

IELTS Bangladesh

Following is a list of possible topics that you should be ready to talk about in speaking part 1.

Study

Work

School/ Workplace

Hometown/ Living place

Home/ Accommodation

Name

Family/ Friends / Colleagues

Clothes, Fashion & Jewellery

Gifts

Daily routine

Daily activities

Food/ Cooking

Drinks

Going out

Hobbies / Interests

Language

Leisure time activity

Games / Sports

Future plan

Music

Neighbours & Neighbourhood

Newspapers

Pets

Flowers & Plants

Reading

Music

Dancing

Exercise

Shopping

Magazines & TV

Transport/ Travelling

Interesting places

Bicycle

Seasons

Maps

Internet & Technology (Telephone, Email, Social

media etc)

Weather

Festivals

Culture/ Tradition

Topic - Friends:

Q. Do you have many friends? [Why/Why not?]

Q. How often do you go out with friends? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Tell me about your best friend at school.

Q. How friendly are you with your neighbours? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Which is more important to you, friends or family? [Why?]

Q. Do you have many friends? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I have more than 10 friends and I am not sure if I should say this is many! However, I had more than 30 friends in my school days. With the passage of time, the number plummeted. If I count my Facebook friends as real friends, the number would go high!

Alternative Answer: I have a few close friends whom I consider my inner circle, but I wouldn't say that I have a large number of friends. I value quality over quantity when it comes to friendships. Developing meaningful connections and maintaining strong bonds requires time, trust, and mutual understanding. I prefer investing my energy in nurturing a

few deep friendships rather than spreading myself thin across numerous acquaintances.

Q. How often do you go out with friends? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I meet my friends almost twice a week. I love to spend my weekends with them and sometimes I visit different places, watch movies and discuss different topics with them. I do not go out with all of my friends. I mostly hang out with 2-3 close buddies and go out with them almost 3-4 times a month.

Alternative Answer: The frequency of my outings with friends varies depending on our schedules and commitments. On average, I try to meet up with my friends at least once or twice a month. However, there are times when our busy lives and responsibilities make it challenging to find a common time to get together. Nevertheless, I cherish the moments we do spend together, as they offer an opportunity to unwind, catch up on each other's lives, and strengthen our friendships.

Q. Tell me about your best friend at school.

Answer: My best friend at school was John and he was a great friend. He was tall and brave. He taught me how to show courage when we are in trouble. He has had a great impact on my life. Though he lives in Australia now, we regularly communicate via Skype. I specifically liked him because he was more like a brother than a friend to me.

Alternative Answer: My best friend at school was named Sarah. We met in elementary school and instantly clicked. What made our bond special was our shared interests, values, and deep understanding of each other. Sarah was incredibly supportive, trustworthy, and always had my back. We would

spend hours together studying, exploring new hobbies, and engaging in lively conversations. She had a great sense of humour and was someone I could always rely on for advice and a listening ear. Despite attending different colleges, we have managed to stay in touch and maintain our friendship throughout the years.

Q. How friendly are you with your neighbours?

[Why/Why not?]

Answer: I must say I am quite lucky to have good neighbours who are always supportive and well-behaved. I am quite close to them. We have been living in our neighbourhood for more than a decade and our neighbours have become our close relatives. We have a mutual understanding and an invisible bond that ties us together as good neighbours. I respect their opinion, privacy and try to step forward whenever they need me.

Alternative Answer: I consider myself friendly with my neighbours. I believe in fostering a sense of community and being a good neighbour. I make an effort to greet them, engage in friendly conversations, and help out when needed. Building positive relationships with neighbours creates a supportive and safe environment where we can look out for one another. Whether it's keeping an eye on each other's homes during vacations or lending a helping hand, being friendly with neighbours enhances the overall neighbourhood experience and creates a sense of belonging.

Q. Which is more important to you, friends or family?

[Why?]

Answer: To be honest, family comes first. However, there are some friends who become our family members. The bond between family members is often stronger but this does not

mean that we do not have friends who are less important in our life. Being with the family makes us who we really are and friends make our life worth living.

Alternative Answer: It's difficult for me to choose between friends and family as both hold immense significance in my life. Family provides a strong foundation of love, support, and shared history. They have been there for me through thick and thin, offering unconditional love and guidance. Family bonds are deeply rooted, and the connections forged with relatives can be lifelong. On the other hand, friends are the family we choose. They offer companionship, understanding, and a different perspective on life. Friends can become our support system outside of the familial realm and bring joy, laughter, and shared experiences. Ultimately, both friends and family play unique roles in my life, and I value and cherish the relationships I have with both.

Topic - People you study/work with:

Q. Who do you spend most time studying/working with?
[Why?]

Q. What kinds of things do you study/work on with other people? [Why?]

Q. Are there times when you study/work better by yourself?
[Why/Why not?]

Q. Is it important to like the people you study/work with?
[Why/Why not?]

Q. Who do you spend most time studying/working with? [Why?]

Answer: As a university student, I have a couple of

classmates, who are also my friends, with whom I spend a considerable amount of time studying or discussing different topics related to our studies or assignments. If I have to single out a person among them, I would say I spend the most time with “Jessica”, who is a very close friend of mine, and a very brilliant student.

Alternative Answer: I work in a software company in our country, and I often have to work with a number of colleagues on different projects and requirements. However, I believe I work most with two of my colleagues, who happen to be also from my university, as we are often in the same team working on the same projects.

Q. What kinds of things do you study/work on with other people? [Why?]

Answer: My major is Business Studies, and I often find myself studying or discussing accounting, banking, technology, finance, management and computer applications-related topics or assignments with the people I study with. If we have important assignments, which are quite frequent, we also discuss how we can approach and prepare to get a good grade.

Alternative Answer: As a software developer, almost always I work in a team. My work nature is such that I have to constantly interact with a group of people ranging from the clients to the project manager, from teammates, subordinates, the design team, the marketing team to the testing team. I work with the clients to understand the project requirements. With other teams and project

managers, I mostly discuss the progress of the projects or do formal meetings about the projects. With the testing team, I collaborate in order to solve bugs or improve a feature.

Q. Are there times when you study/work better by yourself? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I think most of us would agree that group studies are better for understanding comparatively complex topics and it also helps us share our ideas. However, there are some instances, at least this is what my experience has taught me, when we tend to do better if we study all by ourselves. For instance, if I need to write an essay, read a chapter of a book that requires utmost attention, solve a math problem, or do some online research for a small project, I prefer working alone to being in a group of several people. I would like to share my ideas or get reviews on the work I do in such situations, but when it comes to jotting down my thoughts or thinking with rapt attention, I think working solo is sometimes the best option.

Alternative Answer: Well, before starting working on a project, I need to discuss and collaborate with several people. But when it comes to actually writing codes for the software or application, I prefer to work all by myself. However, during this work, I often need to supervise my subordinates and interact with seniors. I think I prefer writing code in a silent environment without the intervention of others because this way, I can pay absolute attention and produce great outputs.

Q. Is it important to like the people you study/work with? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, it is absolutely important to like the people we study with. Students, most of the time, if not always, create a friendly bond with others they study with. So if they do not like each other, chances are that the group would not sustain in the long run and produce very poor output. As for me, the students who I study with are my dear friends, and this friendship has begun after we started studying together.

Alternative Answer: In my opinion, it is quite important to like and respect the people we work with. Without having a work environment where we have friendly and helpful colleagues, we cannot go on for long. In fact, we spend a significant amount of our day-time in our workplace, so it is imperative that we are surrounded by the people we like to work with and respect each other.

Topic - Names:

Q. Did your parents choose your name(s)?

Q. How did your parents choose your name(s)?

Q. Does your name have any special meaning?

Q. Is your name common or unusual in your country?

Q. If you could change your name, would you? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Did your parents choose your name(s)?

Answer: Yes, my parents selected my name. When I was born, my parents wanted me to have a great name, at least to them. I have heard from my mother that my father brought a baby-name-book even before I was born. So the credit of my name solely goes to them.

Alternative Answer: Yes, my parents chose my name. They believed that selecting a name for their child was an important decision and wanted to give me a name that held meaning and significance to them.

Q. How did your parents choose your name(s)?

Answer: I learned that they were inspired by a name they found in the book and they took the surname from my grandfather. Thus they combined the name and selected it for me. However, this was the final step they went through to pick my name. As far as I know, they had to choose from hundreds of names and spend considerable hours to finally become satisfied with the name.

Alternative Answer: My parents chose my name after considering various factors. They took inspiration from family traditions, cultural influences, and personal preferences. They wanted a name that had a pleasant sound, was easy to pronounce, and had a positive meaning.

Q. Does your name have any special meaning?

Answer: My name is very special to me as it is to my parents. The first part of my name, Clyde, came from the name of a river, more specifically it is a Scottish river. The river was close to the location where I was born and I believe my parents wanted me to be as big as a river! The second part of my name, which is Entriken', is the family name of a famous ancient dynasty from Great Britain.

Alternative Answer: Yes, my name does have a special meaning. It holds cultural and symbolic significance. The specific meaning of my name represents qualities such as strength, wisdom, or beauty, which my parents wished for me to embody throughout my life. It is a meaningful reminder of their hopes and aspirations for me.

Q. Is your name common or unusual in your country?

Answer: Statistically speaking, this is not a very common name. However, from my experience, I can tell that I have personally met at least 10 others with the same name but with a different family name.

Alternative Answer: In my country, my name is relatively common. While it is not the most common name, it is still familiar to many people. There are others who share the same name as me, but it is not so common that it loses its uniqueness.

Q. If you could change your name, would you?

[Why/Why not?]

Answer: My name is very special to me and I would never change it. For anyone, his/her name is quite unique and significantly important. I might take an alias someday if I need to ghost-write some articles, but changing my real name to something for the sake of modernism or style, is something I will never accept.

Alternative Answer: Personally, I would not change my name. I have grown accustomed to my name, and it has become an integral part of my identity. It carries sentimental value as it was given to me by my parents with care and consideration. Additionally, my name is associated with memories, experiences, and relationships, making it an essential part of who I am. Changing my name would mean altering a significant aspect of my identity, which I would not be comfortable dealing with.

Topic - Flowers and plants:

Q. Do you have a favourite flower or plant? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What kinds of flowers and plants grow near where you

live? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Is it important to you to have flowers and plants in your home? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Have you ever bought flowers for someone else? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you have a favourite flower or plant? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I love flowers, and "dahlia" is my favourite flower, perhaps, because of their astonishing beauty and incredible colours. This flower comes in a variety of colours, perhaps, all the colours in a rainbow, and they are absolutely delightful to look at. My grandfather was an avid fan of this flower, and we had different dahlia in our garden.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I do have a favourite flower. It's the rose. I find roses to be incredibly beautiful and elegant. Their vibrant colours and delicate petals are captivating. The fragrance of roses is also enchanting, and it adds a touch of romance to any setting. Overall, I appreciate the symbolism and aesthetic appeal of roses, which is why they are my favourite flower.

Q. What kinds of flowers and plants grow near where you live? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Our country is home to millions of plants and thousands of flowers. Rose, dahlia, tulip, lotus, daisy, bellflower, sunflower, marigold, calendula, lily, camellia, and jasmine are some of the most common and beautiful flowers that could be found in and around the area where I live. Among the plants, I can recall royal palm, rose apple, Indian

shots, and many other decorative and flower plants in the gardens.

Alternative Answer: Where I live, there is a wide variety of flowers and plants that grow. We have lush gardens and parks filled with colourful blooms such as tulips, daisies, sunflowers, and lavender. Additionally, we have plants like palm trees, jasmine, and hibiscus. The climate and geographical location of my area are conducive to the growth of diverse flora, which adds beauty to the surroundings.

Q. Is it important to you to have flowers and plants in your home? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I am not a passionate gardener like my grandfather, but still, I believe that a house without some plants and flowers looks empty. And yes, having plants - both flowers and other kinds, is an absolute necessity not only for aesthetic reasons but also for environmental reasons.

Alternative Answer: Yes, it is important to me to have flowers and plants in my home. They bring a sense of freshness, vitality, and tranquillity to the living space. Plants not only enhance the aesthetics but also contribute to cleaner air quality by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. Moreover, taking care of plants and witnessing their growth can be a fulfilling and rewarding experience, promoting a sense of responsibility and nurturing.

Q. Have you ever bought flowers for someone else? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I have bought flowers and flower-made bouquets many many times on different occasions. A few weeks ago, one of my cousins graduated from college and I bought some flowers while visiting their house. I also try to bring flowers whenever I visit someone on their wedding anniversary or

visit a sick relative or friend at the hospital. I believe, flowers are quite suitable gifts on such occasions and convey the very best of wishes and are meant to bring good luck.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I have bought flowers for someone else on several occasions. I believe flowers make a thoughtful and heartfelt gift that can express various emotions. Whether it's to convey love, appreciation, congratulations, or sympathy, flowers have a universal appeal. They have a way of brightening up someone's day and bringing a smile to their face. So, I have often chosen flowers as a way to show my affection and care for others.

Topic - Food and cooking:

Q. What sorts of food do you like eating most? [Why?]

Q. Who normally does the cooking in your home?

Q. Do you watch cookery programmes on TV? [Why/Why not?]

Q. In general, do you prefer eating out or eating at home? [Why?]

Q. What sorts of food do you like eating most? [Why?]

Answer: I prefer homemade food and am a fan of my mother's recipe. She is an amazing cook and I always enjoy her cooking. Whenever we go to a restaurant, we like to order Chinese menus. Apart from that, I like buttered popcorn, pizza, Indian Masala dosa, Mexican Tacos, doughnuts and sandwiches - a mixture of many foreign food items actually.

Alternative Answer: I enjoy eating a variety of foods, but if I had to choose, I would say that I particularly enjoy eating Asian cuisine. The flavours, spices, and ingredients used in Asian dishes create a unique and delicious taste that I find very appealing. I appreciate the balance of sweet, sour, spicy, and savoury flavours that are often present in Asian dishes. Moreover, the diversity of Asian cuisine offers a wide range of options, from aromatic curries to stir-fried noodles, which keeps the dining experience interesting and enjoyable.

Q. Who normally does the cooking in your home?

Answer: My mother does the cooking in our house and as I have said, she is a magnificent cook. I often compliment her and inspire her to start a restaurant in the city and she always laughs hearing this. Sometimes, my elder sister Emma assists my mother in the kitchen. I, on the contrary, am in charge of the grocery and daily shopping.

Alternative Answer: In my home, cooking responsibilities are shared among family members. My parents and I take turns preparing meals based on our availability and preferences. It's a collaborative effort, and we all contribute to creating delicious and wholesome meals. We enjoy experimenting with different recipes and techniques, and cooking together also provides an opportunity for quality time and bonding.

Q. Do you watch cookery programmes on TV?

[Why/Why not?]

Answer: Not much, I would say. I am not a big fan of TV programmes and mostly watch movies on my laptop. Once in a while, I watch programmes related to travel and cooking and 'Hell's Kitchen', 'Iron Chef' and 30 'Minute Meals' are my favourites.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I do watch cookery programmes on TV. I find them both informative and entertaining. Cookery programmes offer valuable insights into culinary techniques, recipe ideas, and innovative cooking methods. They inspire me to try new recipes and experiment with flavours in my own kitchen. Additionally, watching these programmes is a great way to relax and unwind, especially when I can learn something new while enjoying the artistry of cooking.

Q. In general, do you prefer eating out or eating at home? [Why?]

Answer: I like to eat at home. Homemade food has better food value and offers a wide range of choices. It is more hygienic and less expensive. However, we like to eat at a restaurant whenever we have special occasions to celebrate. As dining out in a restaurant offers my mom plenty of time to socialise rather than getting stuck in the kitchen, my father and I often insist her to go to an eatery on occasions like wedding anniversaries and birthdays.

Alternative Answer: While I appreciate the convenience and social aspect of dining out, I generally prefer eating at home. Eating at home allows me to have control over the ingredients, portion sizes, and cooking methods used in preparing meals. I enjoy the process of selecting fresh ingredients, cooking from scratch, and savouring the flavours of homemade dishes. Moreover, eating at home provides a comfortable and relaxed environment, allowing me to fully enjoy the meal and have quality time with my family.

Topic - Photographs:

Q. What type of photos do you like taking? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What do you do with the photos you take?

Q. When you visit other places, do you take photos or buy postcards? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you like people taking photos of you? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What type of photos do you like taking? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I often experiment with my camera and mobile phone camera and that's why I like to take a wide range of photos that include nature, people, gift items, sky, river, flowers and so on.

However, I am inclined to take photos of people. Some of the best photos that I took were taken in unknown places where people posed for my camera. Their genuine smile, sad expressions and sometimes bewilderment make the photograph worth cherishing.

Alternative Answer: I enjoy taking a variety of photos, but I particularly like capturing landscapes and nature scenes. I find that nature has a way of mesmerizing me, and I love trying to capture its beauty through photography. Whether it's a stunning sunset, a serene forest, or a vibrant flower, I find joy in preserving these moments through my camera lens. Additionally, nature photography allows me to connect with the environment and appreciate the wonders of the natural world.

Q. What do you do with the photos you take?

Answer: After I take around 20-30 photographs on my camera or my mobile phone, I connect it to my laptop and sort out the best clicks. Then I name those photos according to the theme and prepare those to upload to my Flickr account. Flickr is a great photo storing and sharing website owned by Yahoo! and it offers enormous storage space. Sometimes, I share a few pictures with my friends on Facebook and Instagram. I usually print a photo if I want to gift it to someone or frame it.

Alternative Answer: Once I take photos, I usually store them on my computer or upload them to a cloud storage platform for safekeeping. I also like to organize and categorize them based on themes or locations. Furthermore, I enjoy sharing my photos with friends and family on social media platforms or through personal albums. Some of my favourite shots may also find their way into frames or photo books, allowing me to display and cherish those memories in a tangible form.

Q. When you visit other places, do you take photos or buy postcards? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I used to buy postcards whenever I visited a new place with my parents in my childhood. Perhaps I did so to bring souvenirs of the places I had been to. But with the increasing use of the smartphone and cameras, we can now take our own pictures and videos, and frame them to our digital storage. In this age of technological advancement, we are more inclined to take pictures and videos and then share those with friends and family rather than purchasing souvenirs, especially postcards.

Alternative Answer: When I visit other places, I usually prefer to take my own photos rather than buy postcards. Taking my

own photos allows me to capture the unique experiences and perspectives of the places I visit. It adds a personal touch to my memories and enables me to document my own journey. Moreover, taking photos allows me to express my creativity and perspective as I frame the scenes and subjects that resonate with me the most.

Q. Do you like people taking photos of you?

[Why/Why not?]

Answer: If someone asks me firsts and I feel like being captured in a photo, I do not mind. Otherwise, I do not prefer to be in a photograph, especially with less known or unknown people. I think this is a personal choice and I am not the type of person who likes taking selfies or self-photographs now and then.

Alternative Answer: It depends on the context and the people taking the photos. Generally, I don't mind people taking photos of me, especially during special occasions or memorable moments. I see it as a way to capture shared experiences and create lasting memories. However, I do appreciate it when people ask for permission before taking my photo and respect my boundaries. Ultimately, I believe that photography can be a beautiful way to preserve and celebrate moments, as long as it's done with mutual respect and consideration.

Topic- Bicycles:

Q. How popular are bicycles in your hometown? [Why?]

Q. How often do you ride a bicycle? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you think that bicycles are suitable for all ages?

[Why/Why not?]

Q. What are the advantages of a bicycle compared to a car?

[Why?]

Q. How popular are bicycles in your hometown?

[Why?]

