpoint. I know very well that my parents leave no stone unturned to provide me with the best, so I don't take their disagreements seriously. However, I show resistance when I have a strong opinion about something. Sometimes, they do accept my viewpoint.

## **18 Describe a house/apartment that someone you know lives in.**

- **Whose house/apartment this is**
- **Where the house/apartment is**
- **What it looks like inside**

- **And explain what you like or dislike about this person's house/apartment.**

## **Vocab**

- splendid
- ancestral
- ants in my pants
- beggar's description
- amazed
- grace of God
- remarkable
- disaster

Well, I have observed a lot of splendid buildings in my life. And taking this opportunity, I would like to narrate the design of my grandparent's house, which is situated in our ancestral village. It is positioned in the heart of the village, surrounded by a local park in east and a temple in the west.

Actually, my great-grandparents used to live there and later on, my grandparents continue to live there. But they had to leave the home as my father continued his job in city and there was no body to look after them in village, except my parents.

I visited our village during the lockdown period as It was the very first time when I got a chance to explore a completely new place.

I had ants in my pants while making a call to our home. It truly a beggar's description. Although, its design was somewhat outdated but it has all the required facilities. One can breathe in fresh air as there are lot of plants in the backyard and a Gardner has appointed to take care of them.

I was also amazed to see some traditional tools and objects which I often see in my textbooks and on internet. I had never expected that a simple looking place of residence could have such unique features likely it has an underground storeroom similar to a basement in modern day's houses, where the whole furniture and other things are stored. By the grace of God, I experienced a new life, which is one of my remarkable journey.

## **Follow -ups**

what are the differences between buildings in the city and in the countryside?

The major difference is that buildings in cities have less spaces and parking problems whereas countryside buildings have more spacious rooms as well as air is much fresher in the countryside. Moreover, skyscrapers buildings are only found in cities, while the rural areas have 2-3 storeys building.

**Do you prefer to live in countryside or in city?**

I prefer living in the countryside, actually. Life in big cities can be so stressful sometimes. Costs of living in big cities are high, besides other problems like traffic jams or pollution. Moreover, the air quality is better. People in the countryside seem to be more friendly and kind than in big cities.

**What safety risks are there in residential buildings in cities?**

There are various safety risks in the high rise buildings such as floods, fire and so on. On the top of that, there is a main risk of fire. For example, if there is one fire incident on one floor it will result in disaster.

**Is it expensive to decorate a house or an apartment in the place where you live?**

In my perspective, home decoration does not mean lots of expensive stuff. And, now there are even some tricks to make our house look high-end, but still on a budget. For example, it is a great idea to paint interior doors black, which automatically add a sense of luxury without costing much.

## 19. Describe a Place where you go to do Outdoor Activities or Play a Sport

You should say:

- **Where is it located?**  
**What activities you can do at this place?**  
**How often do you go there?**  
**Why do you like this place?**

### Vocab

- Multifarious
- Fit as a fiddle
- Companions
- Devote
- Precious
- Eye catching
- Extremely fruitful
- Rejuvenate
- Fatigue
- workaholic

Well, there are multifarious places in my city where Individuals can easily do outdoor activities namely, cricket, football, volleyball and so on. So here I would like to talk about a place where I usually go in the evening time to enjoy some sport activities which keeps my body fit as a fiddle.

Interestingly, it is a Guru Nanak stadium which is very near to my house and I love to play cricket with my companions because I have a keen interest in cricket from my childhood that's why I play this sport in this stadium.

However, there are ample of reasons why I devote my precious time to this stadium. First and foremost one is that the outlook of this stadium is eye catching because this stadium depicts the natural environment. Furthermore, this stadium is surrounded by variety of flowers which gives a attractive look to this stadium.

Apart from this, there is also a library where youngsters can get a chance to interact with each other as well as valuable knowledge acquire which I think is extremely fruitful thing for young generation.

The more interesting thing is that the community provide various safety amenities to children as children can also play games at evening time without any fear. Therefore, I love this place so much because in this stadium I can not only rejuvenate my fatigue mind by playing such games but also can enhance my knowledge through reading books in the library.