Answer: Well, I would say bicycles are moderately popular in my hometown. It was widely used when I was a child and I have seen so many people using bicycles to reach their destinations. In fact, the majority of people used to ride bicycles to travel to and from their offices at that time. But, motorized vehicles have become more popular these days and this trend has decreased the prevalence of bicycles. However, It's a good sign that many young people these days are using bicycles.

Alternative Answer: Bicycles are quite popular in my hometown. It is a small and environmentally conscious city where cycling is actively encouraged. The city has developed a well-connected network of bicycle lanes and paths, making it safe and convenient for people to ride bicycles. Additionally, there is a growing awareness of the health and environmental benefits of cycling, which has contributed to its popularity. Many residents use bicycles as a means of transportation, especially for short distances or commuting to work or school.

Q. How often do you ride a bicycle? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Honestly speaking, I scarcely ride a bicycle these days. Busy lifestyle, faster speed of motorized vehicles and our apathy to get involved in physical activities have forced us to use a bicycle less often. Once in a while, I ride a bicycle and that's primarily to have fun and not to travel. Personally, I more often use a car than a bicycle because the former is faster and more comfortable to ride in.

Alternative Answer: I ride a bicycle regularly, at least a few times a week. I find it to be an enjoyable and efficient way to incorporate exercise into my daily routine. I often use my bicycle for short errands, such as going to the grocery store or meeting friends in the neighbourhood. Cycling also allows me to appreciate the surroundings and enjoy the fresh air. However, there are times when I may not ride a bicycle, such as during unfavourable weather conditions or when I have to travel longer distances where other modes of transportation are more practical.

Q. Do you think that bicycles are suitable for all ages? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I absolutely believe that bicycles are suitable for people of all age groups. Bicycles are cheap, have almost zero maintenance costs, and are good for the environment and for our health. Since it doesn't take much physical labour, children, youth and senior citizens alike can ride it without any hassle. The health benefits of riding a bicycle are unparalleled and that's why people from all age groups should consider this as their primary means of transportation.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I believe that bicycles are suitable for all ages. While children and teenagers may initially come to mind when thinking about cycling, bicycles can be enjoyed by people of all age groups. They offer a low-impact form of exercise that can be adjusted to different fitness levels. Older adults can benefit from cycling as it helps improve cardiovascular health, joint mobility, and overall fitness. Moreover, cycling provides a sense of independence, freedom, and enjoyment for people of all ages.

Q. What are the advantages of a bicycle compared to a car? [Why?]

Answer: Bicycles have far more benefits than cars except for the fact that a car is faster. The most important advantage of riding a bicycle is that it keeps us healthy. Bicycles do not pollute the air and they are environment-friendly. They are cheap and require no costly maintenance or services. While cars take larger spaces to be parked into, bicycles do not. Considering the environmental consequences, bicycles could be a great replacement for motorised vehicles in our hometown.

Alternative Answer: There are several advantages of using a bicycle compared to a car. Firstly, bicycles are a more environmentally friendly mode of transportation as they produce zero emissions and contribute less to air pollution. Secondly, cycling helps promote physical fitness and is a great way to incorporate exercise into daily routines. It can improve cardiovascular health, muscle strength, and overall well-being. Additionally, bicycles are more cost-effective as they require minimal maintenance and do not incur expenses related to fuel, insurance, or parking. Furthermore, bicycles are often more convenient in urban areas with congested traffic, as they can navigate through narrow streets and bypass congestion.

Topic - Giving gifts:

Q. When do people give gifts or presents in your country?

Q. Do you ever take a gift when you visit someone in their home? [Why/Why not?]

Q. When did you last receive a gift? [What was it?]

Q. Do you enjoy looking for gifts for people? [Why/Why not?]

Q. When do people give gifts or presents in your country?

Answer: In my country, we mostly give gifts to others on a special day like a birthday, a wedding ceremony, and on an anniversary day. It's a widely followed custom to exchange gifts during the Christmas holidays. We often buy gifts for a classmate, colleague or teacher on their farewell days. Besides, we often buy candies for children and flowers for our relatives whenever we visit their house.

Alternative Answer: In my country, people give gifts or presents on various occasions and festivals. Some common occasions include birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, festivals such as Christmas or New Year, and special milestones like graduations or promotions. Giving gifts is seen as a gesture of appreciation, celebration, and showing care for the recipient.

Q. Do you ever take a gift when you visit someone in their home? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I most often buy a gift on such an occasion. I do it as it is a broadly followed convention in our country, and the idea of giving a host some sort of gift is exciting, especially when the host loves the gift. Besides, it's a token of appreciation and a good gesture as a guest.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I often take a gift when I visit someone's home. It is considered polite and a way to show gratitude and respect for the hospitality extended by the host. The gift can vary depending on the occasion and the relationship with the person. It could be something like a bouquet of flowers, a box of chocolates, or a small token that reflects the recipient's interests. Taking a gift is a way to express my appreciation and contribute to the pleasant experience of being a guest.

Q. When did you last receive a gift? [What was it?]

Answer: Well, that's an interesting question and it reminds me of a gift that a close friend of mine gave me a few weeks ago. Maria went to Italy last November to visit her grandparents and after she returned, she gave me a perfume made in Italy. The 'Gucci Premiere Eau De Parfum' that she gave me was expensive and I really appreciate her gift.

Alternative Answer: The last gift I received was on my birthday a few months ago. My friends surprised me with a beautifully wrapped box, and inside it was a novel that I had been wanting to read for a long time. It was a thoughtful gift because my friends knew about my love for reading and made an effort to choose something that would resonate with my interests. I was genuinely touched by their gesture and felt grateful for their friendship.

Q. Do you enjoy looking for gifts for people? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, most of the time I love to browse different shops to find a suitable gift for someone I care for. Finding a suitable gift idea and then getting the item can be time-consuming, but it represents our care and love for the person we are presenting the gift. If the person likes the present, the time we spend to find it worth every second of it.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I do enjoy looking for gifts for people. I find it exciting and fulfilling to search for something that matches the recipient's preferences, interests, or needs. It allows me to show my thoughtfulness and care by selecting a gift that reflects their personality or brings them joy. It allows me to express my appreciation and strengthen my bond with the person. Additionally, the process of finding a suitable gift can be creative and enjoyable, as it involves

exploring different options and considering what would make the person happy.

Topic - Games:

Q. What games are popular in your country? [Why?]

Q. Do you play any games? [Why/Why not?]

Q. How do people learn to play games in your country?

Q. Do you think it's important for people to play games? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What games are popular in your country? [Why?]

Answer: People in my country are crazy about football. You will find most of the youths playing football in the evening. Among the indoor games, people love to play chess and cards most of the time. Finally, computer games are highly popular among the young generation.

Alternative Answer: In my country, various games are popular, both traditional and modern. Traditional games like cricket, football (soccer), kabaddi, and badminton have a significant following. These games have a long history and cultural significance in our society. Additionally, games like chess, carrom, and card games are also widely played. As for modern games, video games and online games have gained immense popularity among the younger generation due to their accessibility, technological advancements, and the ability to connect with players worldwide.

Q. Do you play any games? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I like to play badminton most of the time. Football was, and still is my favourite sports, but I can't manage time to practice football in the evening. I am a great

fan of chess and I often visit a few of my friends who are also passionate about playing chess. Sometimes, a single chess match between me and my friend takes multiple days to finish!

Alternative Answer: Yes, I enjoy playing games, and football is my favourite outdoor game that I often play with my friends. I like to play chess a lot as well. I find them not only entertaining but also a great way to relax, have fun, and engage with others. Playing games allows me to challenge myself, stay fit, improve my problem-solving skills, and enhance my cognitive abilities. Whether it's board games with friends, outdoor sports, or video games, they provide a break from daily routines and offer an avenue for recreation and social interaction.

Q. How do people learn to play games in your country?

Answer: I think most of the people in my country learn to play different games in their childhood and their family, classmates and friends have a great role in teaching these games to them. Young children often mimic elders and play games that are popular in their area.

Those who are serious about sports or want to become professional sportsmen often get admitted to different training institutes to develop their skills.

Alternative Answer: The learning process for playing games in my country varies depending on the type of game. For traditional games like cricket or football, many people learn through informal settings such as playing with friends in local communities, parks, or schools. Sports clubs and academies also provide formal training for those interested in pursuing

the games at a competitive level. For games like chess or card games, individuals often learn from family members, and friends, or through organized events and tournaments. With the rise of video games, many people learn through self-exploration, online tutorials, or by joining gaming communities where experienced players share their knowledge.

Q. Do you think it's important for people to play games? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I do believe that sports and games are vital for a balanced life. Games are highly entertaining and beneficial for our health. Many games are helpful for children's physical and cognitive development. It also teaches them important skills like how to be a team member and develops their decision-making capabilities.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I believe it's important for people to play games and sports. Games provide numerous benefits for individuals of all ages. They promote physical fitness and overall well-being, encourage teamwork, enhance problem-solving and strategic thinking skills, and foster creativity and imagination. Games also offer a platform for social interaction, helping individuals build relationships, develop communication skills, and learn sportsmanship. Moreover, playing games can be a source of stress relief and enjoyment, allowing individuals to rejuvenate and have a break from their daily routines.

Topic - Telephoning:

Q. How often do you make telephone calls? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Who do you spend the most time talking to on the telephone? [Why?]

Q. When do you think you'll next make a telephone call?
[Why?]

Q. Do you sometimes prefer to send a text message instead of telephoning? [Why/Why not?]

**Q. How often do you make telephone calls?
[Why/Why not?]**

Answer: I do not use a landline that much except for some official purposes, but I use a mobile phone very extensively and daily.

I use the mobile phone to make or receive calls, send or receive text messages and sometimes to use the internet. I often play games on my mobile phone and listen to my favourite music. There is scarcely any day when I do not use it.

Alternative Answer: I make telephone calls quite regularly, although the frequency may vary depending on the circumstances. I find myself making calls when I need to communicate important or time-sensitive information, have lengthy conversations, or when it's more convenient than other forms of communication. However, with the advent of messaging apps and social media platforms, I have also started relying on text-based communication for shorter and more casual exchanges.

Q. Who do you spend the most time talking to on the telephone? [Why?]

Answer: I believe that would be my mom. She is very close to me and starts worrying if she does not hear from me for more than a few hours. She calls me a few times each day

whenever I am out and I can tell her virtually anything. For these reasons, she is the person I spend the most time talking to on a telephone or on a mobile phone.

Alternative Answer: I spend the most time talking to my family and close friends on the telephone. These are the people with whom I have strong personal connections and often engage in meaningful conversations. Since we may not always be able to meet in person, telephone calls provide a convenient and immediate way to stay connected, share updates, and have heartfelt conversations. Furthermore, discussing personal matters or seeking advice feels more comfortable and intimate over the phone with people I trust and have a close bond with.

Q. When do you think you'll next make a telephone call? [Why?]

Answer: I will call my mom after I leave the exam hall to let her know that I am fine and my exam went very well. I will call her as I am sure she is eagerly waiting to hear from me and to know how well I performed in the exam.

Alternative Answer: I believe I'll make my next telephone call later today when I need to discuss some work-related matters with a colleague. Since the issue at hand requires detailed explanations and back-and-forth communication, a phone call would be the most effective and efficient way to address it. Moreover, the direct conversation allows for better clarity and avoids potential misinterpretations that can arise from written messages or emails.

Q. Do you sometimes prefer to send a text message instead of telephoning? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, sometimes sending a text message is more convenient and makes more sense than calling someone. For

instance, if I'm in a meeting or in a crowded place, I would prefer SMS to phone calls. Moreover, if I need to send an address, a number or an email ID, I would rather send a text message than to call the intended recipient.

Alternative Answer: Yes, there are instances when I prefer to send a text message instead of making a phone call. Text messages are convenient for quick and concise communication, especially when the information exchanged is brief or requires minimal back-and-forth. It's also suitable when contacting someone who may be busy or in a situation where a phone call may be disruptive. Additionally, text messages provide a written record of the conversation, making it easier to refer back to specific details or instructions.

Topic - Your friends:

Q. Do you prefer to have one particular friend or a group of friends? [Why?]

Q. What do you like doing most with your friend(s)?

Q. Do you think it's important to keep in contact with friends you knew as a child? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What makes a friend into a good friend?

Q. Do you prefer to have one particular friend or a group of friends? [Why?]

Answer: I think it's a tough question to answer. But I will try. Naturally, I would like to have a group of friends from my school, my neighbourhood and a few online friends but someone truly special would become my best friend. One particular friend, who I believe would be a truly great friend

and completely reliable, is hard to find but will remain my buddy for a long time while many other friends would be for a short span of time.

Alternative Answer: I believe both having a particular friend and having a group of friends have their own merits. It's nice to have a close bond with one particular friend as it allows for deeper and more intimate conversations, sharing personal experiences, and having someone who truly understands you. On the other hand, being part of a group of friends brings a sense of belonging, diversity of perspectives, and the opportunity to engage in group activities and create lasting memories together. Ultimately, it depends on the individual and the dynamics of their relationships, as different friendships can fulfil different needs.

Q. What do you like doing most with your friend(s)?

Answer: I like to have conversations with my friends and hang out with them. I often play indoor and outdoor games with them. Since we can virtually say anything to our friends and do anything with them, we can be truly ourselves with our friends. I sometimes, prefer to travel to different cities with my friends, and I went to Milan a few months ago with two of my close buddies.

Alternative Answer: There are various activities I enjoy doing with my friends. One of my favourite things is simply spending quality time together, whether it's going out for meals, watching movies, taking walks, or engaging in hobbies we both enjoy. I also cherish engaging in meaningful conversations, sharing our thoughts, dreams, and experiences. Additionally, participating in fun and adventurous activities, such as travelling, hiking, or trying new things, strengthens the bond and creates memorable experiences.

Q. Do you think it's important to keep in contact with friends you knew as a child? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I think childhood friends are special in a sense. We make friends during this phase of life very innocently and without any expectations from them. Besides, childhood memories are truly special and our childhood friends are a part of these reminiscences. So keeping in touch with those buddies are important. However, from a practical point of view, having regular contact with all childhood friends is not possible as we lose contact with many of them as we grow older.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I believe it's important to maintain contact with friends I knew as a child, although it may not always be feasible due to various circumstances. Childhood friends hold a special place in our lives as they have witnessed our growth and shared formative experiences with us. Keeping in touch allows us to preserve those connections, reminisce about shared memories, and provide ongoing support and understanding. Additionally, childhood friends often have a unique understanding of our background and can provide a sense of familiarity and continuity in our lives.

Q. What makes a friend into a good friend?

Answer: I believe it takes time, common interests and a similar mentality to bring friends even closer. We make many friends in our life and some of them become close friends as they prove through their activities that we can trust them and share anything with them.

Alternative Answer: In my opinion, several qualities contribute to making a friend a good friend. Firstly, trust is essential. A good friend is someone who can be relied upon and keeps their word. They are honest and dependable, and maintain

confidentiality. Empathy and understanding are also crucial. A good friend listens attentively, shows genuine concern for your well-being, and offers support during difficult times. Additionally, good communication, respect for boundaries, and the ability to have fun and enjoy each other's company are important aspects of a strong friendship.

Topic - Musical instruments:

Q. Which instrument do you like listening to the most?
[Why?]

Q. Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument?
[Which one?]

Q. Do you think children should learn to play a musical instrument at school? [Why/Why not?]

Q. How easy would it be to learn to play an instrument without a teacher? [Why?]

Q. Which instrument do you like listening to the most? [Why?]

Answer: I mostly like the sound of a piano. The note that a piano produces is so delightful and melodious. It soothes the ear and refreshes my mind. The guitar is perhaps my second most preferred musical instrument and it is widely used with most of the music types.

Alternative Answer: I particularly enjoy listening to the violin. The violin has a beautiful and expressive sound that can evoke a wide range of emotions. It has a unique ability to convey both delicate and powerful melodies, and its versatility allows it to be a prominent instrument in various genres of

music, such as classical, folk, and even contemporary styles. The way a skilled violinist can draw out such rich tones and convey profound emotions through their playing is truly captivating to me.

Q. Have you ever learned to play a musical instrument? [Which one?]

Answer: I once tried to master the skills of playing the guitar. I even got admitted to a music school to learn to play the guitar but could not finish the whole course. I can play some basic tones and music on the guitar but I am not a skilled guitarist.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I have learned to play the piano. I started learning to play the piano when I was a child, and I continued my studies through my teenage years. The piano is a versatile instrument with a wide range of notes and expressive capabilities. It allows me to explore a vast repertoire of music, from classical compositions to contemporary pieces.

Q. Do you think children should learn to play a musical instrument at school? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I believe schools should have the facility for interested students who want to learn to sing and play a musical instrument, but it should not be forced on all. If a child at school feels passionate about learning it, he/she should be given the choice to do so.

Alternative Answer: Absolutely, I believe that learning to play a musical instrument at school can be highly beneficial for children. Music education offers numerous advantages, including cognitive development, improved coordination, and enhanced creativity. Learning an instrument also teaches discipline, perseverance, and the ability to work in a team if

they participate in a school band or orchestra. Moreover, playing an instrument can serve as a means of self-expression and provide a source of joy and fulfilment throughout their lives.

Q. How easy would it be to learn to play an instrument without a teacher? [Why?]

Answer: I think it was quite impossible in the pre-internet era. However, online courses and interactive video tutorials make it a bit easier to learn to play a musical instrument like a guitar or a drum without the direct supervision of a mentor these days. Nevertheless, having a teacher is tremendously beneficial as he/she inspires us to learn and can be a role model for mastering the skills of playing a musical instrument.

Alternative Answer: Learning to play an instrument without a teacher can be challenging, especially for beginners. While it's possible to find resources such as online tutorials or instructional books, having a knowledgeable teacher provides guidance, feedback, and personalized instruction that accelerates the learning process. A teacher can correct techniques, introduce proper practice methods, and offer tailored guidance based on the student's individual strengths and weaknesses. Additionally, a teacher can inspire and motivate students, helping them navigate through difficulties and explore different musical styles and techniques. While it's possible to learn independently to some extent, the guidance of a teacher greatly enhances the learning experience.

Topic - Summer:

Q. Is summer your favourite time of year? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What do you do in summer when the weather's very hot? [Why?]

Q. Do you go on holiday every summer? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Did you enjoy the summer holidays when you were at school? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Is summer your favourite time of year? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I like the summer season when it is not too hot, but I can not say that it is my favourite season because I like Autumn over any other season. During mild summer, which lasts for just a month or two, the weather is just perfect for outdoor activities and visiting beach areas. But the rest of the summer is too hot and too humid for my liking. In our country, the sun often shines mercilessly and the temperature reaches around 40 degree Celsius.

Alternative Answer: No, my favourite time of year is actually the mild winter season. I find the cooler temperatures and cosy atmosphere of winter more appealing to me. I enjoy activities such as wearing warm sweaters, drinking hot beverages, and spending time indoors with family and friends. The winter season has a certain charm that resonates with me more than the hot and humid weather of summer.

Q. What do you do in summer when the weather's very hot? [Why?]

Answer: I am extremely lucky that I own a house that has air coolers, and I work in an office that has a central air conditioner. I even have my own car. So I can mostly avoid the fierce hot weather and stay cool indoors. Sometimes when I go out without the comfort of the car, I can feel the heat and perspire profoundly. This is extremely annoying but this is the reality for millions of people in our country. During

summer, I try to drink plenty of water and go out during the evening time after sunset to avoid direct sunlight.

Alternative Answer: When the weather gets very hot in summer, I prefer to engage in activities that help me stay cool and refreshed. I often spend time near water bodies like swimming pools or beaches to beat the heat. I also enjoy indoor activities such as watching movies, reading books, or pursuing hobbies that can be done in the comfort of air-conditioned spaces. It's important for me to maintain a comfortable and enjoyable environment during the hot summer months.

Q. Do you go on holiday every summer? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I enjoy holidays during the summer season, when I get one or two weeks' leave from my office. I either choose a sea beach or a location near a river or a lake in summer to enjoy the view and get away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Alternative Answer: It varies. While I do enjoy going on holidays, I don't necessarily go on a vacation every summer. Factors such as personal commitments, financial considerations, and availability of time off from work or studies play a role in determining whether I can go on a summer holiday or not. However, I do make it a point to take breaks and plan trips whenever circumstances allow, as I believe vacations are essential for relaxation, rejuvenation, and exploring new places.

Q. Did you enjoy the summer holidays when you were at school? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: During my school days, the summer seasons were not as hot and humid as they are today, or at least this is

what I think now! So I was not too concerned about the extreme weather during summer seasons back then. And of course, I loved the summer holidays as it meant a long leave from school, visiting grandparents' house and doing fun activities with family and friends. Those were magical days.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I did enjoy the summer holidays when I was at school. The summer break offered a much-needed respite from the routine of classes and exams. It provided me with an extended period of free time to engage in activities that I loved, such as spending time with family and friends, pursuing hobbies, going on vacations, and exploring new interests. The summer holidays were a time of relaxation, adventure, and creating lasting memories, which made them highly enjoyable for me.

Topic - Clothes:

Q. Where do you buy most of your clothes? [Why?]

Q. How often do you buy new clothes for yourself? [Why?]

Q. How do you decide which clothes to buy? [Why?]

Q. Have the kinds of clothes you like changed in recent years? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. Where do you buy most of your clothes? [Why?]

Answer: I buy most of my clothes from a variety of places. I prefer to shop at both physical retail stores and online platforms. When I want to try on clothes and see how they fit before making a purchase, I enjoy browsing through different clothing stores in malls or shopping districts. On the other hand, online shopping offers convenience, a wider range of

options, and the ability to compare prices and read customer reviews.

Alternative Answer: As a fashionable person who appreciates the latest trends and designer collections, I prefer to buy most of my clothes from brand shops. These brand shops offer a curated selection of high-quality clothing items that are often created by renowned designers. Shopping at brand shops allows me to stay updated with the latest fashion releases and ensures that I have access to exclusive collections and limited-edition pieces.

Q. How often do you buy new clothes for yourself? [Why?]

Answer: The frequency with which I buy new clothes varies depending on several factors. Generally, I tend to buy new clothes when my existing ones become worn out or no longer fit properly. Additionally, I may purchase clothes to suit different occasions or to follow the latest fashion trends. However, I am mindful of practising sustainable consumption and try not to indulge in excessive shopping.

Alternative Answer: Being a fashion-forward individual, I frequently buy new clothes to stay on top of the ever-changing fashion scene. I believe that fashion is a form of self-expression, and updating my wardrobe regularly allows me to showcase my personal style and creativity. I enjoy exploring new collections and trends, and I consider fashion as an ongoing journey of experimentation and self-discovery. By buying new clothes regularly, I can continually reinvent my look and feel confident in my appearance.

Q. How do you decide which clothes to buy? [Why?]

Answer: When deciding which clothes to buy, I consider a few factors. Firstly, I assess the quality and durability of the

fabric and craftsmanship to ensure that the clothing item will last. Secondly, I consider comfort and fit, as I prioritize clothes that are comfortable to wear and flatter my body shape. Additionally, I take into account my personal style preferences and whether the item aligns with my overall wardrobe. Lastly, I consider the occasion or purpose for which I need the clothes, ensuring they are suitable for the intended use.

Alternative Answer: When deciding which clothes to buy, I prioritize the latest fashion trends, innovative designs, and the reputation of the brand. I pay attention to runway shows, fashion magazines, and style influencers to gain inspiration and insight into the current fashion landscape. I seek out unique and eye-catching pieces that reflect my fashion-forward mindset. Additionally, I consider the quality of the materials and the craftsmanship of the garments, as I value well-made and durable clothing that will stand the test of time.

Q. Have the kinds of clothes you like changed in recent years? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, the kinds of clothes I like have changed to some extent in recent years. As fashion trends evolve and personal style develops, my preferences have shifted. I find myself gravitating towards more versatile and timeless pieces rather than fleeting trends. Comfort and sustainability have also become increasingly important factors for me when choosing clothes.

Alternative Answer: Yes, the kinds of clothes I like have changed in recent years as my fashion tastes have evolved and adapted to new trends. As a fashionable person, I am always on the lookout for fresh and innovative styles that

push boundaries and challenge conventional fashion norms. I have become more experimental with my choices, embracing bold patterns, unique cuts, and unconventional silhouettes. Moreover, my preferences have shifted towards sustainable and eco-friendly fashion options, reflecting my growing awareness of the environmental impact of the industry.

Topic - History:

Q. What did you study in history lessons when you were at school?

Q. Did you enjoy studying history at school? [Why/Why not?]

Q. How often do you watch TV programmes about history now? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What period in history would you like to learn more about? [Why?]

Q. What did you study in history lessons when you were at school?

Answer: When I was at school, I studied various aspects of national and international history. We covered a wide range of topics including ancient civilizations, world wars, important historical events, our national history, and significant figures from different time periods. Our history curriculum aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the past and its influence on the present.

Q. Did you enjoy studying history at school? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I did enjoy studying history at school a lot. History fascinated me because it offered a glimpse into the lives and experiences of people from different eras. Learning

about past civilizations, their cultures, and the events that shaped our world helped me develop a broader perspective and appreciate the complexities of human history. I found it intriguing to analyze the causes and consequences of historical events and explore the factors that shaped societies.

Q. How often do you watch TV programmes about history now? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I enjoy watching TV programmes about history, but I don't watch them regularly. Due to various commitments and limited time, I am not able to dedicate as much time to watching television as I would like. However, whenever I come across an interesting history programme, I make sure to tune in and expand my knowledge on specific historical topics. These programmes provide valuable insights and visual representations of historical events, making them both educational and engaging.

Q. What period in history would you like to learn more about? [Why?]

Answer: Well, I would like to learn more about the Renaissance era. The Renaissance was a pivotal era characterized by significant advancements in art, literature, science, and philosophy. It was a time of great cultural and intellectual growth, with notable figures such as Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Galileo Galilei emerging during this period. I am intrigued by the Renaissance's impact on shaping the modern world and would love to delve deeper into its artistic and intellectual achievements.

Topic - Living place:

Q. Where do you live?

Q. What kind of place is it?

Q. What's the most interesting part of your town/village?

Q. What kind of jobs do the people in your town/village do?

Q. Would you say it's a good place to live? [why?]

Q. Where do you live?

Answer: I live in (...say your area name...) in (...say your town/village/city name...). I have been living there as long as I can remember as it is our permanent residence.

Alternative Answer: I currently live in a vibrant city called "Memphis Alley".

Q. What kind of place is it?

Answer: This a large town where more than 2 million people reside in. It's a beautiful town and the people are nice and friendly. The area where I live in is in the north of the town centre and a magnificent place, especially because of the quiet environment and good neighbours.

Alternative Answer: It is a bustling metropolis with a diverse population and a rich cultural heritage. It offers a perfect blend of modern amenities and historical charm. The city is known for its impressive architecture, bustling markets, and a wide range of entertainment options. It is also surrounded by beautiful natural landscapes, including parks, gardens, and scenic waterfronts.

Q. What's the most interesting part of your town/village?

Answer: Well, there are actually more than one interesting part and fact that I can recall about our town and among them, the most interesting part is that the entire town is an

island. You have to take a ferry or a launch or cross a bridge on a bus to reach our town. Perhaps the second most interesting fact about the town is that wind power provides all the electricity we need. If I tell about the most intriguing area of our town, it would be the north part of the town which is the hub of the town.

Alternative Answer: The most interesting part of the city is its historic district. It is characterized by narrow cobblestone streets, ancient buildings, and significant landmarks. The district is home to several museums, art galleries, and cultural institutions, which provide insights into the city's history and artistic heritage. Walking through this area feels like stepping back in time and offers a glimpse into the city's fascinating past.

Q. What kind of jobs do the people in your town/village do?

Answer: That would be tough to answer because the types of jobs people do in our town vary to a great extent. However, construction engineers, IT professionals, fishermen and salespersons would dominate the list, I believe. Many young people run online businesses and a few rich people own hotel chains in our town. Since it is a popular tourist destination, many locals are indirectly involved in the hospitality and tourism sector.

Alternative Answer: It is a thriving economic hub, and the residents engage in a variety of professions. The city offers diverse job opportunities across sectors such as finance, technology, healthcare, tourism, and creative industries. Many people work in corporate offices, while others are involved in entrepreneurial ventures. Additionally, the city attracts

professionals from various fields due to its universities, research centres, and cultural institutions.

Q. Would you say it's a good place to live? [Why?]

Answer: Having a great neighbourhood where people are nice and the environment is quiet is always preferred by people as a living place. In this regard, our town is a great place to live in. Because it's an island, you can get fresh fish and vegetables, and if you are fond of seafood, you will love our cuisine. Finally, job opportunity in our area is another reason people often move to our town. I am happy to be a resident of this town.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I would say "Memphis Alley" is a great place to live. The city provides a high quality of life with its excellent infrastructure, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, and recreational options. It offers a wide range of employment opportunities, allowing individuals to pursue their careers and professional growth. Moreover, the city has a vibrant social and cultural scene, with numerous festivals, events, and art exhibitions taking place throughout the year. The diverse community and friendly atmosphere make it an inclusive and welcoming place to call home.

Topic - Reading:

Q. Did you have a favourite book when you were a child?
[Why/Why not?]

Q. How much reading do you do for your work/studies?
[Why/Why not?]

Q. What kinds of books do you read for pleasure? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you prefer to read a newspaper or a magazine online,

or to buy a copy? [Why?]

Q. Did you have a favourite book when you were a child? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I had a favourite book when I was a child. It was a fantasy novel called "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain. I was captivated by the adventurous spirit of the main character and the vivid descriptions of his escapades. The book transported me to a world of imagination and sparked my love for storytelling and reading.

Q. How much reading do you do for your work/studies? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: As part of my work and studies, I engage in a significant amount of reading. Reading plays a crucial role in expanding my knowledge base, staying updated on current research, and gaining insights into various topics. Whether it's academic journals, textbooks, research papers, or online articles, reading helps me gather information, understand concepts, and develop critical thinking skills necessary for my professional and educational pursuits.

Q. What kinds of books do you read for pleasure? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: For pleasure, I enjoy reading a wide range of genres, including fiction, mystery, science fiction, and self-help books. I believe that reading for pleasure allows me to relax, escape from reality, and explore different perspectives and worlds. Fictional stories offer an opportunity for emotional connection with characters and allow me to immerse myself in their experiences. On the other hand, non-fiction books, such as

self-help or personal development, provide valuable insights and knowledge that can contribute to personal growth.

Q. Do you prefer to read a newspaper or a magazine online, or to buy a copy? [Why?]

Answer: I prefer to read newspapers and magazines online rather than buying a physical copy. Online platforms provide convenience and instant access to a wide range of publications. I can easily browse through different articles, search for specific topics, and access them anytime and anywhere through digital devices. Additionally, online versions often offer interactive features, multimedia content, and the ability to engage in discussions or share articles with others. It also reduces paper waste, contributing to environmental sustainability. However, I still appreciate the experience of holding a physical copy and sometimes enjoy browsing through magazines or newspapers in print format when available.

Topic - Accommodation:

Q. Tell me about the kind of accommodation you live in?

Q. How long have you lived there?

Q. What do you like about living there?

Q. What sort of accommodation would you most like to live in?

Q. Tell me about the kind of accommodation you live in?

Answer: I live in an apartment with my family and the apartment is approximately twenty-five hundred square feet. Our apartment is on the fourth floor and it has four

bedrooms, a guest room and a large dining space. The building is located near the city centre and we enjoy a good view from our apartment.

Q. How long have you lived there?

Answer: My father bought this flat almost 3 years ago, and since then we have been living there. Before that, we used to live in a rented flat in the same area.

Q. What do you like about living there?

Answer: We are happy with the apartment we live in and a great lake view from the apartment is the best thing about it. Since the building is located beside a lovely lake, we enjoy the fresh air and can walk by the lake in the morning and evening. I also like the area because almost all the modern amenities we need are present in the vicinity.

Q. What sort of accommodation would you most like to live in?

Answer: Honestly speaking, I prefer a house over an apartment as a place to live in. However, due to increasing housing and accommodation demands, owning or renting a house in the city centre is really impossible. So for the time being, we are happy with the apartment we live in. But if I have a choice, I would relocate to a town and own a large house with a beautiful lawn in front of it.

Topic - Drink:

Q. What do you like to drink with your dinner? [Why?]

Q. Do you drink a lot of water every day? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you prefer drinking tea or coffee? [Why?]

Q. If people visit you in your home, what do you usually offer them to drink? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What do you like to drink with your dinner? [Why?]

Answer: With my dinner, I usually prefer to drink water. Water is a refreshing and hydrating beverage that complements the flavours of the food without overpowering them. It helps to cleanse the palate and aids in digestion. Additionally, water is a healthier choice as it has no added sugars or calories, and it keeps me well-hydrated throughout the meal.

Q. Do you drink a lot of water every day? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I make it a point to drink an adequate amount of water every day. Water is essential for maintaining proper bodily functions, regulating body temperature, and promoting overall health. It helps to hydrate the body, flush out toxins, and support various bodily processes. Additionally, staying hydrated helps me feel more alert, energized, and focused throughout the day.

Q. Do you prefer drinking tea or coffee? [Why?]

Answer: Personally, I prefer drinking tea over coffee. I find the taste and aroma of different types of tea to be soothing and comforting. Tea offers a wide variety of flavours, ranging from herbal and fruity to rich and earthy. I appreciate the calming effect that tea has, and it often serves as a relaxing ritual for me. Moreover, tea contains less caffeine compared to coffee, making it a preferable choice for me as I am sensitive to the effects of caffeine.

Alternative Answer: Personally, I prefer drinking coffee. I find the rich, bold flavour and the aroma of coffee to be quite appealing. The taste of coffee stimulates my senses and provides a delightful experience. Moreover, coffee has a higher caffeine content compared to tea, which gives me an

energizing boost and helps me stay alert, especially in the mornings or during busy days. I also appreciate the variety of coffee beverages available, from simple black coffee to lattes, cappuccinos, and espresso-based drinks, allowing me to explore different flavours and enjoy the art of coffee-making.

Q. If people visit you in your home, what do you usually offer them to drink? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: When people visit my home, I typically offer them a selection of beverages to choose from, including tea, coffee, water, and some soft drinks. I believe in providing options to accommodate different preferences and tastes. It allows guests to choose what they would enjoy the most and makes them feel welcomed and comfortable in my home.

Topic: Colour:

Q. What's your favourite colour? [Why?]

Q. Do you like the same colours now as you did when you were younger? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What can you learn about a person from the colours they like?

Q. Do any colours have a special meaning in your culture?

Q. What's your favourite colour? [Why?]

Answer: My favourite colour is *pink*, and I guess many other girls like me also have a fascination with this colour. Pink is a delicate colour that means sweet, nice, playful, cute, romantic, charming, feminine, and tenderness. Pink is the colour of the universal love of oneself and of others. I love it more than any other colour.

Alternative Answer: My favourite colour is *blue* - the colour of the ocean and the sky. This colour is associated with depth and stability and symbolizes wisdom, trust, confidence, intelligence, faith, and heaven. From my childhood, I had been attracted to this colour and always preferred blue pairs of jeans. I believe blue is a colour that suits me and perhaps this is one of the reasons I like it so much.

Q. Do you like the same colours now as you did when you were younger? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, *pink* has always been my favourite colour. My father bought me a beautiful pink doll when I was only 4 years old, and my parents painted my room pink in my childhood. Since then I am in love with this colour, and interestingly, it is still the same.

Alternative Answer: White and red were my favourite colours up until I turned 19. Strangely, I started realising the importance of the blue colour when I started travelling extensively. I watched a movie titled 'Blue' and then did some extensive research on this colour. Besides, my fascination with the blue pair of jeans also enhanced my weakness in this colour.

Q. What can you learn about a person from the colours they like?

Answer: I believe the choice of colours often represents some personality traits, and this tells a lot about a person. For instance, people who choose black as their favourite colour are often artistic and sensitive, and those who love the green colour are often affectionate, loyal and frank. Clearly, these are generic descriptions but provide the clue to assessing different personality types that exist within a group. More scientifically speaking, the choice of colours defines

someone's preference and could be used to speculate that a person's life experience and preferences.

Q. Do any colours have a special meaning in your culture?

Answer: White is considered the symbol of peace, and red for violence in our culture. Interestingly, red is sometimes referred to as the colour of friendship and sacrifice which contradicts the earlier meaning of this colour! As far as I know, green, in our country, represents nature and prosperity while yellow is the colour of sunshine and happiness. Finally, black is considered something gloomy and sad and relates to the dark past in history. However, black is often revered, by some people in our country, as the colour of intelligence and a mystical world.

Topic: Maps:

Q. Do you think it's better to use a paper map or a map on your phone? [Why?]

Q. When was the last time you needed to use a map? [Why/Why not?]

Q. If you visit a new city, do you always use a map to find your way around? [Why/Why not?]

Q. In general, do you find it easy to read maps? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you think it's better to use a paper map or a map on your phone? [Why?]

Answer: Personally, I find using a map on my phone to be more convenient and practical. The digital maps available on smartphones provide real-time navigation, accurate

directions, and the ability to zoom in and out for a detailed view. They also offer additional features like traffic updates, alternative routes, and points of interest, making it easier to plan and navigate my journeys. Furthermore, carrying a phone with a map application is more compact and easily accessible compared to carrying a physical paper map.

Q. When was the last time you needed to use a map? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: The last time I needed to use a map was during a recent hiking trip in a nature reserve. The hiking trail was quite extensive and had several intersecting paths, so having a map was crucial to ensure I stayed on the right track and reached the desired destinations. The map helped me navigate through the different trails, identify landmarks, and estimate the distances to various points of interest. It was particularly helpful in areas where the signage was limited, and the terrain was unfamiliar.

Q. If you visit a new city, do you always use a map to find your way around? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, whenever I visit a new city, I generally use a map to find my way around, especially if I am unfamiliar with the area. Exploring a new city can be exciting but also overwhelming, and having a map provides a sense of direction and helps me navigate through the streets, locate landmarks, and plan my itinerary effectively. It allows me to get a better understanding of the city's layout, identify key attractions, and find the most efficient routes to reach different destinations.

Q. In general, do you find it easy to read maps? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I find it relatively easy to read maps. Over the

years, I have developed good map-reading skills through practice and experience. Understanding the symbols, legends, and scales used on maps has become second nature to me. I can interpret different types of maps, such as road maps, topographic maps, or city maps, and effectively use them to navigate and plan my journeys. However, I do acknowledge that some maps can be complex, especially those with intricate details or unconventional layouts. In such cases, it may require more concentration and patience to decipher the information accurately.

Topic: Flowers

Q. Do you like to have flowers in your home? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Where would you go to buy flowers? [Why?]

Q. On what occasions would you give someone flowers?

Q. Are flowers important in your culture? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you like to have flowers in your home? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: This is an interesting question and I would be delighted to answer that. In fact, whenever we have a special occasion at our home, we buy flowers and consider it an integral part of the celebration. For instance, if it's a birthday or a marriage anniversary, we buy different types of flowers and love to have them at our home. Flowers are refreshing and enhance the appeal of the celebration.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I absolutely love having flowers in my house. Flowers bring a touch of beauty and freshness to

the living space. They add colour and fragrance, creating a pleasant and uplifting atmosphere. Flowers have a way of brightening up the surroundings and bringing a sense of joy and positivity.