### Follow- ups

#### Are outdoor activities better than indoor activities?

I think both types of activities have their own benefits and drawbacks as by playing such indoor sports as chess and ludo children can sharpen their minds and become more creative. But if I talk about outdoor activities then players can learn about co-operation as well as coordination skills which also assist them in how to compete in a group.

#### What outdoor activities do young people like to do?

Well, there are numerous games like volleyball, badminton, football, cricket and so on that are preferred by young individuals in my country. They especially love to play these games in the evening time because they become more workaholics and they do not have enough time to spend on outdoor games. So, they play these games in their free time for mind refreshing and to get rid of work stress.

## Do you think that people who like to do adventurous activities are more likely to succeed?

To be honest, I don't think that people can get more success by playing adventurous sports because there are many other fields where individuals get golden success. For example, doctors, scientists, and many superstars are also enjoying a successful life without taking part in any adventurous sport. So I personally believe that success depends on our practice as if people give their best in any field then they will definitely get a golden success in their life.

## 20 Describe a City you Would Recommend as a Nice Place to Live (not your Hometown)

○

**What it is?**

**Where it is?**

**What you know about this place?**

**And explain why you recommend it as a nice place.**

### Vocab

- Lucrative
- Enormous
- Extremely
- Well known
- Sight seeing
- Hustle and bustle
- Amenities
- Abundant
- Restoration

well, India is a diverse country, many lucrative cities are available in it. Although I have visited and stayed in various cities, I recommend one of them as a nice place to live. The city name is Jaipur and there are enormous objects which are extremely popular related to this city such as Jaipuri juti, puppets, forts and many more.

Interestingly, Jaipur is the capital of Rajasthan which is situated in the Northern part of India. Moreover, Jaipur gets its name from its founder Maharaja Jai Singh. I first visited Jaipur when I was a little kid and still it's one of my happiest childhood memories.

There are many positive things which I find in this city. Firstly, this is known as pink city because most of the houses are painted in pink color which gives eye catching look to this city. Apart from it, this is also non-smoke city and people follow all rules and regulations which are imposed by authorities for the development of their city.

Moreover, all amenities are available in Jaipur as good transport, health and education facilities are provided by law makers to their citizens.

Besides this, Jaipur is also known as tourist place due to some well-known sightseeing places. All in all, I would absolutely have no hesitation in recommending it as a suitable place to live anyone, especially people who like the outdoors and art work.

### Follow-ups

#### Where do people like to live in your country?

People in my country like to live in the urban area as well as in the countryside young people want to live in the urban areas as the urban area have the best facilities amenities and infrastructure in the form of health education and entertainment so the young people are more into urban areas while old people in my country want silence and peace in their lives so they prefer to live in the countryside where there is absolute silence.

### **Why do many people move to the city?**

People move to the city in search of business and job opportunities city is a place where there are lot of opportunities in the form of doing various jobs and businesses while in the countryside the opportunity of earning is very limited so today people want to move in the city just because to leave a life full of entertainment education and business opportunities this is the core reason for people moving in the City.

### **What are the advantages of living close to the workplace?**

The main advantage of living close to the workplace is that a person can save a lot of time and the hustle and bustle of urban traffic. If a person is living near to his or her workplace, they will also save a lot of money in the form of travel expenses which can be helpful in other work.

### **What kinds of places do older people prefer to live in.**

Older people love to live in the places where there is abundant silence no traffic and absolute piece of mind this is normally offered in the countryside so older people like to live in the countryside area where the noise level is near to zero.

### **Why do some people like to visit historical places?**

People go to historical cities to learn/gain knowledge about the past, the way of life of the people in the past, their culture, their roots, and the architecture.

### **Why do people go to modern city?**

People visit modern cities for various purposes. Some go for work/business reasons, and some for tourism. Those who travel for pleasure to modern cities is to experience a life, where modern technology is incorporated in every aspect of life and to learn and see how people there are using technology in their daily lives.

### **What are the problems caused by maintaining a historical city?**

The problems that maintenance of a historical city perhaps can cause are related to the funds required for the restoration and upkeep of the city. Another issue could be the pressure on the resources of that city because of tourism.