Q. Where would you go to buy flowers? [Why?]

Answer: If I need to buy some common types of flowers, I go to a nearby floral shop that sells a good variety of flowers and flower bouquets. It offers fresh flowers and home delivery. However, if I need to purchase a flower which is not so common like chocolate cosmos or night lily, I order them from a large online shop which specialises in making bouquets for different occasions and has a great variety of flowers.

Alternative Answer: When I want to buy flowers, I usually visit a local florist. I prefer going to a florist because they offer a wide variety of fresh flowers and have expertise in floral arrangements. They can guide me in choosing the right type of flowers for different occasions and help create beautiful bouquets or floral decorations. Moreover, supporting local businesses is important to me, and visiting a florist allows me to contribute to the local community.

Q. On what occasions would you give someone flowers?

Answer: In our country, we can give someone flowers almost on any occasion to congratulate or wish good luck to this person. Perhaps giving flowers at a sad and mournful event is not recommended, and apart from that, I can present someone flowers anytime for any occasion.

Alternative Answer: Giving flowers is a common practice on various occasions. Some of the occasions when I would give someone flowers include birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, graduations, and as a gesture of appreciation or apology.

Flowers symbolize love, joy, and celebration, and convey heartfelt emotions. They are thoughtful and expressive gifts that can brighten someone's day and make them feel special.

Q. Are flowers important in your culture? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Flowers are extremely important in our culture. They represent purity, innocence, happiness, selflessness and good fortune. A large number of people offer flowers to the deity they pray to while others find it a source of freshness and beauty and give them to their dear and near ones.

Alternative Answer: Yes, flowers hold significant importance in my culture. They are often used in religious ceremonies, festivals, and traditional celebrations. Flowers are considered auspicious and are used to decorate homes, temples, and public spaces during festive occasions. They symbolize purity, beauty, and prosperity. Additionally, flowers are exchanged as gestures of goodwill, respect, and affection in social and personal relationships. They play a vital role in expressing emotions and enhancing the overall ambience of cultural events and ceremonies.

Topic: Fast food

Q. What kinds of fast food have you tried? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you ever use a microwave to cook food quickly?
[Why/Why not?]

Q. How popular are fast food restaurants where you live?
[Why/Why not?]

Q. When would you go to a fast-food restaurant? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What kinds of fast food have you tried? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: As I have grown up, fast food is no longer my favourite, but once upon a time I was crazy about them! I tried pizzas, sandwiches, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, tacos, doughnuts, burritos, fried chicken, pancakes, muffins, noodles, chips, milkshakes, and whatnot! However, my all-time favourites are pizza and burritos.

Alternative Answer: I have tried various kinds of fast food, including pizzas, cheeseburgers, fried chicken, hot dogs, tacos, burritos and chicken nuggets. Fast food is easily accessible and convenient, especially when I'm in a rush or craving a quick bite. It offers a wide range of flavours and options, making it appealing to try different types of fast food. However, I do try to consume fast food in moderation and balance it with healthier food choices.

Q. Do you ever use a microwave to cook food quickly? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, we have been using a microwave oven at our house for more than a decade. Though we mostly use it to reheat a food item, we sometimes use it to cook food faster or make an item when it is necessary, for instance, to prepare a homemade pizza. It offers the great convenience of reheating foods and cooking food by saving time and energy.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I do use a microwave to cook food quickly on occasions when I need a fast and convenient meal. Microwaves are efficient in heating or reheating food within minutes, which saves time and effort. It's particularly useful for warming up leftovers or preparing pre-packaged meals. However, I also value the importance of fresh and homemade

meals, so I try to incorporate a balance between using the microwave and cooking meals from scratch.

Q. How popular are fast food restaurants where you live? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Fast food restaurants are insanely popular, especially among children and teenagers, in the place where I live. They are everywhere, and you just need to walk a few steps to find a flamboyant fast-food restaurant with many customers. I believe they are popular among children and the young generation because they are very fond of those scrumptious, sugary and calorie-packed food items that usually satisfy their taste buds.

Alternative Answer: Fast food restaurants are extremely popular where I live. They are widely available and attract a large customer base, especially among busy individuals or those looking for a quick meal option. The fast-paced lifestyle and time constraints of many people contribute to the popularity of fast food. Additionally, the marketing strategies and affordability of fast food chains make them appealing to a wide range of customers.

Q. When would you go to a fast-food restaurant? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I am more of a person who prefers homemade food these days but it does not deter me from visiting a nice fast-food restaurant once in a while. I believe I eat at a fast-food restaurant around three to four times a month. So there is a good possibility that I will visit one in a week or so with a few of my friends.

Alternative Answer: I would go to a fast-food restaurant when I'm in need of a quick and convenient meal, such as during busy workdays or when travelling. Fast-food restaurants offer

speedy service and have a wide variety of options to choose from. They are suitable for times when I have limited time for meal preparation or when I'm looking for a specific fast-food craving. However, I also prioritize balanced nutrition and try to make healthier choices when dining out, even at fast-food restaurants.

Topic: Friends

Q. Are your friends mostly your age or different ages? [Why?]

Q. Do you usually see your friends during the week or at weekends? [Why?]

Q. The last time you saw your friends, what did you do together?

Q. In what ways are your friends important to you?

Q. Are your friends mostly your age or different ages? [Why?]

Answer: Most of my friends are about my age. Only two or three of them are junior to me by five to six years. As my friends are mostly from my class, it's natural that we do not have a noticeable age gap. For junior friends - they are from my neighbourhood and were my playmates in my childhood. So they became good friends of mine over time despite the age difference.

Q. Do you usually see your friends during the week or at weekends? [Why?]

Answer: I am still a student and have a few good friends in my college. So I mostly see them during the weekdays when we have classes to attend to. If we have something special to

do or a plan to execute, we even meet on weekends. As for my friends from my neighbourhood, I mostly see them in the evening on weekends.

Q. The last time you saw your friends, what did you do together?

Answer: We watched a movie together at our house. That would be around two weeks ago and we watched the latest Avengers series movie. After the movie, we had numerous conversations and we talked about our plans after we graduate from college. Since I was preparing for my IELTS exam, we did not meet afterwards. But we will hopefully meet again within two to three days.

Q. In what ways are your friends important to you?

Answer: My friends actually represent me. As it is commonly believed, a person could be judged by the companies he or she keeps, and this is true in my case as well. They are my friends because we are like-minded. They often inspire me to attain excellence and carry on in my troubled days.

I can be absolutely myself with my friends, can share anything with them and they are by my side whenever I need them. In this regard, they are important to me to a great extent. I can recall numerous occasions when they selflessly supported me. I believe friends make life worth living and more colourful.

Topic: Neighbours

Q. How well do you know the people who live next door to you?

Q. How often do you see them? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What kinds of problem do people sometimes have with

their neighbours?

Q. How do you think neighbours can help each other?

Q. How well do you know the people who live next door to you?

Answer: I know my neighbours very well. Mr and Mrs Patrick, who live adjacent to my house, are more than our neighbours, and in fact, they are like close friends. Mr Albert, who lives across from our house, is a great person and I often visit him to play chess with him. I have a few neighbours who are close family friends. Thus some of my neighbours are intimate and dear to us and we have a great relationship.

Q. How often do you see them? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I see them almost every day. Every time I go out, I see someone waving his/her hands at me and I do the same whenever I see them. Besides, some of our neighbours who walk in the park in the morning often exchange greetings with me. In terms of visiting each other, we go to their house, and they also visit us quite frequently - I would say at least once a week. Since our neighbours live close to us, we see them more frequently and have more conversations with them than our relatives.

Q. What kinds of problem do people sometimes have with their neighbours?

Answer: I believe the dispute with the fence and boundaries is a common issue among neighbours and that could be sometimes the reason for their animosity. Besides, lack of mutual respect, irrational behaviour, and letting pets run wildly could be a few other reasons people do not have a

healthy relationship with their neighbours. Sometimes jealousy can crack their bond as well.

Q. How do you think neighbours can help each other?

Answer: Neighbours are often more important than relatives in the sense that our neighbours would be on our side whenever we need their help and they share our happiness and sorrows alike. Thus a good neighbour can be helpful in a tremendous way by extending his or her supporting hands in times of distress and discomfort. They look after our property when we are away and can also become our good friends over time. To cite an example, when my grandfather became severely ill all of a sudden in the middle of the night almost six months ago, my neighbours came to our help and we could have been in great turmoil without their prompt support and assistance. Thus good neighbours are a blessing for us.

Topic: Your favourite place

Q. What place do you most like to visit? [Why?]

Q. How often do you visit this place? [Why?]

Q. Why do you like it so much?

Q. Is it popular with many other people? [Why?]

Q. Has it changed very much since you first went there? [In what way?]

Q. What place do you most like to visit? [Why?]

Answer: The place, I like to visit the most, is called the "White Cliffs of Dover" in Kent. I like to visit this stunning coastline, which has been saying 'hello' and 'farewell' to thousands of people crossing the English Channel for centuries because of its gorgeous geology with dazzling white chalk faces, sharp

edges rising 350 feet above the sea level along with the layers of wild and lush grasses.

Q. How often do you visit this place? [Why?]

Answer: I like to visit this place, one of the most famous landmarks in the UK, if not the most, twice a year because visiting beautiful places is one of the few things that I really enjoy out of my very busy work life, and White Cliffs of Dover seems to top the list of those places which helps me relax the most because of its stunning natural beauty.

Q. Why do you like it so much?

Answer: I like visiting this place so much because of its unique feature. In fact, there are very few places on this earth where one can see such a long stretch of coastline which is completely made of white chalk. I like it also because this place, standing tall as the guardians of the island, has witnessed many historical events such as the unsuccessful Roman invasion of Julius Caesar and being on the frontline of the First World War and the Second World War.

Q. Is it popular with many other people? [Why?]

Answer: Yes, it is popular with many other people because Dover Castle is the largest castle in the UK. And the Bronze Age boat as well as the stunning-looking White Cliffs of this place are the centre of attractions to many visiting tourists. In fact, in the past few years, an average of 3.4 million people chose Dover for a day trip, and of them, over 500,000 people chose to stay there overnight.

Q. Has it changed very much since you first went there? [In what way?]

Answer: Yes, it has changed since I visited this place last time as people can enjoy an annual plant fair event now where beautiful flower plants, as well as vegetable plants, are

displayed for public view. Besides, the number of visitors had also significantly increased since I visited there last time.

Topic: Leisure

Q. Do you have any hobbies or interests? [What are they?]

Q. How did you become interested in *(whatever hobby/ interest the candidate mentions)*?

Q. What is there to do in your free time in *(candidate's hometown/village)*?

Q. How do you usually spend your holidays?

Q. Is there anywhere you would particularly like to visit? [Why?]

Q. Do you have any hobbies or interests? [What are they?]

Answer: I have a number of hobbies such as watching movies, gardening and reading story books. While I enjoy having all of those hobbies, depending on my location, mood and weather condition, the most special one to me is "reading storybooks".

Q. How did you become interested in *(whatever hobby/ interest the candidate mentions)*?

Answer: I became interested in some hobbies in my early high school days. In fact, my school would declare nice "awards" for the best storytellers in order to encourage students like me to take part in the storytelling competition from our favourite storybooks. I became interested in "gardening" rather recently after learning how we could stop the greenhouse effects by planting more trees. As for watching movies, I became interested in it as for long as I

remember. This is entertaining, educational and one of the most popular hobbies in our country.

Q. What is there to do in your free time in (*candidate's hometown/village*)?

Answer: During my free time, where I live in, one can visit the Coffee Museum in the Al Fahidi neighbourhood in order to enjoy some of the best coffee in the world, and also to learn about the history of coffee as well as the history-related artefacts. Besides, one can also enjoy public sandy beaches during his/her free time.

Q. How do you usually spend your holidays?

Answer: I usually spend my holidays visiting my parents and relatives who are living outside of my city. I also like to take my family to one of my favourite restaurants in order to enjoy some of my favourite dishes. And finally, sometimes I enjoy sports competitions on TV on holidays.

Q. Is there anywhere you would particularly like to visit? [Why?]

Answer: Yes, I would like to visit many places in the world, given that I have enough money and time. But one place, which I would really like to visit, is "Niagra Falls" in Canada, and the reason is obvious. I want to visit it because it is a geographical wonder and one of the most famous waterfalls in the world.

Topic: Television

Q. How often do you watch television? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Which television channel do you usually watch? [Why?]

Q. Do you enjoy the advertisements on television? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you think most programmes on television are good? [Why/Why not?]

Q. How often do you watch television? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I am studying to pursue a post-graduation degree at one of the leading Engineering universities in China, and I also work at a shopping mall after school hours until 9:00 pm. By the time I arrive home after finishing everything, either it is a bit too late to do anything, or I am just exhausted. Therefore, I don't really get to watch TV often unless there is a valid reason to do so.

Alternative Answer: I don't watch television very often. Nowadays, there are many alternative sources of entertainment and information, such as streaming platforms and online content, which offer a wider range of options and flexibility. I prefer to consume content on demand and choose programmes or movies that specifically interest me. However, I do occasionally watch television for special events, news updates, or to enjoy specific shows or movies that are being broadcasted.

Q. Which television channel do you usually watch? [Why?]

Answer: As I have mentioned earlier, I don't really have much time to watch TV, but when I do get some time and opportunity, I like to watch "Discovery" and "AXN Asia". I watch Discovery mainly because it allows me to learn about some of the most amazing and coolest things in the world, and I like watching AXN because it helps me to improve my

English by offering subtitles for the content the channel shows.

Alternative Answer: Since I don't watch television regularly, I don't have a specific channel that I usually watch. However, when I do watch, I tend to explore different channels based on the content I'm interested in at that particular time. I may switch between news channels, documentary channels, or entertainment channels, depending on my mood or the type of program I'm looking for.

Q. Do you enjoy the advertisements on television? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I don't exactly enjoy watching advertisements on television simply because I think of them as a waste of time. Besides, I also think that most advertisements have poor content and they try to deceive prospective customers into buying something that they don't need.

Alternative Answer: Generally, I don't particularly enjoy advertisements on television. They can often interrupt the flow of a programme and feel repetitive. However, I understand that advertisements play a significant role in supporting television networks and programmes financially. Some advertisements can be creative and entertaining, catching my attention with their storytelling or humour. Nonetheless, I prefer watching programmes without constant interruptions from advertisements.

Q. Do you think most programmes on television are good? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Well, it depends on what kinds of programmes I am watching. However, having said that, I would say that many programmes on television are not good because they offer very little educational perspectives. Even the news shows

these days are not “objective” enough to offer the values of “news” and therefore, are not trustworthy.

Alternative Answer: The quality of programmes on television can vary greatly, and it ultimately depends on personal preferences and interests. While television offers a wide range of content, including news, documentaries, dramas, reality shows, and more, not all programmes may appeal to everyone. Some programmes are well-produced, informative, and entertaining, while others may lack depth or originality. With the rise of streaming platforms and online content, viewers now have more control over the programmes they watch and can select content that aligns with their specific tastes and preferences.

Topic: Entertainment

Q. Do you prefer relaxing at home or going out in the evening? [Why?]

Q. When you go out for an evening, what do you like to do?

Q. How popular is this with other people in your country?

Q. Is there any kind of entertainment you do not like? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you prefer relaxing at home or going out in the evening? [Why?]

Answer: I usually prefer going outside in the evening. I think the evening time is suitable for meeting friends outdoors and doing some exercises rather than staying at home. I have been doing this for a very long time and if I stay home during the evening, I feel bored.

Q. When you go out for an evening, what do you like to do?

Answer: I mostly like to walk in a park or spend some time with my friends in the evening. I often take my bicycle and ride it for an hour or so once or twice a week. Sometimes, I go to a movie with my friends and have fun.

Q. How popular is this with other people in your country?

Answer: Walking in a park, hanging out with friends and riding a bicycle as part of outdoor activity are common among people in my country. Many young and elders do these often in the afternoon. Families often visit the theatre in the evening and spend some quality time together.

Q. Is there any kind of entertainment you do not like? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I guess I hate to see people wasting hours after hours in front of a television set. I do believe that television is a great media to get news and watch entertaining programmes, but some people are addicted to watching TV and they spend almost 6-8 hours a day watching television programmes. I just dislike this as I believe this time could be better utilised.

Topic: Money

Q. When you go shopping, do you prefer to pay for things in cash or by card? [Why?]

Q. Do you ever save money to buy special things? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Would you ever take a job which had low pay? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Would winning a lot of money make a big difference to your life? [Why/Why]

Q. When you go shopping, do you prefer to pay for things in cash or by card? [Why?]

Answer: IWhen I go shopping, I prefer to pay for things by card rather than using cash. There are a few reasons for this. Firstly, using a card offers convenience and eliminates the need to carry around a significant amount of cash, which can be risky. Secondly, card payments provide a record of my transactions, allowing me to track my expenses and manage my budget more efficiently. Additionally, paying by card often comes with added security features, such as fraud protection and the ability to dispute unauthorized charges.

Q. Do you ever save money to buy special things? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I do save money to buy special things. Saving allows me to set aside funds for specific goals or desires that may require a larger amount of money. It gives me a sense of financial discipline and helps me prioritize my spending. A few months ago, I purchased an expensive smartphone for my younger sister with the money I saved. On other occasions, I have also saved money to buy things for myself or for the people I care about.

Q. Would you ever take a job which had low pay? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Taking a job with low pay would depend on various factors. While financial considerations are important, they are not the sole determining factor in choosing a job. If the job aligns with my passion, offers valuable learning opportunities,

or provides a chance to gain relevant experience in a field of interest, I may consider it even if the pay is low.

Q. Would winning a lot of money make a big difference to your life? [Why/Why]

Answer: Winning a lot of money has the potential to make a significant difference in my life. The sudden influx of wealth can offer opportunities and possibilities that were previously out of reach. It could allow me to pursue my dreams, fulfil long-held aspirations, and provide financial security for myself and my family. It may open doors to experiences, travel, and personal growth that were previously limited by financial constraints. However, it is important to note that money alone does not guarantee happiness or fulfilment. It is how I choose to manage and utilize that wealth that truly impacts my life.

Topic: Newspapers and Magazines

Q. Which magazines and newspapers do you read? [Why?]

Q. What kinds of article are you most interested in? [Why?]

Q. Have you ever read a newspaper or magazine in a foreign language? [When/Why?]

Q. Do you think reading a newspaper or magazine in a foreign language is a good way to learn the language? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Which magazines and newspapers do you read? [Why?]

Answer: I read the News Express, which is a daily newspaper, every day, and the magazine I like to read the most is "The Week". I like reading newspapers and magazines whenever I

get an opportunity in order to keep myself informed of what is happening in my part of the world as well as the rest of the world. I like reading the magazine because I get to learn about the various subjects of my interest.

Alternative Answer: I enjoy reading a variety of magazines and newspapers, depending on my interests and preferences. I often read magazines related to technology, science, and travel, as these topics intrigue me and keep me updated on the latest advancements and discoveries. Additionally, I like to read newspapers that cover national and international news, providing me with a broader perspective on current affairs. I believe it's essential to stay informed about various subjects, and these magazines and newspapers help me expand my knowledge and engage with different topics of interest.

Q. What kinds of article are you most interested in? [Why?]

Answer: I am into learning important tips about how to remain healthy both physically and mentally, so I read health-related articles. I am also interested in learning about the latest trends in computer technologies since my major is computer science. I try not to miss any important technology-related articles. But it doesn't necessarily mean that I don't like to read other kinds of articles such as those which talk about sports and food.

Alternative Answer: I am most interested in articles that stimulate my curiosity and offer insights into diverse fields. Science and technology articles fascinate me because they shed light on innovative research, breakthroughs, and the impact of technology on our lives. These articles not only enhance my understanding of scientific concepts but also

inspire me to contemplate the possibilities and implications of future advancements. Furthermore, I enjoy reading travel articles that provide destination recommendations, cultural insights, and personal travel experiences. Such articles allow me to explore new places vicariously and spark my wanderlust.

Q. Have you ever read a newspaper or magazine in a foreign language? [When/Why?]

Answer: I have always wanted to read and communicate in a different language(s) other than English and Hindi. But, I have found out that it's not really easy. However, I know "Bengali" (the mother tongue of a neighbouring country of India called "Bangladesh") a little which has helped me to read and understand some "Bengali" texts in their newspapers lately. I became interested in reading Bengali newspapers after meeting a Bangladeshi girl who happens to be one of my best friends now.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I have read newspapers and magazines in foreign languages on several occasions. As a language enthusiast, I find it enriching to explore different languages and cultures through their written media. I have read newspapers in French and Spanish during my language studies to improve my language proficiency and expand my vocabulary. Additionally, when I travel to foreign countries, I often pick up local magazines or newspapers to get a better understanding of the culture, current events, and unique perspectives of the locals.

Q. Do you think reading a newspaper or magazine in a foreign language is a good way to learn the language? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Of course, I think reading a newspaper or magazine

in a foreign language is an excellent method to learn the language because it helps us to understand the texts of a particular language and their meanings at our own pace and also at a time of our convenience. In fact, English is also a foreign language to me, and I have learnt it by reading English newspapers and journals in addition to following some programmes on the radio and television.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I believe reading newspapers or magazines in a foreign language can be an effective way to learn the language. It exposes learners to authentic written texts, vocabulary, idiomatic expressions, and grammatical structures used by native speakers. By immersing themselves in the language through reading, learners can improve their reading comprehension skills, expand their vocabulary, and gain a deeper understanding of the culture and society associated with the language. Additionally, reading in a foreign language helps develop critical thinking skills as learners engage with different perspectives and navigate through complex texts.

Topic: Art

Q. Did you enjoy doing art lessons when you were a child?
[Why?/Why not?]

Q. Do you ever draw or paint pictures now? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. When was the last time you went to an art gallery or exhibition? [Why?]

Q. What kind of pictures do you like having in your home?
[Why?]

Q. Did you enjoy doing art lessons when you were a child? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I absolutely enjoyed doing art lessons when I was a child. Art provided me with a creative outlet where I could freely express my imagination and emotions. It was a wonderful way to explore different mediums, experiment with colours, and create something unique. Art lessons allowed me to gain a sense of accomplishment when completing a piece of artwork. It was a joyful and enriching experience that sparked my passion for artistic expression.

Q. Do you ever draw or paint pictures now?

[Why?/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I still draw and paint pictures now. Art has remained an integral part of my life, and I continue to find solace and joy in creating visual expressions. Drawing and painting allow me to relax, unwind, and enter a state of flow where I can fully immerse myself in the creative process. It provides me with an opportunity to explore different techniques, experiment with various styles, and bring my ideas to life on a canvas. Moreover, creating art serves as a form of self-expression and allows me to communicate my thoughts and emotions visually.

Q. When was the last time you went to an art gallery or exhibition? [Why?]

Answer: The last time I went to an art gallery was about a month ago. I am drawn to the immersive experience that art galleries and exhibitions offer, where I can explore the works of talented artists and gain inspiration from their creativity. It was a fantastic opportunity to appreciate various art forms, from paintings and sculptures to installations and multimedia art.

Q. What kind of pictures do you like having in your home? [Why?]

Answer: I enjoy having a diverse range of pictures in my home that reflect my artistic taste and personal interests. I prefer artworks that evoke emotions, convey a sense of depth, and stimulate thought-provoking conversations. From abstract pieces with vibrant colours to serene landscapes or portraits, I appreciate artwork that resonates with me on an emotional level. Each piece I choose carries its own story and adds a touch of character to my living space. Having these pictures in my home not only enhances the aesthetic appeal but also creates a welcoming atmosphere that inspires and uplifts me on a daily basis.

Topic: Countryside

Q. Can you tell me your full name, please?

Q. What shall I call you?

Q. Tell me about the countryside outside your town/city.

Q. Would you like to live in the countryside or a metropolitan city in the future? [Why?]

Q. Why do some people move to a city from a rural area? Do you know someone who did so?

Q. Do you enjoy visiting large cities or small villages? [Why?]

Q. Can you tell me your full name, please?

Answer: Sure! My full name is Hoang Pham. People call me "Hoang".

Q. What shall I call you?

Answer: Please call me "Hoang". Thank you.

Q. Tell me about the countryside outside your town/city.

Answer: I live in Hanoi, the bustling capital city of my country

Vietnam. But, our countryside, at least 60-70 kilometres outside of my city, is peaceful and has a very tranquil atmosphere, surrounded by amazingly refreshing landscapes. You will also get to see shades of green, covering the entire landscape, as far as your eyes can see, so much so that you will not ever want to leave!

Q. Would you like to live in the countryside or a metropolitan city in the future? [Why?]

Answer: In the future, I would want to live in the countryside mainly because I love nature, and I like to stay close to Mother Nature. Besides, I firmly believe that living in the countryside is healthier than living in the city as it would allow me to breathe fresh air and drink fresh and uncontaminated water. Finally, I love the simplistic lifestyles that people in the countryside have.

Q. Why do some people move to a city from a rural area? Do you know someone who did so?

Answer: I would assume that some people move to a city from a rural area primarily because it allows them to have better income opportunities. Besides, some people would move to a city because they become attracted to the "flashy" city life in order to enjoy life more. Finally, some people would move to a city because of better educational opportunities. For example, I know of one of my distant cousins who moved to Hanoi to attend a good technical university a few years ago.

Q. Do you enjoy visiting large cities or small villages? [Why?]

Answer: I always enjoy visiting small villages, instead of large cities, mainly because small villages in my country don't have traffic problems. Besides, more often than not, people in

small villages are way friendlier and simpler than people in large cities. Finally, of course, I enjoy visiting villages in my country, whether it is big or small, because they are very beautiful with clear lakes and natural green.

Topic: Age

Q. Are you happy to be the age you are now? [Why/Why not?]

Q. When you were a child, did you think a lot about your future? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you think you have changed as you have got older? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What will be different about your life in the future? [Why?]

Q. Are you happy to be the age you are now? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I am happy about my age. I also tend to agree that people may have different perspectives on this. I am content with my current age because of the experiences and wisdom I have gained during the last 30 years or so.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I am happy to be 22 years old. This age signifies a transitional phase in my life where I have completed my graduation and am ready to embark on new experiences. I feel a sense of excitement and potential as I look forward to pursuing higher education in Canada. Being young and full of energy, I have the opportunity to explore new opportunities, meet diverse people, and shape my future. This age allows me to be independent and take charge of my life, which brings me a sense of happiness and optimism.

Q. When you were a child, did you think a lot about your future? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: As a younger child, I did not have a deep understanding of the concept of the future. But when I turned a teenager, I started contemplating my future goals, aspirations, and career paths. My family, teachers, and personal curiosity also shaped the way I thought about my future during this time.

Alternative Answer: When I was a child, I didn't think extensively about my future in a detailed manner. My focus was primarily on enjoying the present moment, learning new things, and experiencing the joy of childhood. However, as I grew older, especially during my teenage years, I started weighing my future dreams and aspirations. I began to think about the career path I wanted to pursue and the steps required to achieve my ambitions.

Q. Do you think you have changed as you have got older? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I believe that it is common for individuals to experience changes as they grow older, and I am not an exception to this. I have experienced physical changes, such as appearance and health, as well as emotional and psychological changes. My life experiences, learning, and personal development have also shaped my perspectives, values, and beliefs, leading to changes in my behaviour and attitudes.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I believe I have changed as I have gotten older. The experiences and challenges I encountered along the way have shaped my personality, perspective, and priorities. I have gained a deeper understanding of myself, my strengths, and my values. I have become more

independent and responsible, taking ownership of my decisions and actions. Moreover, as I completed my graduation and prepare for higher education, I have developed a stronger sense of determination, motivation, and drive to pursue my goals.

Q. What will be different about your life in the future? [Why?]

Answer: I have always believed that the future is uncertain, and it is challenging to predict specific aspects of my life. However, some possible differences in my future could arise from various factors such as career choices, personal goals, relationships, and so on. For example, I will love to start a family soon and or pursue higher education in the UK.

Alternative Answer: In the future, several aspects of my life will be different. Pursuing higher education in Canada will provide me with new opportunities for learning, exposure to a different culture, and expanding my global network. It will be a transformative experience that will enhance my knowledge and skills, shaping my career path and opening doors to exciting professional opportunities. Additionally, living independently in a new country will foster personal growth, self-reliance, and adaptability. The challenges and experiences I will encounter in my educational journey will contribute to my overall development and shape the course of my future life.

Topic: Laughing

Q. What kinds of thing make you laugh?

Q. Do you like making other people laugh? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you think it's important for people to laugh? [Why/Why

not?]

Q. Is laughing the same as feeling happy, do you think?
[Why/Why not?]

Q. What kinds of thing make you laugh?

Answer: They say that laughter is a great medicine, and I also believe it. So, I like to laugh whether my friend is cracking a joke or watching a comedy movie with my family and friends. But, what really makes me laugh the most is the funny activities of my pet cat. In fact, my cat makes so many “funny” moves to make me laugh that I even record them on my video camera.

Q. Do you like making other people laugh? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Well, it depends on how much I actually know them, and what kind of circumstances are prevailing. But, in principle, I don't really like to make people laugh because sometimes, the humorous act might actually offend them, since I wouldn't really know what they have been going through, or what kind of mood they are really in.

Q. Do you think it's important for people to laugh? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I do think that it is important for people to laugh whenever an opportunity arrives because a good laugh almost always helps us relieve physical and mental tension and stress. Besides, laughter also helps promote an overall sense of well-being and can even temporarily relieve pain in us. Finally, laughter is important also because it brings us

closer to each by remaining positive about ourselves and our lives.

Q. Is laughing the same as feeling happy, do you think? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I do believe that we like to laugh when we are happy, and that is a universally accepted expression for us - humans.

But, that does not mean that laughing is the same as feeling happy. In fact, people can be in pain, and sad, and still they are able to laugh to cheer others. Then, there also are many people in this world for whom laughter is just an "expression". For example, we can laugh at a "party" or some other social gatherings in order to just go along with the "flow", but it doesn't necessarily mean that we are happy.

Topic: Food and cooking

Q. What kinds of food do you like to eat?

Q. What kind of new food would you like to try? [Why?]

Q. Do you like cooking? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What was the last meal you cooked?

Q. Do you prefer home-cooked food or food from restaurants? [Why?]

Q. What kinds of food do you like to eat?

Answer: I like to eat pretty much all kinds of food whether they are European, American or Oriental. But, since I am an "Aussie", I mostly like to eat meat or fish no matter what kind

of dishes I am being offered to eat. However, my favourite dishes are chicken parmigiana, a classic Aussie chicken dish, and a burger with “the lot” with lots of “goodies” in it.

Q. What kind of new food would you like to try? [Why?]

Answer: I have heard a lot about Indian foods, and I would really like to try them sometimes because, as I have heard, they are not really fatty like the other food. Besides, I would like to try them also because they taste really good because of using different kinds of spices in perfect combination, and the dish I would really like to try is “palak chicken curry” made with spinach and chicken.

Q. Do you like cooking? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Cooking is like a great hobby to me, and I do like to cook once in a while as it allows me to cook my favourite dishes just the way I like them! Besides, I like to cook also because it allows me to be creative and indulge in some “fun and play” time by getting busy chopping, stirring and tasting. Finally, I like cooking because it gives me an opportunity to express my love and care for them.

Q. What was the last meal you cooked?

Answer: The last meal I cooked was a chicken parmigiana, which is one of my favourites, about a week ago. Of course, it took me a while to prepare the food, but it was just perfect in its taste and texture at the end of the day.

Q. Do you prefer home-cooked food or food from restaurants? [Why?]

Answer: While I enjoy eating at restaurants from time to time, I certainly prefer home-cooked foods primarily because they are usually more healthy with less fat and more nutritional value. Besides, eating at restaurants can be expensive. Finally, enjoying a home-cooked meal over dinner with family members, while enjoying laughs and chats with them, is way better than eating some food, and being surrounded by some completely unknown faces.

Topic: Daily Routine

Q. What would you like to change in your daily routine?

Q. Are all your days the same?

Q. Tell me about your typical weekday and your typical weekend.

Q. What is the balance of work/study and free time in your normal day?

Q. What would you like to change in your daily routine?

Answer: Spending too much time watching too much television after coming back from my work has become like a daily routine to me for the last several months, and I would really like to change it. It is not that only my wife dislikes this terrible routine, I also dislike it a lot because this extra television-watching habit/routine doesn't allow me to have enough sleep at the end of the night.

Q. Are all your days the same?

Answer: No, all my days are not the same just like a day in the winter time and a day during the summer season are not

the same. And, as a result, I remain happy some of the days while “not-so” happy during the others. Also, some days, I become very productive at my work while some other times, I only wish that I could be more “productive.”

Q. Tell me about your typical weekday and your typical weekend.

Answer: My typical weekday starts with paying little “tribute” to my “Goddess” mother (which I do every day regardless of the weekday or the weekend). Then after taking my shower and breakfast, I hit the road on my motorbike to go to my work and arrive there at around 9 am. I finish my work at around 6 pm and then go to a nearby local marketplace to buy some fresh groceries and meats and fish. By the time, I return home, it is almost 8 pm in the evening. I finish my meal after that and immediately start watching TV and continue watching it until I go to bed after midnight most of the days.

My weekends are pretty much the same as the weekdays except I don’t go to work on the weekends. Of course, sometimes, during the weekend, I do take my wife and family out to a nearby park or restaurant to enjoy some quality time together.

Q. What is the balance of work/study and free time in your normal day?

Answer: I like to believe that my work life and free time for leisure and other activities in a normal day are pretty balanced since I almost always have enough time at my disposal, after my work hours, in order to interact with my

family members and attend other important things, like doing grocery shopping and worshipping at temples.

Topic: Travelling to work or college

Q. How do you usually travel to work or college? [Why?]

Q. Have you always travelled to work/college in the same way? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What do you like about travelling to work/college this way?

Q. What changes would improve the way you travel to work/college? [Why?]

Q. How do you usually travel to work or college? [Why?]

Answer: I usually travel to work on my motorbike since I live in a remote village area where we don't really have any reliable public transportation system to commute back and forth from our work. Besides, I like my little motorbike as it is convenient to use, and I can park it anywhere very easily.

Q. Have you always travelled to work/college in the same way? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I have always travelled to my work in the same way with my bike mainly because using a bike is very convenient for me since I have the freedom to go anywhere at my own pace. Besides, I have found out that travelling on my bike costs me significantly lesser than travelling on a public bus which, by the way, is not very reliable because of the poorly-built roads in the area where I live.

Q. What do you like about travelling to work/college

this way?

Answer: The best thing, which I really like about travelling with my little motorbike, is that I can reach my destination within a short period of time which certainly wouldn't be possible if I was to commute by a bus. Besides, after finishing my office work, I have to go to different places sometimes, such as visiting my relatives and doing grocery shopping, and doing those things on time would be really difficult for me if I didn't have my bike with me.

Q. What changes would improve the way you travel to work/college? [Why?]

Answer: As far as changes are concerned, I would certainly like to see a much better public transportation system in the area where I live because, sometimes, on rainy days, it becomes really difficult and dangerous to commute on a motorbike. Besides, the roads in my area need to be rebuilt since they haven't been repaired or rebuilt in a long time.

Topic: Cold weather

Q. Have you ever been in very cold weather? [When?]

Q. How often is the weather cold where you come from?

Q. Are some parts of your country colder than others? [Why?]

Q. Would you prefer to live in a hot place or a cold place? [Why?]

Q. Have you ever been in very cold weather? [When?]

Answer: I live in the Southern Bhutan area bordering India where the weather is hot and humid with the effects of a monsoon season. However, I did live in very cold weather for

some time when I visited the northern part of Bhutan, bordering with Tibet, in order to live with my paternal aunt for some time when I was about a 10 years old boy almost 16 years ago. Of course, I loved the snow there, but it was just way too cold for me probably because I am born and raised in a different kind of weather.

Q. How often is the weather cold where you come from?

Answer: Where I live in Bhutan, the weather remains cold for about 3 to 4 months from Mid-November to February, sometimes stretching till the month of March. However, our winter period can be really dry where temperatures can vary from 10 degree Celsius to 25 degree Celsius.

Q. Are some parts of your country colder than others? [Why?]

Answer: Bhutan is a rather small country, but its temperatures can vary extremely from the North to the South as well as valley to valley, depending on the elevation. For example, the northern part of Bhutan, bordering with Tibet, can be extremely cold, and can be covered with snow because it sits on a rather high altitude while the western, eastern and, central Bhutan (cities like Ha, Paro, Thimphu, Wandue, Tongsa, Bumthang, Trashi Yangtse, Lhuntse) mostly experience European-like weather because of its little lower altitude where winter typically lasts from November to March.

Q. Would you prefer to live in a hot place or a cold place? [Why?]

Answer: Sometimes, I feel cold even during the summer time

(probably because of my low body temperature, I suppose). Therefore, the hotter the weather is, the better it so for me. Besides, I feel that putting on too many clothes every time I go out, and then taking them off after coming back home, is just a terrible waste of time. Then again, I could be wrong too about this “whole practice” of changing clothes!

Topic: Keeping in contact with people

Q. How do you usually contact your friends? [Why?]

Q. Do you prefer to contact different people in different ways? [Why?]

Q. Do you find it easy to keep in contact with friends and family? [Why/Why not?]

Q. In your country, did people in the past keep in contact in the same ways as they do today? [Why/Why not?]

Q. How do you usually contact your friends? [Why?]

Answer: I usually contact my friends by phone or email if they are far from me because it is more convenient and easy than meeting them in person. However, if my friends live within the close proximity of where I live, I always try to meet them in person because the practice helps create a stronger bond of friendship.

Q. Do you prefer to contact different people in different ways? [Why?]

Answer: No, I don't try to contact different people in different ways. My preferred method of contacting people, be they my friends, family members or relatives, is to call them on their phones because it helps me to convey my message and

feeling in a more direct and effective manner. Of course, if there is a situation where no phone number is listed to reach, and if somebody prefers me to contact him/her by email for more formal reasons, then I don't mind using email to contact them.

Q. Do you find it easy to keep in contact with friends and family? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: With the advent of mobile phones and the internet, contacting friends and families has certainly become very, very easy. In fact, contacting with friends and family has become much more personal also these days because we can not only talk with them but also "view" them at the same time on our phones or computers, no matter whether they live next door or in another corner of the world.

Q. In your country, did people in the past keep in contact in the same ways as they do today? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: No, people in my country didn't exactly keep in contact with each other in the same ways in the past as they do today. In fact, in the past and before the arrival of smartphones and the internet, people used to contact each other via postal mail and land phones. And, if there was a situation where one would need to contact others on an urgent basis in the past, people would choose to take the help of "telegram" as well.

Topic: Visitors

Q. What would you suggest a visitor should see and do in your country?

Q. Are there any traditional arts or music you would recommend?

Q. Tell me about the kind of foreign visitors or tourists who go to your country.

Q. In what ways has tourism changed your country?

Q. What would you suggest a visitor should see and do in your country?

Answer: Bhutan is a very beautiful country to visit, and there are just too many things to do there. Once you visit this Himalayan country, you will be able to see some of the most beautiful and, of course, the tallest mountain ranges in the world apart from the Himalayas. One can also see beautiful forests and ancient Buddhist architectural sites.