## **21 Describe a Time When Someone Asked for your Opinion**

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**Who asked for your opinion?**

**Why he/she wanted to know your opinion?**

**What opinion you gave?**

**And explain how you felt when he/she asked for your opinion.**

### **Vocab**

- Obese
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Intake
- Extremely
- Convenient
- Determination
- Assist
- Honour

Well in my country people keep asking for each other's opinion all the time. Sometimes people like to give their opinions on matters that even do not relate to them. They do it to show care and help others. Here I would like to talk about a time when one of my friends named Rahul asked for my opinion on a problem he was facing in his life.

Rahul grew obese due to his sedentary lifestyle, and he asked my opinion on weight loss. He wanted to take my opinion. In 2022, I also gained weight because I was at home for six months. My homestay was during the lockdown imposed because of the corona pandemic.

During that time, I gained weight and started looking obese, but with determination, dedication and discipline, I became a fit person in just three months. For my friends, my weight loss journey was an example, which is why Rahul asked me for an opinion on how to become fit.

The opinion I gave him was to focus on diet than exercise. The contribution of physical workouts to weight loss is just 20 per cent, and by focusing on our food intake, we can remain fit.

Rahul followed my advice and ate all his meals between 9 am and 6 pm. It assisted him to become fit. I felt honoured when he asked my opinion and he discussed every single detail with me before making this decision. That made me extremely happy.

## **Follow-ups**

### **Why do some people dislike giving their opinions?**

Some people are not comfortable and they are not open in their opinions. In fact we call them introverted people. They cannot express their ideas and opinions clearly to others, they cannot even communicate their message, so they avoid giving their opinions.

### **Are there any apps designed for collecting opinions about products or services?**

There are many applications on social media and other platforms which are really very helpful where there are some questions people can fill up answers in yes and no and give their opinions regarding ongoing issues today these kinds of applications are very useful and a lot of business houses and political parties are using these applications to find out public opinion.

### **Why do people like to express their opinions on the Internet nowadays?**

People like to express their opinions on the Internet because the internet is the most convenient platform to express their opinions. They are not afraid of anyone suppressing their voice on the internet. There is a space where people can put their opinion and let their voice out.

### **What are the disadvantages of sharing opinions on the Internet?**

The disadvantages of sharing opinions on the internet is that sometimes you may offend people knowingly or unknowingly today it is very common that people easily get offended on the internet so this is the biggest disadvantage of sharing opinions on the internet.

## **○ 22 Describe a time when you missed an appointment.**

**When and where it happened?**

**What the appointment was for?**

**What happened when you missed it?**

**And explain how you felt about the appointment?**

Taking an appointment is the best way to save time and today in this busy world people care a lot about time. Everyone wants to make the best use of their time. So they do time management by giving appointments to their customers and clients. Today even skilled people work with appointments. If you

approach anyone without prior appointment you may be disappointed.

Here I am going to talk about a situation when I missed my appointment With my doctor.

I was feeling a little bit unwell from the last few days and had a mild chest pain so I had a discussion with my parents. They suggested that I consult with a physician and get a check up. I missed this appointment just because a political party was having a rally and there was a huge traffic jam. Some roads were blocked due to the VIP movements in the city. I was on my way to the hospital and got stuck in the middle of the road when a popular leader was passing through that road.

The appointment was for some tests that my physician suggested to me. He wrote some important reports and I had booked my slot for blood collection and x-ray other tests. After examining the report the doctor was going to prescribe me medicine.

When I reached the hospital I was the last patient so the doctor told me to wait and asked me the reason for the delay in time. I explained my situation and the lab technician conducted all the tests. It took a long time to finish the entire process. I was late back home. I informed my parents I would be late as I have missed my appointment.

I felt really bad about missing the appointment. It was not my fault at all and I was late for my home. Sometimes we have to face these kinds of situations in urban areas. Which is totally annoying for both sides. I was thankful to the lab technician and doctor for understanding my situation and making the best use of time and finishing it in one day.

## Follow Up Questions

### Which events in your country do most people forget?

People in my country forget many important events in their life, especially festivals. Sometimes they forget the anniversaries and birthdays of their friends and relatives. This happens due to busy schedules and bad memories. These are some events that people forget in my country.

### Do you think it is a good idea to use electronic devices for putting reminders?

Absolutely it is an awesome idea to put reminders in electronic devices because people are busy in their work and they are multitasking so many places so they do forget things and it can be harmful for their work and personal life if they use electronic devices to remember things and reminders can be excellent to match the time and appointments they will never forget any important event if they have put reminders in the electronic devices.

### Do you use them?

Absolutely yes I am surrounded by electronic devices and these gadgets are so much useful for me. I do use them for putting reminders and I use them for my social media accounts. Actually people update everything on this platform and by using these devices I do keep in touch with everyone.

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

Learning a new skill is important and vital if we have a very good memory we can really learn a skill very quickly and we can remember each and every step of the new skill so I believe that a person with a good memory will learn a new skill very quickly.

### How can modern technology help you keep good memories?

Absolutely yes modern technology has very good cloud storage and all the devices are updated with excellent storage so if we change also all the memories and photos videos are saved in cloud storage and Google drive so I believe that modern technology is useful to keep memories.

### 6. Is human memory important nowadays?

Absolutely yes, human memory is always important. Artificial memory can be used as a substitute and to help human memory but human memory is the most important thing that helps a person to become

successful.

### **Can electronic devices such as smartphones replace human memory?**

No, absolutely not smartphones cannot replace human memory because human memory is magical. It has emotions and it has abundant space in the brain while smartphones are like a grain of salt in front of human memory so I believe smartphones will never replace human memory.

### **How often do you make appointments?**

I make appointments usually whenever I want to save time I used to call and make my appointments with my doctor's lawyers and consultants and by making appointments I do get good time to spend with them and discuss important ideas related to my work so whenever it comes to meet a person with good time I make appointments and I need them without making an appointment and meeting somebody is like unprofessional in today's world.

### **Is it important to be punctual in your country?**

Yes, punctuality is a norm in my country. Anybody who is not punctual is not valued or considered less important in my country, so everybody is punctual. It is necessary to be on time and in those commitments. I believe punctuality is the identity of my country.

Is it easy to make an appointment in India?

Yes it is very easy to make an appointment in my country because it has the best digital infrastructure and people are using a lot of devices and the internet is helping to make appointments so yeah it is absolutely good and convenient to make an appointment in India.

## **23. Describe a time you were very busy**

- **When it happened**
- **Where you were**
- **What you did**
- **And explain why you were that busy?**

### **Vocab**

- blessed
- rumour
- persistent
- disarray
- effectively
- a sigh of relief
- anxiety
- engrossed

There is no denying this conviction that those people are blessed who remain busy because they remain away from unnecessary conflicts.

Although I have remained busy multiple times, one occasion is special and worth mentioning.

It was last year when the world was experiencing the second wave of the corona pandemic. Due to that, all education institutions were giving online classes, rumours were there that examinations would not be held.

Because of the rum our, I didn't prepare sufficiently for the exam. However, destiny had a different plan for me. Due to the persistent efforts of the educational institutions, the local administration allowed the schools to conduct examinations with covid protocols.

I was in absolute disarray when I came to know about this news. I had just 15 days to prepare for the exam, and I was very busy those days. Since the school was open only during exam days, I prepared my home.

To study effectively, I made a timetable and strictly followed it with determination, dedication and discipline. I made a WhatsApp group of all my classmates so that we could clear doubts related to studying with each other.

I was busy because I had to cover the syllabus of five subjects in 15 days. I used to study for 25 to 16 hours, and I stopped taking care of myself. Some days I skipped my meals due to a shortage of time.

When my examinations were over, I had a sigh of relief.

## Follow-ups

### Do you like the fast pace of modern life?

Yes absolutely I like the fast pace of modern life it helps to multitask but sometimes because of fast pace of modern life people are becoming more impatient and their developing anxiety and depression that should be controlled otherwise fast pace of modern life is white good it helps in development of a person.