Once arriving in Bhutan, one chooses to do a lot of things, but one thing which almost everybody wants to do is to hike The Tiger's Nest Monastery (Paro Taktsang), which certainly is one of Bhutan's most iconic landmarks and is located at the side of a steep cliff wall in the Paro valley. But, if you are really into learning about the festivals of the Bhutanese people, you can always enjoy some religious festivals (called "Tsechus") from up close. You can also meet the locals and enjoy their traditional foods.

Q. Are there any traditional arts or music you would recommend?

Answer: Bhutanese arts, culture, traditions and music are well-rooted in the religion of Buddhism. As far as music is concerned, I would recommend folk songs (traditional music)

which can be classified as Zhungdra and Boedra. Zhungdra is sung by the use of extended vocal tones and a relatively simple instrumental melody. I would also recommend the "Cham" dance which involves a series of masked dances by wearing colourful costumes during religious festivals.

Q. Tell me about the kind of foreign visitors or tourists who go to your country.

Answer: Most tourists, who come to visit Bhutan, arrive on a short-term basis, and they are mostly nationals of Asian countries, followed by Europeans and Americans. Since tourism began in Bhutan in 1974, the number of visitors to this Himalayan country has only increased with 260,000 people arriving in the year of 2018.

Q. In what ways has tourism changed your country?

Answer: Tourism has changed Bhutan in many ways. Because of tourism, seeing teenagers in jeans and hooded sweatshirts, smoking cigarettes, instead of wearing the traditional Gho (a knee-length robe) is a normal phenomenon these days. It is because of tourism that Bhutan has seen better roads being built, instructions in English for schoolchildren is being mandated, as well as the television network and the Internet service being introduced.

Topic: Travelling

Q. How did you reach the examination centre? [Why?]

Q. Do you like travelling? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. How do you usually travel? [Why?]

Q. What are the most common types of transportation run on the streets in your country?

Q. Which types of transportation do people in your country often use to move?

Q. How did you reach the examination centre?

Answer: The examination centre is far from where I live. So, I had to take a bus to reach the examination centre by road. I chose to take a bus to reach here quickly. As I do not own a personal car, I often rely on public transport like buses and trains to commute.

Q. Do you like travelling? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I do like travelling, whenever I get an opportunity, to see what my country and the rest of the world have in store for us. So far, I have travelled to India, Nepal, Turkey, Malaysia and Bangladesh outside of my country. I like to travel because it allows me to explore new places, cultures and landscapes. It allows me to step outside of my comfort zone, discover new experiences and learn new things. Finally, travelling gives me a break from my daily routine and allows me to relax and unwind.

Q. How do you usually travel? [Why?]

Answer: I usually travel by road on a bus unless I am going to nearby places in which cases, I usually walk or ride a bicycle. In case I am travelling to a foreign country, then I, of course, take a plane. I like to walk and use a bicycle because they help me keep fit. I also use buses to travel long distances because they are cheap and convenient.

Q. What are the most common types of transportation

run on the streets in your country?

Answer: The most common types of transportation in my country are public buses and Taxis. We also do have a railway system and the government is planning to expand our water transportation system.

Q. Which types of transportation do people in your country often use to move?

Answer: People mostly use public buses and four-wheel-drive pickups to move around. A large number of them use their own bicycles and motorbikes while affluent people use private cars.

Topic: Television programmes

Q. Where do you usually watch TV programmes/shows?

[Why?/Why not?]

Q. What's your favourite TV programme/show? [Why?]

Q. Are there any programmes/shows you don't like watching?

[Why?/Why not?]

Q. Do you think you will watch more TV or fewer TV programmes/shows in the future? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. Where do you usually watch TV programmes/shows? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: I usually watch TV programmes and shows at my home after I return from the office. It provides a comfortable and relaxing environment where I can unwind and enjoy my favourite shows without any distractions. Being at home allows me to have control over the viewing experience, such

as adjusting the volume, choosing the seating arrangement, and having access to snacks and beverages.

Q. What's your favourite TV programme/show?

[Why?]

Answer: I have a few favourite TV programmes and shows that I enjoy watching. Recently, I have been captivated by popular series like "Altered Carbon", "Stranger Things", "Westworld" and "Breaking Bad." Additionally, I find educational programs on History channels and Discovery channels intriguing. Moreover, documentaries on platforms like Netflix have caught my interest due to their informative and thought-provoking content. I appreciate these shows for their engaging storytelling, well-developed characters, and high production quality.

Q. Are there any programmes/shows you don't like watching? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: While I enjoy a wide range of TV programmes and shows, there are certain genres and types that I don't particularly enjoy watching. I tend to avoid poorly made and directed movies, as they often lack compelling narratives and fail to engage my interest. Additionally, I'm not a fan of horror films as they can be too intense or unsettling for my personal preference. However, everyone's tastes differ, and what may not appeal to me might be enjoyable for others.

Q. Do you think you will watch more TV or fewer TV programmes/shows in the future? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: In the future, I believe I might watch fewer TV programmes and shows. With the advancements in technology and the availability of online streaming platforms, the way we consume entertainment is evolving. I anticipate that I may allocate more time to other activities such as

reading, pursuing hobbies, or engaging in outdoor pursuits. However, I still appreciate the value of well-crafted storytelling and quality television, so I'm likely to continue enjoying my favourite programmes, albeit in a more balanced and selective manner.

Topic: Your neighbourhood

Q. Do you like the neighbourhood you live in? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What do you do in your neighbourhood in your free time? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What new things would you like to have in your neighbourhood [Why/Why not?]

Q. Would you like to live in another neighbourhood in your town or city? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you like the neighbourhood you live in? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I do like the neighbourhood I live in. It's a peaceful and well-established residential area with beautiful surroundings. The community is friendly, and I feel safe and comfortable here. Additionally, it offers convenient access to essential amenities like grocery stores, parks, and schools, which makes it an ideal place to live.

Q. What do you do in your neighbourhood in your free time? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: In my free time, I often take leisurely walks or bike rides around the neighbourhood. It allows me to enjoy the pleasant scenery, get some exercise, and unwind from daily routines. I also take the opportunity to interact with

neighbours, participate in local events, or engage in activities at nearby recreational facilities.

Q. What new things would you like to have in your neighbourhood [Why/Why not?]

Answer: While I appreciate the existing amenities in my neighbourhood, it would be great to have more community spaces or gathering areas. It could be a community centre where residents can socialize, organize events, or participate in workshops. This would further strengthen the sense of community and provide additional opportunities for people to connect and engage with one another.

Q. Would you like to live in another neighbourhood in your town or city? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Currently, I am content with my neighbourhood and have no immediate desire to move elsewhere within the city. I have established relationships with my neighbours, and I am familiar with the surroundings. However, in the future, if there are opportunities for personal or professional growth in a different neighbourhood, I would be open to considering a change of residence.

Topic: Clothes

Q. How important are clothes and fashion to you? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What kind of clothes do you dislike? [Why?]

Q. How different are the clothes you wear now from those you wore 10 years ago?

Q. What do you think the clothes we wear say about us?

Q. How important are clothes and fashion to you? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Clothes and fashion are moderately important to me. While I believe that personal style and fashion choices can be a form of self-expression and can influence how others perceive us, I don't prioritize following the latest fashion trends or constantly updating my wardrobe. I value comfort, practicality, and individuality in clothing choices, and I focus more on wearing outfits that make me feel confident and comfortable rather than simply following fashion fads.

Q. What kind of clothes do you dislike? [Why?]

Answer: Personally, I dislike clothes that are uncomfortable or restrict movement. I prefer clothing that allows freedom of movement and suits my lifestyle. Additionally, I'm not particularly fond of clothes with excessive branding or logos, as I prefer a more subtle and understated style. However, I believe that individual preferences for clothing can vary greatly, and what one person dislikes, another may find appealing.

Q. How different are the clothes you wear now from those you wore 10 years ago?

Answer: The clothes I wear now are quite different from those I wore a decade ago. Over time, my personal style has evolved, and I have become more conscious of my clothing choices. I now prioritize comfort, quality, and versatility in my wardrobe. I have also embraced a more minimalist approach, opting for classic and timeless pieces rather than trendy or fast-fashion items. Additionally, my lifestyle and professional requirements have changed, influencing the types of clothes I wear on a daily basis.

Q. What do you think the clothes we wear say about us?

Answer: The clothes we wear can convey various messages about our personality, interests, and social status. Our clothing choices often reflect our individual style, cultural background, and personal values. For example, someone who dresses formally in tailored suits may be perceived as professional and serious, while someone wearing vibrant and unconventional outfits may be seen as creative and expressive. However, it's important to note that clothing is just one aspect of a person's identity, and it's essential to avoid making assumptions solely based on someone's attire.

Topic: Festivals

Q. Tell me about the most important festival in your country.

Q. What special food and activities are connected with this festival?

Q. What do you most enjoy about it?

Q. Do you think festivals are important for a country? [Why?]

Q. Tell me about the most important festival in your country.

Answer: Malaysia is a multicultural country where people of all religions and faiths live in peace and harmony, and one of the most important religious festivals in my country is called "Vesak day" (or Wesak) to commemorate the Lord Buddha's Birthday which is usually observed during the first full moon in the month of May. To all Buddhist people in Malaysia, this is a very, very important festival because they believe that the Lord Buddha's birth, enlightenment and death occurred on the same calendar day.

Alternative Answer: One of the most important festivals in my country is Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan. It is a significant religious celebration for Muslims around the world, including in my country. Eid al-Fitr is a time of joy, gratitude, and communal gatherings.

Q. What special food and activities are connected with this festival?

Answer: A typical Wesak Day usually begins at dawn at Buddhist temples throughout Malaysia by getting devotees to gather in order to meditate on the Eight Precepts as well as having Monks in saffron-coloured robes chant the sutras in unison. A candle procession is also the highlight of the celebration, and at the same time, offerings of prayers and burning of joss sticks/incense also run in full swing.

As far as the question of special foods, connected to this particular festival, is concerned, well-wishers and devotees do come together, at the end of their prayers, to dine on simple offerings of vegetarian food and drinks while providing the same to the poor and needy. Donations are also made available to the deserving ones.

Alternative Answer: Special food and delicacies are an integral part of Eid al-Fitr celebrations. Traditional dishes such as biryani, kebabs, samosas, and sweet treats like sheer khurma (a vermicelli pudding) are prepared and shared with family, friends, and neighbours. It is also common to give and receive gifts, especially to children, as a way of spreading joy and happiness.

Activities during Eid al-Fitr include attending communal prayers at the mosque, visiting relatives, and exchanging greetings of "Eid Mubarak." Many people also dress in new

clothes, which adds to the festive atmosphere. Additionally, charitable acts such as giving to the less fortunate and providing food to those in need are emphasized during this time.

Q. What do you most enjoy about it?

Answer: What I enjoy the most about the "Visak" is that it manages to bring people from all walks of life in the spirit of "giving" and "charity" in order to help the "less privileged" section of our society.

Alternative Answer: What I enjoy most about Eid al-Fitr is the sense of unity and togetherness it brings. It is a time when family and friends come together to celebrate, share meals, and exchange warm wishes. The festive atmosphere and the joyous spirit are contagious, creating a feeling of happiness and harmony in the community. Moreover, the opportunity to reconnect with loved ones and strengthen social bonds is something I cherish during this festival.

Q. Do you think festivals are important for a country? [Why?]

Answer: I don't just think, but I actually believe the festivals are absolutely important for any country as it helps bring all kinds of different people together so that they could learn about each other and appreciate them, in a world which has seen too much hatred and animosities already towards each other. They spread brotherhood, faith, love, a sense of respect and duty among the people without destroying others' emotions and beliefs.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I believe festivals are important for a country. Festivals serve as cultural landmarks that highlight the traditions, values, and diversity of a nation. They bring people from different backgrounds and communities together, fostering a sense of belonging and unity. Festivals also contribute to the preservation of cultural heritage, as they provide a platform for showcasing traditional arts, crafts, music, and cuisine. Additionally, festivals have a positive impact on the economy by promoting tourism and local businesses.

Topic: Traffic where you live

Q. How do most people travel to work where you live?

Q. What traffic problems are there in your area? [Why is that?]

Q. How do traffic problems affect you?

Q. How would you reduce the traffic problems in your area?

Q. How do most people travel to work where you live?

Answer: I live in Kuala Lumpur where most people travel to work by bus since it is, by far, the cheapest transportation mode in Malaysia. Besides, these buses, fully air-conditioned and equipped with free Wi-Fi, are hard to miss and can be boarded at any of its stops, and has a frequency rate of about 15 minutes.

Q. What traffic problems are there in your area? [Why is that?]

Answer: With the rapid growth of population, urbanization and transportation, traffic problems in the area, where I live, has become a real cause for concern because vehicles run at a snail's pace not only during the peak hours but also during the "off-peak" hours sometimes. These traffic problems are not only causing us to lose very valuable 'working hours' but also causing extra fuel consumption and air pollution in the otherwise clean city of Kuala Lumpur.

Q. How do traffic problems affect you?

Answer: Traffic problems affect a person both mentally and physically. Because of the traffic problems, I actually have to get ready well ahead of my regular travel itineraries in order to allow myself enough time to reach my workplace. Then, by the time I reach my office, I am already tired because of

“struggling” extra time on the roads. Besides, when I can’t reach home after work on time, because of the huge traffic problems again, sometimes, I just don't have enough time to relax in the company of my loved ones.

Q. How would you reduce the traffic problems in your area?

Answer: First, I would try to reduce the number of private cars and vehicles that run on the road, and then increase the number of public transportation to ease the traffic problems in my area. Secondly, I would encourage using bicycles more and more since improvements and construction of the bicycle infrastructure, and the introduction of the urban bicycling program is already underway. Finally, new roads and streets should be built with a better plan in order to connect different parts of the city since we already have enough empty space to be used for building new road infrastructures.

Topic: Family

Q. Do you have a large family or a small family?

Q. Can you tell me something about them?

Q. How much time do you manage to spend with members of your family?

Q. What sorts of things do you like to do together?

Q. Did/Do you get on well with your family? [Why?/why not]

Q. Do you have a large family or a small family?

Answer: I have a small family of 5 people which includes me, my brother, my sister, my father and my mother. We all live together, except my sister, who is married and has her own family now. We enjoy our life as caring members of a small family.

Q. Can you tell me something about them?

Answer: My parents are both retired, and they have raised their family and children really well. My father used to work as a Director at the Agriculture Ministry in our country before retiring from his job about a few years ago while my mother has been a school teacher. Both my parents had lived most of their lives in the countryside before moving to (*...say the name of the city where you live now...*) with us because of our careers. My elder brother is a software developer and married to a lovely lady while my sister lives in another country with her husband. We are a family of great traditional values, and we love and care for each other as best as we can.

Q. How much time do you manage to spend with members of your family?

Answer: In this busy modern life, unfortunately, I don't get as much time as I would have preferred to spend with my family members except during the weekend. Of course, if I ever manage to get back to my home from work earlier than usual, I certainly try to make the best use of the extra time added to my life with my family.

Q. What sorts of things do you like to do together?

Answer: They say that nothing brings a family together more than a great meal. So, as a family, our favourite time also is when we all get to cook some of our favourite dishes and enjoy the food together. And, we do this whenever we get an opportunity, but it happens mostly on the weekends. We also like to enjoy a nice movie, when my sister is around, together during the holidays and at the weekends. By the way, my younger sister has a "bubbly" personality, and she just loves birds. So, whenever she is around, she never forgets to

“force” (to put it jokingly) all of us to join her in visiting her favourite “Bird Park” which is home to pretty much all kinds of birds from all over the world.

However, another thing, that we really enjoy doing together, is when we all get to travel to our hometown which is located far outside of the city. We all enjoy being there as this place reminds us of a lot of our memories.

Q. Did/Do you get on well with your family?

[Why?/why not]

Answer: We are blessed to have such a family where we all get along with each other very nicely primarily because we all try our best not to “impose” anything on the others. Besides, the mutual respect and appreciation, we have for each other, helps us get on well with each other. On top of that, as a great functioning family, I never shy away from sharing my thoughts and experience with all of my family members which always helps us to put things in proper perspective. Finally, we never stop offering “gifts” to express our love for each other because “gifts” help build a stronger bond among the family members in my opinion.

Topic: Your friends

Q. Do you prefer to have one particular friend or a group of friends? [Why?]

Q. What do you like doing most with your friend(s)?

Q. Do you think it’s important to keep in contact with friends you knew as a child? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What makes a friend into a good friend?

Q. Do you prefer to have one particular friend or a group of friends? [Why?]

Answer: Having one friend is certainly good, but having a group of friends is even better primarily because you get to lean on more people than just one when you are in need. Getting to know different people with different backgrounds and interests helps me to grow as a dynamic person. When you get the chance to learn about someone new, you have a new insight, and you get to experience new things because he/she will almost inevitably introduce you to different ideas and thoughts.

Besides, allowing myself to step out of my comfort zone and letting my guard down with new friends will really help me build up my strengths and confidence which are absolutely essential to succeed in future not only in my personal life but also in my professional life.

Q. What do you like doing most with your friend/s?

Answer: I mostly like to hang out with my friends over a cup of coffee or some snacks that we all like. Then, there are times, when we just love to hit a movie theatre to enjoy one of our favourite movies together. Another thing also, which we really like, is to have some stimulating conversation and/or debate among ourselves about the various aspects of our societies as well as what is happening in our part of the world.

Q. Do you think it's important to keep in contact with friends you knew as a child? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Friendship is like a special "gift" to me, and I try not to take any "friendship" for granted. Therefore, if someone was my friend as a child, I would certainly make every effort

to keep in touch with him because this kind of friendship carries special memories. Besides, when we develop a friendship as a child, we usually do it without any expectation of “personal gains”, and as a result, this kind of friendship paves the way for even a better and stronger kind of bond between two friends later on in our life.

Q. What makes a friend into a good friend?

Answer: I am not really into judging whether someone is a good friend or not. In fact, the very fact that someone chooses to “befriend” me is a matter of great joy and happiness for me. Therefore, I would say that every friend is a “good” friend to me. But, in my opinion, a good friend would turn into even a better one if he or she remains by my side not only during my happy days but also during the 'not-so-happy' days because as they say, “a friend in need is a friend indeed”, and I happen to agree with it wholeheartedly.

Topic: Travel

Q. Do you enjoy travelling? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Have you done much travelling? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you think it's better to travel alone or with other people? [Why?]

Q. Where would you like to travel in the future? [Why?]

Q. Do you enjoy travelling? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Ibn Battuta, one of the world's famous travellers of the middle ages, once said that “Traveling leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller”. Now, I am not too sure if there are any people in this world who don't like to

travel. And I do really, really like travelling whether it is inside my beautiful country or outside of it.

I love travelling because it reminds me of how “unimportant” I really am and my life is to this big and wonderful world in the grand scheme of things. Getting exposure to new places, new customs, new traditions, new cultures and new people can take our life experience to a whole new level by opening our eyes and hearts to new possibilities which just wouldn’t really be possible otherwise. Travelling helps me realize that my life isn’t the only life I could live as I could be anywhere and anybody at any point in time without getting caught up so much in my daily routine life.

Q. Have you done much travelling? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I am not too sure how much exactly is ‘much’, but I think that I have done my fair share of travelling. In fact, having travelled extensively not only inside my own country but also to some Asian, European and North American countries so far, I guess it is fair to suggest that I am a well-travelled person. I have been lucky to travel to these countries mostly because of family reasons, either to see some of the family members who are already living in some of those countries, or to take some of them there for the purpose of providing better treatments. Of course, I am looking forward to the days when I will have to travel to some countries purely for fun and adventure.