### How do you feel when you are really busy?

I feel really good when I am busy because I love my work and when I am giving my 100% attention to it I don't feel like busy but I feel totally engrossed in my work I am a job satisfied person so I don't call myself busy but I love to do my work I only don't like the things which annoy me in my work otherwise my work is my worship.

### What is the best way to deal with stress?

The best way to deal with stress is to identify the stress and then just dissolve it in other thing people should really maintain work life balance they should spend good time with friends and family members they should eat good food that should go travelling and hang out with friends this are some really very good way to deal with stress

### What kind of lifestyle is suitable for people in modern society?

The modern lifestyle is very unique and different in comparison to the past. The lifestyle which suits today in modern society is that there are lots of technology gadgets, vehicles, time management and appointments. These are some common things people follow and deal with in modern society. This is the thing which helps the modern lifestyle.

### What relaxation techniques do you usually use?

I like to listen to music and meditation. These are some techniques that I use to relax. Listening to music really disconnects me from my own thoughts and stress and makes me feel relaxed. Sometimes sitting in silence also gives me internal peace and I feel relaxed internally.

## 24 Describe a Childhood Friend

- **Who this person is?**  
**How you became friends with this person?**  
**What kinds of things you like to do with this person?**  
**Explain why you like him/her.**

Being an extrovert, I have developed many friendships. One of my friends is a person whom I befriended during childhood, and to date, we are best buddies. This person's name is Rahul, and we have studied together for 10 years.

I vividly remember when I was in 10th standard, one day, I forgot to bring my lunch box. During the break, Rahul saw me not eating the food. He immediately came to me and shared his tiffin with me, and from that day, we became bosom friends.

Since Rahul and I share the same interests, we often do many things together. Firstly, we both are voracious readers, so whenever we meet, we exchange books and explain the summaries of the ones we read.

Secondly, we play badminton together as doubles players. I am good at smashing, and Rahul is good at serving; together, we make a lethal combination and have won many trophies too.

Lastly, we are food enthusiasts; we cook mouth-watering delicacies twice every month. The last time we met, he cooked delicious paste, and I baked a red velvet cake.

I like him because he always gives positive vibes. Whenever I go through a challenging situation, I consult him because he helps me handle the conflicts conveniently.

Moreover, I seek flashers of inspiration from him to lead my life toward an impressive growth trajectory.

## **Follow up Questions**

### **How do people make new friends?**

People use numerous ways to initiate friendship. It thrives primarily on age and gender. Children develop friendships in educational institutions. They also find buddies in the playgrounds and parks by playing and doing other activities together. Women make new pals by participating in kitty parties, and men make friends at workplaces or by joining social clubs.

### **What do you think makes people have a long friendship?**

Mutual trust is the bonding factor in long friendships. If people ignore each other's shortcomings and be clear and blunt, friendships can become long-term.

### **Does it make things easier in a friendship if you have similar interests?**

There is no denying this conviction that people with similar interests can spend time together without getting bored; hence their friendships are more successful. They usually find similar topics for discussion. In a lasting friendship, your likes and dislikes must be more or less similar.

### **How do people make friends now?**

Nowadays, people thrive primarily on the Internet to make friends. They achieve this aim by joining social networking sites like Instagram, Twitter, etc.

### **Do you think we meet new people differently now than in the past?**

Yes, without any doubt. These days, we find like-minded people through cyberspace by joining social networking sites such as Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Facebook etc. People had a boatload of leisure time in the past, and they used to develop friendships by meeting new people face-to-face.

### **What do you think? What type of personality do people of the young generation admire?**

The young generation is usually people who exhibit opulent lifestyles by becoming rich and famous. They admire budding actors and sports stars.

### **Why is friendship nowadays so volatile?**

Friendships turn volatile these days due to numerous reasons. The prominent reason is that most individuals do not have sufficient time to maintain friendships. People have turned into workaholics due to fierce competition and spiralling inflation, leaving no stone unturned to earn a boatload of money. So, friendship is not on their agenda.

Secondly, today friendship thrives primarily on what we get in return and is made by looking at the potential benefits the other person can offer you. Such friends are not all-weather friends and usually disappear when you require their unabated support. Lastly, these days friendships develop through cyberspace. Sometimes you encounter strangers with whom you have never met in real life. There can be fake online profiles, so many friendships are usually short-term.

### **How do people in your country make friends these days?**

People in my nation develop friendships at educational institutions, workplaces, social gatherings, adventure trips etc. Moreover, making friends online is gaining momentum these days.

## **25 Describe a time when you shared something with others**

- **What you shared?**  
**Who you shared with?**  
**Why you shared it?**  
**And explain how you felt about sharing it?**

People like to share their belongings and make strong bonds with each other. It's a popular proverb: sharing is caring. Friends share food, projects, finance, expenses, this makes them stronger together and makes them more polite and caring. People who don't share things do not make good friends and they are seen most of the time lonely.

Here I am going to talk about my sharing experience. I have spent most of my academic time in a hostel so I had to share my things with my friends. I shared my room with my best friend Rahul during my college days. We studied in different colleges but in the same University.

I share my room with Rahul. We met at the administrative office when we were applying for accommodation in our university. We were allotted a room together. We both were mature and we understood each other.

During academic years we are not working and earning so we have to take care of the budget and financial things. If we share our things with others, we can save a lot of money which can be helpful in our academic projects. Apart from this we get a company to stay with when we are far from our home. We study together, play, hangout, and do activities which make our university days memorable.

It was an experience to remember and we had a lot of fun together. Our bonding was so strong that we never had an argument and respected each other. We became lifelong friends.

### **Follow-ups**

#### **Do you like to share?**

Yes, I absolutely share my things with others like vehicles, Food, Clothes, and electric equipment and gadgets. I think sharing is good and it improves relations with others.

#### **What are the consequences if children don't like to share?**

They become unfriendly if they do not share, as a result they receive the same treatment from others they become uncooperative which results in failure in later stages of life.

#### **How do you feel about sharing accommodations with others on campus?**

I feel great sharing a room with friends. We can do things together like study, play indoor games and many others. It's a feeling like a family member. We can help each other in difficult times and there is good support.

#### **Would you ever share your food with someone else?**

A big yes, I will always share my food with others, as i do not enjoy food alone. Food is awesome when there is a company of friends.

## 26 Describe a story someone told you and you remember

- What the story was about?  
Who told you this story?  
Why do you remember it?
- And how do you feel about it?

### Vocab

- Etched
- Trivial
- Circumstances
- Fruitful
- Optimistic
- Cognitive
- Numerous
- Vivid
- Bunch
- Decent

Although I have listened to numerous stories in my life, a few are etched in my memories. One such story taught me a lesson that I follow in my day-to-day life. The story is about a farmer who has four sons. His children used to fight over trivial issues.

One day, he called his four sons. He brought a bunch of sticks and gave them to his sons one by one to break it. No one was able to break them because the bunch was strong. After that, he gave one stick each to his sons and told them to break it. They broke the individual sticks without much effort.

"A single stick is easily broken. If four sticks come together it is impossible to break them," said the old man, giving his sons a meaningful look.

He told it clearly to his sons that if they will not work together peacefully, the circumstances would break them. The four boys had discovered that unity is strength. My father narrated this story to me when I was seven years old.

I remember this story because it teaches a valuable lesson about life. We all tend to fight over unnecessary issues which do not help us. For a fruitful life, family members and friends should work in union to solve the pressing problems.

I feel good about this story because it brought a optimistic change in my attitude. Furthermore, the teaching of this story bridges the gap between the family members.

### Follow Up Questions

**What kinds of stories do children like to learn?**

Children love stories and they like all the stories from the animal kingdom and fairy tales. Children don't have a good understanding of mature things so they like stories which are very basic and very interesting and inspiring to them and they also prefer humour and comedy stories.

**How often do people in your country read novels?**

People in my country read novels when they are travelling or when they have free time because today people are doing so much work all together and their multitasking reading is an activity which requires a lot of time and attention so people read only when they have exclusive time free for reading otherwise,

they don't prefer to read.