Q. Do you think it’s better to travel alone or with other people? [Why?]

Answer: I think that it is better to travel with other people because we should be able to share the fun and adventures of travelling with somebody on the spot. Besides, wandering

around alone in a new place can be a bit tiring and boring sometimes. Friends are like families when you are travelling in a country, far away from your home. So, if you ever are not feeling well, or if you ever get into any "trouble", you know that your friends are there to support you and take care of you, particularly if you are travelling abroad.

Finally, if you are with your friends, you don't really have to worry about planning your trips alone because your friends can help you with this, especially, when you don't know for sure what things/activities are more fun and adventurous than others.

Q. Where would you like to travel in the future?

[Why?]

Answer: I would like to travel to many places in future, but one particular place, which comes to my mind, is Japan. Having carried some of the most interesting cultures and traditions for thousands of years, Japan certainly is one of the most beautiful and clean countries in the world worth a visit. Besides, the people of Japan interest me a lot because of their very gentle and calm demeanour. I would also like to visit Japan as I would just love to witness the Sakura, the Japanese Cherry Blossom and the best in the world, from up close during the spring festival in Osaka which attracts more than 1.5 million visitors from all over the world over the entire 4 weeks of the festival. Finally, the marvellous architecture of Japanese temples, castles and shrines are just too unique and great to be missed.

Topic: School

Q. Did you go to a secondary/high school near to where you lived? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What did you like about your secondary/high school? [Why?]

Q. Tell me about anything you didn't like at your school.

Q. How do you think your school could be improved? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Did you go to a secondary/high school near to where you lived? [Why/Why not]

Answer: Yes, I did attend a high school which was close to where we lived. In fact, it was very much within walking distance which would take me only about 8 to 10 minutes to reach my school at a moderate pace. I attended that high school primarily because of the convenience, safety and security. Having lived close to my high school, it would always be easy for me to commute back and forth from my home without getting tired. Besides, my father had to live away from us because of holding a government service, so living close to high school would provide my father with a greater sense of safety and security for me as I wouldn't need to travel far to attend my school.

Q. What did you like about your secondary/high school? [Why?]

Answer: Getting an opportunity to study in a high school, after passing elementary/primary school, is completely a new experience with new teachers, new books and a new library to be accustomed to. However, one of the best things, which I really liked about my school, was that it had plenty of open space in and around it with a beautiful garden and a lake with crystal clear water for students like us to enjoy during the

breaks in between our classes. Another thing that I really liked was our school would provide funds for us to organize picnics every month so that we could travel to some remote picnic spots (not too far from our school, of course), like in a park or forest site, and enjoy the outdoors while enjoying some delicious meals, cooked by none other than ourselves. Of course, the best thing about my high school was the opportunity, I got, to make friends who I still treasure to this date.

Q. Tell me about anything you didn't like at your school.

Answer: Well, my high school was great for me for the most part except for the fact that I didn't exactly like the idea of wearing the same shirt, the pant and the same shoes every day as instructed by the school uniform policy. Neither did I ever like the fact that my school offered us the same "boring" tiffin every late morning. Another thing that I really disliked about my school was that I had to face more "bullies" than I was perhaps ready to deal with.

Q. How do you think your school could be improved? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Again, I liked my high school, for the most part, as it always tried its best to bring the "best" among us academically. But, it didn't exactly encourage us enough to take part in "extracurricular" activities such as creating a school debate team or culture clubs. So, my high school certainly would need some improvements on those fronts. Besides, some work on fixing and repairing some of the old building structures (by the way, it was a really old high school) of the high school would also go a long way to improve the "looks and sights" of an otherwise great school.

Topic: Weekends

Q. How do you usually spend your weekends? [Why?]

Q. Which is your favourite part of the weekend? [Why?]

Q. Do you think your weekends are long enough? [Why/Why not?]

Q. How important do you think it is to have free time on the weekends? [Why?]

Q. How do you usually spend your weekends? [Why?]

Answer: I usually spend my weekends mostly doing the outdoors like enjoying swimming (on summer days), fishing and gardening. I enjoy these outdoor activities mainly because I spend too much time indoors at my work. Oh, by the way, I also like to go to my favourite restaurant with my friends in order to enjoy some "relaxing and fun" time. I enjoy doing all these outdoor activities because they make me strong, positive and rejuvenated to deal with "all-so-familiar-struggles" of our modern, tough and complicated world.

Q. Which is your favourite part of the weekend? [Why?]

Answer: My favourite part of the weekend is certainly the "morning" when I don't have to worry about waking up early and getting ready quickly to get to work. Then, of course, I also like the part when I don't really have to worry about going to bed "early" or staying up late at night. Even more special are the Friday nights when my mind is pretty much "occupied" with the very thoughts of enjoying a long weekend, waiting ahead of me.

**Q. Do you think your weekends are long enough?
[Why/Why not?]**

Answer: Yes, I do think that my weekends are long enough because it helps me to rejuvenate for the challenges of the next week by allowing me to do the things that I really enjoy. Of course, an extra weekend day would certainly be welcome by many people like me, but I don't see it happening in the near future. So, essentially, whether our weekend is long enough or not depends on how we plan to spend the time.

Q. How important do you think it is to have free time on the weekends? [Why?]

Answer: There is no doubt that work is important, but so is the recreation, families and friends. But, without enough free time, be it on the weekends or some other times, we just won't be able to "recharge" ourselves, nor will we be able to interact with our families and friends enough in order to show them that they really matter in our lives. Therefore, it is absolutely important that we have enough free time in order to ensure a "balanced" life so that not only we can succeed in our professional life but also in our personal life.

Topic: Music

Q. What types of music do you like to listen to? [Why?]

Q. At what times of day do you like to listen to music? [Why?]

Q. Did you learn to play a musical instrument when you were a child? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you think all children should learn to play a musical instrument? [Why/Why not?]

**Q. What types of music do you like to listen to?
[Why?]**

Answer: We all have our own tastes and preferences when it comes to listening to or liking a particular type of music. As for me, I like "soft rock" or mellow music as opposed to hard rock or intense ones. Soft rock is a subgenre of light, melodic, radio-friendly pop (some would say "rock") music which employs clean and highly polished piano and/or acoustic guitar, aided by some bouncy and harmonious bass guitar as well as the smooth and restrained use of electric guitar. I listen to soft rock mainly because of its "ambience" as it creates a relaxed and peaceful atmosphere around me on a subconscious level and thus allowing me to be anywhere I like.

**Q. At what times of day do you like to listen to music?
[Why?]**

Answer: I like to listen to my favourite soft rock at night before going to bed as its mellow and smooth sound, together with a slow rhythm, helps me to get rid of the tiredness of a stressful day.

Q. Did you learn to play a musical instrument when you were a child? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: No, I didn't learn to play any musical instrument when I was a child. I did, however, wanted to learn to play the guitar, but unfortunately, my parents were against it as it would, according to them, impact my studies negatively.

Q. Do you think all children should learn to play a musical instrument? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I do really think all children should learn to play a musical instrument if they are interested in it. They should

learn it because it requires good hand-eye coordination which is crucial to a child's healthy development. Children also need to read the music and then convert that in their brain to the physical part of playing the instrument which helps them develop not only good coordination but also fast thinking. In fact, studies have shown that learning to play an instrument can make a difference in a child's academic performance by helping him/her develop better listening skills.

Topic: Dancing

Q. Do you enjoy dancing? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Has anyone ever taught you to dance? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Tell me about any traditional dancing in your country.

Q. Tell me about some popular dancing in your country?

Q. Do you think that traditional dancing will be popular in the future? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you enjoy dancing? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I don't exactly dance primarily because I am not really good at it. But, please don't get me wrong as I don't have anything against "dancing", and I do like to watch "dancing" but it is just that I never feel the "desire" myself or the passion to "shake" my body at the beat or sound of any music. I guess that it is just not in my "gene". However, I do think that "dancing" is a "domain" which should be left only for the people who know how to dance.

Q. Has anyone ever taught you to dance? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Nobody has ever taught me how to dance because I was never really interested in learning it and nobody in my family was a dancer.

Q. Tell me about any traditional dancing in your country.

Answer: Our country has a rich culture, because of its multi-cultural and multi-racial heritage, with its fair share of traditional dance and music. Malaysia, sometimes referred to as 'truly Asia', has at least 15 different kinds of dances. However, the most popular type is called "Joget" which is a lively dance with an upbeat tempo. It is usually performed by couples who combine fast, graceful movements with playful humour, and it has its origins in Portuguese folk dance, which was introduced to Melaka during the era of the spice trade. Some of the other dances are also a bit more popular than the others, depending on which part of Malaysia you live in.

Q. Tell me about some popular dancing in your country.

Answer: In Malaysia, the Chinese Lion Dance is very popular, and is performed during the Chinese New Year festival. Dragon Dance, another popular dance type, is typically performed to usher in the Chinese New Year. Besides, the Indian Bharata Natyam, a classical Indian dance, is famous in my country which is poetry in motion based on ancient Indian epics. Moreover, I can recall "Bhangra" which is lively folk music and dance form of the "Sikh" community. Then "Zapin" is a popular dance in Malaysia that has its root in Islamic tradition. Finally, "Bamboo Dance" is a highly popular and entertaining traditional dance in which two long bamboo poles are held horizontally above the ground at ankle height, and then they are clapped together to a high-tempo drumbeat.

Q. Do you think that traditional dancing will be popular in the future? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Malaysia is a very diverse country with many traditions and heritage which have survived for centuries. Many traditional dances have also survived for centuries just as they exist today because we, Malaysians, always try to promote and practice them in every kind of celebration and social gathering one way or another. Therefore, it is only natural to assume that traditional dance in Malaysia will become more and more popular in the coming days.

Topic: Animals

Q. Are there many animals or birds where you live?
[Why/Why not?]

Q. How often do you watch programmes or read articles about wild animals? [Why?]

Q. Have you ever been to a zoo or a wildlife park? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Would you like to have a job working with animals?
[Why/Why not?]

Q. Are there many animals or birds where you live? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, there are many animals and birds where I live. I am fortunate to reside in a place surrounded by nature, with parks, forests, and open spaces. This natural environment attracts a diverse range of animals and birds, making it a haven for wildlife. I often spot squirrels, rabbits, and various bird species, which adds to the charm of my surroundings.

Q. How often do you watch programmes or read articles about wild animals? [Why?]

Answer: I enjoy watching programmes and reading articles about wild animals quite often. It's fascinating to learn about different species, their behaviours, habitats, and the conservation efforts being made to protect them. These programs and articles provide valuable insights into the natural world, expanding my knowledge and appreciation for wildlife. They also raise awareness about environmental issues and inspire me to contribute to the well-being of our planet.

**Q. Have you ever been to a zoo or a wildlife park?
[Why/Why not?]**

Answer: Yes, I have been to a zoo and a wildlife park several times. Visiting these places allows me to observe and appreciate animals up close, especially those that I may not encounter in my everyday life. It provides an educational and recreational experience, giving me the opportunity to learn about different species, their habitats, and the conservation efforts in place. Six or seven months ago, I visited Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand during my holidays, and I went to at least two animal and bird parks there.

**Q. Would you like to have a job working with animals?
[Why/Why not?]**

Answer: Yes, I would love to have a job working with animals. Animals have always held a special place in my heart, and being able to work closely with them would be a dream come true. It would give me the chance to contribute to their welfare, promote conservation efforts, and make a positive impact on their lives.

Topic: Job

- Q. Are you working or studying?
- Q. How long have you been working for this company?
- Q. What are your job responsibilities?
- Q. What do you like about the work you do?
- Q. What do you want to change or improve in it?

Q. Are you working or studying?

Answer: I am currently working as a Manager at one of the leading chocolate manufacturing companies in my country.

Q. How long have you been working for this company?

Answer: I have been working for this company for almost 3 years in the same position. However, I have 6 years of professional experience in total.

Q. What are your job responsibilities?

Answer: I have varieties of responsibilities - like, developing a strong working relationship with internal & external partners, implementing and influencing the best practices within the 'Supply Chain' department, facilitating the internal approval process for importing/exporting products and raw materials, and working with third-party transportation groups, distribution centres and store operations team in order to forecast store delivery effectively and efficiently among other responsibilities.

Q. What do you like about the work you do?

Answer: I like a number of things about my job, but it is the "challenge" that I really like about my job the most. In fact, I never have a "dull" moment at my job since I have been given the authority to "try" new things to improve the supply chain process of my company. Another thing that I really like about working at my company is that it makes me feel

“important” since I am allowed to voice my concerns and opinions without any fear.

Q. What do you want to change or improve in it?

Answer: There are plenty of areas in my department which beg for improvements in one way or another. But one thing that I would certainly like to improve is the overall knowledge of our "supply chain Executives" in order to keep them up to date with the relevant rules and regulations of storage, shipping and logistics since we are not only operating locally these days but also globally.

Topic: Health

Q. Is it important to you to eat healthy food? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. If you catch a cold, what do you do to help you feel better? [Why?]

Q. Do you pay attention to public information about health? [Why?/ Why not?]

Q. What could you do to have a healthier lifestyle?

Q. Is it important to you to eat healthy food? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, it is important to me to eat healthy food. I believe that a nutritious diet is essential for maintaining good physical and mental health. Healthy food provides the necessary nutrients, vitamins, and minerals that support the proper functioning of the body. It boosts the immune system, increases energy levels, and helps prevent various diseases. By prioritizing healthy food choices, I can take better care of my body and enhance my quality of life.

Q. If you catch a cold, what do you do to help you feel better? [Why?]

Answer: When I catch a cold, I take several steps to help myself feel better. First and foremost, I make sure to rest and get plenty of sleep. Adequate rest allows my body to recover and strengthen its immune response. Additionally, I drink plenty of fluids, such as water and herbal teas, to stay hydrated and help alleviate congestion. Consuming nourishing soups and warm liquids also provides comfort and soothes a sore throat. I may use over-the-counter cold remedies or natural remedies like ginger and honey to relieve symptoms. Taking these measures supports my body's healing process and helps me recover more quickly.

Q. Do you pay attention to public information about health? [Why?/ Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I pay attention to public information about health. Staying informed about health-related matters is important to make informed decisions about my well-being. Public health information often provides valuable insights into preventive measures, emerging diseases, and recommended practices for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It helps me understand the potential risks, adopt healthy habits, and take appropriate actions to safeguard my health. I believe that being aware of public health information empowers me to make responsible choices and contribute to the well-being of myself and others.

Q. What could you do to have a healthier lifestyle?

Answer: There are several steps I could take to have a healthier lifestyle. Firstly, I could incorporate regular physical exercise into my routine, such as going for walks, jogging, or engaging in sports activities. Secondly, I could focus on

maintaining a balanced and nutritious diet, including a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats. Proper portion control and limiting the intake of processed foods and sugary drinks can also contribute to a healthier lifestyle. Additionally, prioritizing adequate sleep, managing stress levels, and practising mindfulness techniques can promote mental well-being.

Topic: Travelling

Q. Which city in the world you would like to visit? [Why?]

Q. What will you suggest to a tourist who will come to visit your country? [why?]

Q. Why travelling is important?

Q. Have you ever been to a foreign country? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. How do you compare the country you have visited with your own?

Q. Which city in the world you would like to visit? [Why?]

Answer: I would like to visit Brussels, which is the Capital of Belgium. This city is quite distinctive and after I saw a documentary about this city on the Discovery Channel, I made up my mind to visit this city someday. The heart of the city has the ornate Grand Place and many cafes and fast food shops inside the 17th-century guild houses. This city is the symbol of ancient prominence, and the intricate Gothic Hôtel de Ville (town hall) with its distinctive bell tower is something worth visiting.

Q. What will you suggest to a tourist who will come to visit your country? [Why?]

Answer: I would suggest any foreign tourist for visiting the National Museum first. This would be an excellent opportunity for him/ her to learn about our history and tradition. I would also advise this person to stay in the northern rural part of the country to observe some of the historically important sites of the 17th century. The "city centre" in the western part of our capital offers an excellent chance to observe the lively gathering of people from different areas. The main attraction of this place is actually some of the most popular coffee shops in our city and one of the best places to know about the people of our country. The Beach in the city of Graham is another attractive place this person should visit. The exotic food, the tranquillity of the nature and wild beauties of the birds and animals will surely amaze him/her.

Q. Why travelling is important?

Answer: Travelling is, in fact, a unique experience and a great source of firsthand knowledge. Travelling helps us to broaden our horizon of knowledge and deepen our understanding of the world, people and different cultures. Lessons learned from travelling to different places are proven to be quite effective in practical life. Knowledge gained from books is often theoretical in nature while travelling gives us an excellent opportunity to learn about life, culture, history and geography. There is quite an interesting saying that represents the true significance of travelling "The more you will read the more will you learn. And the more you will learn the more places you would want to travel."

Q. Have you ever been to a foreign country? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I have been to several foreign countries including the UK, India, Malaysia, Spain and Nepal. Each

country has its own tradition and infrastructure so they gave me a whole new experience as a visitor.

Q. How do you compare the country you have visited with your own?

Answer: Well, the countries I have visited are quite different from my home country in terms of people, their way of grooming, the language they use, the buildings, the history, the food and many other aspects. While my countries have very few skyscrapers and high-rising buildings, the UK and Spain have plenty of them. The food and people's interactions in these countries were somewhat different. Finally, I am accustomed to all the aspects and ways of life in my home country while these were quite new for me in other countries.

Topic: Birthday celebration

Q. What is your date of birth?

Q. When was the last time you celebrated your birthday?

Q. Describe a birthday party you have attended.

Q. Do you celebrate your family members' birthdays? [Why? Why not?]

Q. What is your date of birth?

Answer: Well, I was born on September 20th 1996. So every year, I celebrate my birthday on the 20th of September.

Alternative Answer: My date of birth is September 14th.

Q. When was the last time you celebrated your birthday?

Answer: I celebrated my birthday last year. My parents do not miss the opportunity to celebrate any of our birthdays! It

was mostly a family celebration where a few of my relatives and friends were present.

Alternative Answer: The last time I celebrated my birthday was just a few months ago, on September 14th of this year. It was a memorable day filled with joy, laughter, and heartfelt wishes from family and friends.

Q. Describe a birthday party you have attended?

Answer: I went to the birthday party of one of my closest buddies a few months ago. Some other intimate friends were also invited to the party. A beautiful birthday cake was made marking the day. The dishes were delicious too. I gave a nice-looking T-shirt and a small perfume bottle to my friend, and he was happy with the gifts. He also received many other gifts on this day. We all enjoyed the party at the rooftop of his residence. It was a memorable event indeed for all of us.

Alternative Answer: One of the most memorable birthday parties I have attended was for my best friend last year. It was held at a trendy restaurant in the city. The venue was beautifully decorated with balloons, streamers, and a birthday banner. The atmosphere was lively, with music playing in the background and people mingling and enjoying themselves. There was a delicious buffet with a variety of mouthwatering dishes and a stunning birthday cake that was the centerpiece of the celebration. The highlight of the party was when the birthday girl made a heartfelt speech, expressing gratitude for the presence of everyone and sharing cherished memories. It was a wonderful evening filled with laughter, dancing, and creating lasting memories.

Q. Do you celebrate your family members' birthday? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Ummm... actually, my parents love to celebrate our birthdays and I love to have those happy events. I have three brothers and sisters and all of our birthdays are celebrated - sometimes at home and sometimes at restaurants. However, my parents avoid celebrating their own birthdays by all means. It was a perplexing issue for me as a child but now I realise why many adults do not like to celebrate their own birthdays.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I do celebrate my family members' birthdays. Birthdays are special occasions that allow us to express our love, and appreciation, and celebrate the milestones in our loved ones' lives. It is an opportunity to make them feel special and show them how much they mean to us. By celebrating their birthdays, we can create cherished memories, strengthen family bonds, and shower them with affection. It's a time to gather, enjoy each other's company, and make them feel loved and valued.