### **What kinds of novels old people like to read?**

Old people like to read religious novels and mythological stories. They also like fictional stories but they are more into spirituality and they like to read novels which are back in the time they can relate with wars and Stories related to the past.

### **What are the benefits of listening to stories or reading novels?**

I believe the benefit of listening to a story is very much because there we have to pay attention and we need a very good story teller while reading a novel is quite time consuming and we have to pay a lot of attention so the benefit of listening to a story is more than reading a novel.

### **Are you a good storyteller?**

Yeah I am a very good story teller and I like to tell difference stories to my friends and my family members I can really communicate well and deliver the message in a very effectively using gestures impressions and facial emotions I know the art of storytelling and the kids from my neighbourhood really admire me and they always insist me to tell them are story when I am free.

### **Do you prefer books or movies?**

Today I prefer to watch a movie as I don't have that much time to read. And a movie is interesting just because of its audio and visual way of storytelling. The professional actors make the story look real. All these things we have to imagine in a book which is tough sometimes.

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

No, if you read the book and then go for a movie you will not like the movie. As in the book everything is written so minutely that a movie cannot cover. Movie is superficial and the book covers minute details of a story. So it's not important to read the book first, you can watch the movie and get the thrust of the story.

Do boys and girls like the same kinds of books?

Yes absolutely there is nothing like gender differences everyone likes everything so both the genders enjoy the same things.

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

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## **27 Describe a movie you would like to watch again**

- **When you saw this movie?**  
**With whom you saw this movie?**  
**What the movie is about?**  
**Why do you want to watch this movie again?**

Movies are the best source of entertainment and people love watching different Movies. Celebrities are role models to people they follow. Good movies inspire us for life and teach us important lessons for life. Movies educate and entertain huge masses. Whenever one feels demotivated or sad there are movies that can totally recharge you and bring the spark of life back. Along with entertainment movies also give a strong social message.

Here I am going to talk about three idiots. I watched in a local cinema Hall in my hometown and I would definitely like to watch it again and again. I watched this movie in my college days and it has a really heart touching storyline. We all friends went to watch it together and it was like an awesome experience everyone felt connected to the story. And the humour in the movie is the best part of it. We laughed a lot and were inspired by the story. I think sharing this kind of movie would bring fun and a good social message to my friends and relatives.

This movie is about engineering students who are forcefully studying against their interest. This shows parents pressure on children. While there is a character played by Amir Khan who is a free spirit and not bound in any boundary of society.

I love the storyline of the movie and the comedy timings of all the characters is superb. My favourite character in the movie is Rancho, who is played by the lead actor Aamir khan. Secondly, Boman Irani played a fantastic role of the dean. He brings life to the movie. The whole movie is all about the student and Dean struggle and every character has done justice to their role.

## **Follow Up Questions**

### **What's the difference between watching a movie at home and watching it in the cinema?**

Watching a movie is always entertaining and enjoying but when we are watching a movie in a cinema, we get the total experience of the movie and that is no disturbance and the sound effects are excellent why not watching at home people can disturb us and we don't get the real experience of the movie so this are some differences between watching a movie in a theatre and at home.

### **Do young Indians like to watch foreign movies?**

Indians love entertainment and when it comes to movies they explore the entertainment from the whole world in fact there are lot of Hollywood movies which have made a lot of money from India and Indian loves to watch the content from all over the world especially the science fiction movies are very popular in India and Indian youth loves to watch this movie.

### **How would you define a good movie?**

I define a good movie for so many reasons. The first reason is a very good script, versatile actors, excellent music and versatile acting of different actors. These are some parameters on which I get a good movie.

### **Is it important to have famous actors in the movie if the movie wants to be successful?**

I believe having famous actors in a movie always helps to gain more audience is but it is not totally dependent on having a famous actor a movie should also have a good script and a good story line then only a famous actor can do a little bit justice to the movie otherwise only famous actors cannot make a movie super hit recent time I have seen many famous actors who have failed in their movies with a very bad script and story line.

**Do you prefer to watch a movie at home or in the cinema?**

I love to watch movies and when it comes to watching movies. My first choice is to watch a movie in the cinema but I am very comfortable watching movies at home also because this also gives me a personalised experience.