Topic: Songs and singing

Q. Did you enjoy singing when you were younger? [Why/why not?]

Q. How often do you sing now? [Why?]

Q. Do you have a favourite song you like listening to? [Why/why not?]

Q. How important is singing in your culture?

Q. Did you enjoy singing when you were younger? [Why/why not?]

Answer: Yes, I enjoyed singing when I was younger. Singing allowed me to express myself creatively and emotionally. It was a way for me to connect with the music and engage with

the lyrics and melodies of songs. Singing also provided me with a sense of joy and satisfaction, and it was a fun activity to do with friends and family.

Q. How often do you sing now? [Why?]

Answer: I still enjoy singing, and I try to incorporate it into my daily life. I sing in the shower and while driving, and sometimes even when I'm doing household chores. Singing brings me a sense of relaxation and happiness. It allows me to release stress and express my emotions. Additionally, singing can be a form of self-expression and a way to connect with others through shared musical experiences.

Q. Do you have a favourite song you like listening to? [Why/why not?]

Answer: Yes, I do have a favourite song that I enjoy listening to. This song holds a special meaning for me, either because of its lyrics, the emotions it evokes, or the memories associated with it. It resonates with me on a personal level and has the power to uplift my mood or bring back nostalgic feelings. I find great enjoyment in listening to this song and connecting with its message or melody. And this song is by Brian Adams and the title of this song is "Please Forgive Me".

Q. How important is singing in your culture?

Answer: Singing holds great importance in my culture. It is often a fundamental part of celebrations, ceremonies, and traditional gatherings. Whether it's religious hymns, folk songs, or cultural performances, singing plays a significant role in preserving and expressing the cultural heritage of my community. Singing together is also a way for people to come together, bond, and create a sense of unity and belonging. It is a means of storytelling, transmitting values, and passing down traditions from one generation to another.

Topic: Humour

Q. What types of programmes do you find funny on TV?
[Why?]

Q. What types of programmes are most popular in your country? [Why?]

Q. What kind of things make you laugh? [Why?]

Q. Do you like to make people laugh? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. Do you think it is important to have a sense of humour?

Q. What types of programmes do you find funny on TV? [Why?]

Answer: Personally, I do not watch TV that much these days though in the past, it was a great source of entertainment for me. On average, I watch TV for 5-10 hours a week. I find reality TV shows, comedy TV series and celebrity talk show quite funny and entertaining. TV series like 'How I met your mother', and 'The big bang theory' are very funny in my opinion.

Alternative Answer: I find comedy sitcoms and stand-up comedy shows the funnies on TV. I enjoy the clever and witty dialogues, humorous situations, and the ability of comedians to make me laugh. These programmes provide light-hearted entertainment and a break from the daily routine. They bring joy and laughter, which can uplift my mood and help me relax after a long day.

Q. What types of programmes are most popular in your country? [Why?]

Answer: Talk shows, news, and TV series are very popular among TV viewers in my country. Based on a recent survey

published online, talk shows and news analysis are rapidly gaining popularity. I believe that watching the news is quite popular in the whole world. It's easy to watch, provides updates around us, informs us about current events, and entertains us. Unlike other programmes, we can start watching a news programme anytime and we do not need to pay a great deal of attention to grab the information or the theme of it. Similarly, talk shows give us insights into an event and let us know what experts have to say about an event. Sometimes people with opposite opinions and views sit together and analyse something from their viewpoints. Those sorts of programmes are both entertaining and informative, and I guess this is the main reason people in my country watch these programmes more than other programmes.

Alternative Answer: In my country, sitcoms, reality shows, and game shows are quite popular. Sitcoms offer a blend of humour and relatable characters, allowing viewers to escape into amusing storylines. Reality shows offer a glimpse into the lives of real people, and the element of competition or drama adds entertainment value. Game shows engage the audience through interactive participation and the anticipation of winning prizes. These programs cater to a wide audience, providing a mix of entertainment, escapism, and engagement.

Q. What kind of things make you laugh? [Why?]

Answer: I guess this is a tough question to answer as I had to think really hard to come up with an answer to this question. I think a good sense of humour, a funny joke, a funny activity of a child, a comedy movie, a serious attitude of a child, an activity of a pet and hilarious childhood or adolescent memories make me laugh. I love children, especially for their innocence. Sometimes they act like adults and this is an

enjoyable thing for most of the people. A good movie that has a funny storyline or funny characters makes me laugh as I seriously enjoy these types of movies. A sense of humour, an enjoyable and funny joke is also very refreshing and helps me laugh for a while.

Alternative Answer: Various things can make me laugh, such as witty jokes, humorous anecdotes, funny videos, and amusing situations. I particularly enjoy intelligent humour that cleverly plays with language, irony, or satire. I appreciate comedy that offers a fresh perspective, surprises me with unexpected twists, or highlights the absurdities of everyday life. Laughter is a natural response that brings joy and releases stress, and it connects people through shared humour.

Q. Do you like to make people laugh? [Why/ Why not?]

Answer: Definitely, I love to make people laugh. But that does not mean that I act like a joker or a clown or I try to make others laugh all the time. I sometimes tell a funny joke or story which often makes others laugh. Besides, I sometimes mimic someone and that makes my friends laugh. For instance, we had a very funny neighbour and whenever I act like him in front of my friends, they all find it very funny and they laugh quite loudly. I am not sure if I have an acute sense of humour but I believe that this is an important quality to make others enjoy someone's company and laugh a lot with his story and way of presenting a story or event.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I do like to make people laugh. Making others laugh brings me a sense of satisfaction and fulfilment. It creates a positive and joyful atmosphere, strengthens bonds, and helps people relax and forget their

worries for a moment. Humour can be a powerful tool to connect with others, break the ice, and bring smiles to people's faces. Sharing laughter is a wonderful way to spread happiness and create memorable experiences.

Q. Do you think it is important to have a sense of humour? [Why/ Why not?]

Answer: As I have just said, a sense of humour is a great quality for anyone and it attracts others to become friends with the person who has a great sense of humour. Having a sense of humour is a great skill and this quality puts someone stands out of the crowd. A good sense of humour also represents someone's intelligence and wit.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I believe having a sense of humour is important. A sense of humour allows us to find joy in life's challenges and setbacks, to see the lighter side of things, and to maintain a positive outlook. It helps us cope with stress, build resilience, and strengthen social connections. Humour can defuse tense situations, promote empathy, and create a positive atmosphere. It brings laughter, happiness, and a sense of shared enjoyment. Having a sense of humour adds richness and lightheartedness to our lives, making it an essential quality for personal well-being and social interactions.

Topic: Your country

Q. Which part of your country do most people live in?

Q. Tell me about the main industries there.

Q. How easy is it to travel around your country?

Q. Has your country changed much since you were a child? [Why?/ Why not?]

Q. Which part of your country do most people live in?

Answer: German is an urbanized country. In other words, most German people live in urban city areas as opposed to living in rural areas. Anyway, most Germans live in the state of Berlin, followed by Hamburg and Bavaria States. However, of all the states, Bavaria is the most densely populated area.

Q. Tell me about the main industries there.

Answer: Germany is one of the most industrialized nations in the world, and one of the richest in that because of its spectacular industrialization efforts over the last century. Germany is famous for its heavy manufacturing industries, but the main among them are automotive, chemicals, metals (iron and steel), electrical equipment, ships and machine tools.

Q. How easy is it to travel around your country?

Answer: Having one of the best road transportation systems, if not the best, in the world along with one of the fastest and most reliable rail services, Germany makes it incredibly easy to travel around the country at an affordable cost. Besides, Germany also has a very efficient air travelling system in place for those who don't want to travel by road and railway system.

Q. Has your country changed much since you were a child? [Why/ Why not?]

Answer: Germany is not the same country anymore as it was 30 years ago or so. One of the most noticeable changes is, in my opinion, Germany has a more foreign-born population

now than at any time in its history. Besides, Germany has also become more industrialized and developed over the years and playing a crucial role in shaping the future of this world.

Topic: Countryside

Q. Do you like going to the countryside? [Why?/ Why not?]

Q. Why is the countryside usually quieter than the city?

Q. Why do many people prefer to live in the countryside?

Q. Where are the quietest places in cities?

Q. What will the countryside look like in your country in the future?

Q. Do you like going to the countryside? [Why/ Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I like to go to the countryside whenever I get an opportunity because it helps me enjoy the beautiful nature from up close, unlike in a city which is usually very crowded.

Q. Why is the countryside usually quieter than the city?

Answer: The countryside is normally quieter than the city for several reasons. The first probable reason is that people in the countryside choose to live a rather simple and laid-back lifestyle. Secondly, the countryside doesn't exactly harbour buses, trains, trollies, bike shares, light rail, ferries, trams, and more easily accessible ways to travel like in the cities. Thirdly and finally, countrysides do not have a huge number of population, unlike city areas.

Q. Why do many people prefer to live in the countryside?

Answer: Many people prefer to live in the countryside, primarily because it offers them the comfort of living a rather simplistic life in the company of beautiful mother nature. Some people choose to live in the countryside also because living there can be much less expensive and hectic than living in a city.

Q. Where are the quietest places in cities?

Answer: Finding absolutely quiet and tranquil places in cities can be really challenging. However, hospitals and libraries (where people sit and read) could be considered as some of the quietest places in cities. Some people would also argue that public parks and gardens can also be some of the quietest places in some cities.

Q. What will the countryside look like in your country in the future?

Answer: Well, I am afraid to say that the most countryside in my country would become more and more like a city in the near future since more and more modern-day facilities and amenities, like those of a city, would become available in the countryside as well. Due to the population rise at a rapid speed, the countrysides will also become congested and noisy.

Topic: Spending time alone

Q. Do you spend a lot of time by yourself? [Why/ Why not?]

Q. What do you usually do when you are alone?

Q. Has what you do when you are by yourself changed a lot since your childhood? [Why/ Why not?]

Q. Do you think it is important to have time for yourself? [Why/ Why not?]

Q. Do you spend a lot of time by yourself? [Why/ Why not?]

Answer: Not sure if it is a good thing or bad thing, but I don't really get much time to spend all by myself since I spend a significant part of my day at work as well as taking care of other priorities of family and life. So, I would say, I don't spend much time alone.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I do spend a considerable amount of time by myself. I value solitude and find it essential for self-reflection, personal growth, and rejuvenation. Being alone allows me to recharge my energy, focus on my thoughts and emotions, and engage in activities that bring me joy and fulfilment. It provides a break from the demands of social interactions and allows me to reconnect with myself.

Q. What do you usually do when you are alone?

Answer: When I am alone, I usually spend my time watching different kinds of TV programmes. But, if there are no good TV programmes to watch, I either surf the internet to learn about some interesting things or I read a good book or a magazine.

Alternative Answer: When I am alone, I engage in various activities depending on my mood and interests. I enjoy reading books, listening to music, practising meditation or yoga, pursuing creative hobbies such as painting or writing, or simply spending quiet time in nature. I find these activities nourishing for my mind, body, and soul, and they help me relax and unwind.

Q. Has what you do when you are by yourself changed a lot since your childhood? [Why/ Why not?]

Answer: Well, to be honest, I don't recall much "solitary" time when I was a child since I would remain busy playing with my friends most of the time. But, yes, what I do, when I am alone these days, has certainly changed a lot from my childhood days since I am grown up now. Whenever I was alone in my childhood, I kind of felt lonely and bored and tried to go outside or read a comic book. These days, however, I read books, watch TV, do some exercise, browse the internet and so on and don't feel much bored.

Alternative Answer: Yes, what I do when I am alone has changed to some extent since my childhood. As a child, I engaged in more imaginative and playful activities, such as building forts, playing with toys, or engaging in make-believe games. However, the essence of seeking solitude and the need for personal reflection and rejuvenation has remained constant. As I grew older, my interests and hobbies evolved, leading me to engage in activities that align with my changing preferences and provide deeper fulfillment.

Q. Do you think it is important to have time for yourself? [Why/ Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I do think that it is important to have some time for myself because it sometimes allows me to do things that I enjoy. Besides, this "alone" time also allows us to reflect on our life, our activities and our plans in the greater scheme of things.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I believe it is crucial to have dedicated time for oneself. Taking time for oneself allows for self-care, self-discovery, and personal development. I think that it provides an opportunity to recharge, reflect, and reset.

Spending time alone fosters self-awareness, introspection, and the ability to understand and meet our own needs. It also allows for creativity, deep thinking, and the exploration of individual interests and passions. Furthermore, having time for oneself promotes a healthy work-life balance, reduces stress, and enhances overall well-being.

Topic: Walking

Q. Do you go places on foot a lot? [Why?/ Why not?]

Q. Did you walk more when you were younger? [Why?/ Why not?]

Q. Why do some people prefer walking to driving a car?

Q. Do people in your country walk a lot? [Why?/ Why not?]

Q. Do you go places on foot a lot? [Why?/ Why not?]

Answer: Well, the distance, I cover every day on foot is around 20 minutes in order to travel to a bus stop, and I think it doesn't really qualify to be considered as "a lot", as far as I am concerned.

Q. Did you walk more when you were younger? [Why?/ Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I would say that I certainly walked more when I was younger, since I was more energetic back then and I didn't have to always worry too much about "arriving on time". Besides, I did not own a car in my young age and I naturally walked while travelling a short distance.

Q. Why do some people prefer walking to driving a car?

Answer: Well, there could be a couple of reasons for which some people prefer walking to driving a car. The first reason

is that they think that walking is better for their health. Secondly, they don't like to get stuck in bad traffic for a long period of time and they have trouble finding a parking space.

Q. Do people in your country walk a lot? [Why?/ Why not?]

Answer: Well, these days, I don't really think that people in my country walk "a lot" (depending on how we choose to define "a lot" here) because different kinds of transportation are very easily available to them in order to take them to all kinds of places and a large proportion of people own private cars.

Topic: Pets

Q. Do you have a pet or ever had a pet? [What it is/was?]

Q. What kind of pets do people like to have in your country?

Q. What kinds of pets are common in your country?

Q. Do many people in your country have pets? [Why? /Why not?]

Q. Do you have a pet or ever had a pet? [What it is/was?]

Answer: Yes, I used to have a pet a long time ago when I still was a child. The pet, I used to have, was a beautiful-looking parrot.

Alternative Answer: I love dogs and I own a dog for as long as I can remember as my parents also like having a dog as a pet. the dog I have is 4 years old and his name is 'Bull'.

Q. What kind of pets do people like to have in your country?

Answer: Well, to tell the truth, most people in my country

don't really have much of a fascination for a pet. However, the rest of the people in my country, who like to have their pets, would choose cats, dogs, birds and fish as their pets.

Alternative Answer: Well, I don't have comprehensive data to answer this question from a broader perspective. However, from my own experience, I can say that people in my country love to have dogs, cats, fish, ferrets, rabbits, guinea pigs, and hamsters.

Q. What kinds of pets are common in your country?

Answer: I would say that cats, dogs, birds and fish are some common types of pets in my country. Some people choose wild animals, like rabbits, also as their pets.

Alternative Answer: Well, from my experience, I would say dogs, cats, different kinds of birds, freshwater fishes, ferrets, hamsters, guinea pigs and turtles are some of the common kinds of pets in my country.

Q. Do many people in your country have pets? [Why? /Why not?]

Answer: No, as far as I know, most families in my country don't have pets at their homes. I think around one out of ten families, in my country, have pets, primarily because our culture and tradition don't exactly encourage us to have pets in our houses.

Alternative Answer: Yes, I think a large percentage of people in my country have some kinds of pets at their homes. I think it is something to do with tradition, lifestyle and people's choice from generations.

Topic: Cinema /Movie Theatre

Q. Do you often go to the cinema/ movie theatre? [Why? /Why not?]

Q. What kinds of movies do you like to watch? [Why?]

Q. Did you like to go to the cinema/ movie theatre when you were a child? [Why? /Why not?]

Q. Do you prefer to go alone or with friends? [Why?]

Q. Do you often go to the cinema /movie theatre? [Why? /Why not?]

Answer: No, I don't often go to the cinema since I can watch most of the movies, I want, right at my home on satellite television and Netflix. However, watching movies with friends at a theatre is something I enjoy a lot and we do it, let's say, once in a month.

Q. What kinds of movies do you like to watch? [Why?]

Answer: I like to watch almost all kinds of movies except horror, depending on my mood, of course, whether they are action, comedy, war movie, romantic, animation or thriller. However, I prefer to watch the thriller and comedy the most.

Q. Did you like to go to the cinema/movie theatre when you were a child? [Why? /Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I did like to go to the cinema a lot when I was a child. However, I liked it even more when I went to the theatre with my parents during the weekend since they would buy me all kinds of snacks there and we would usually have our dinner outside.

Q. Do you prefer to go alone or with friends? [Why?]

Answer: Well, I prefer to go out with my friends since it would allow me to share the fun of watching a movie with each other and do other activities together. To me watching a

movie at a theatre is more than merely just enjoying the movie as other activities such as hanging out with friends, talking with them and doing other fun stuff are sometimes more attractive.

Topic: Handwriting

Q. Do you have good handwriting?

Q. How did you learn your handwriting?

Q. Do you like receiving hand-written letters? [Why? /Why not?]

Q. How important is handwriting in this era of computers?

Q. Do you have good handwriting?

Answer: I think that I do have good handwriting since I always used to get extra points for my good handwriting when I was attending my elementary and high schools. Besides, my teachers and classmates often praised the way I write. So I like to believe that my handwriting is nice.

Q. How did you learn your handwriting?

Answer: If I remember correctly, I was made to use lined papers and notebooks to practice handwriting again and again in order to learn good handwriting. I was also taught about how to hold a pen and maintain a relaxed grip when practising writing both by my parents and teachers.

Q. Do you like receiving hand-written letters? [Why? /Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I like receiving hand-written letters since it feels more alive with a more personal touch and effort than the electronic mails or emails that we mostly use for written communication these days.

Q. How important is handwriting in this era of computers?

Answer: Unfortunately, in this era of computers, the internet and email, the appeal of handwriting is almost lost since people choose typing on a computer as a mode of communication at offices, schools, colleges and universities. So, I guess that it is fair to say that handwriting is not really that important in this era of computers as it was in the pre-computer eras.

Topic: Future

Q. What job would you like to have ten years from now?
[Why?]

Q. How useful will English be for your future? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. How much travelling do you hope to do in the future?
[Why?/Why not?]

Q. How do you think your life will change in the future?
[Why/Why not?]

Q. What job would you like to have ten years from now? [Why?]

Answer: Ten years from now, I would like to be a successful architect. I have always had a passion for designing and creating spaces that inspire and improve people's lives. Being an architect would allow me to combine my creativity, problem-solving skills, and love for aesthetics. Moreover, I find the idea of shaping the built environment and contributing to the development of sustainable and functional spaces truly fulfilling.

**Q. How useful will English be for your future?
[Why?/Why not?]**

Answer: English will be highly useful for my future endeavours. It is the international language of communication, and proficiency in English opens up numerous opportunities for global interaction, academic pursuits, and career advancement. In today's interconnected world, being able to communicate effectively in English will enable me to collaborate with people from diverse cultures, access a vast range of knowledge and resources, and enhance my chances of success in various professional fields.

Q. How much travelling do you hope to do in the future? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: I hope to do a significant amount of travelling in the future. I believe that exploring different cultures, experiencing new landscapes, and interacting with people from diverse backgrounds will enrich my perspective and broaden my horizons. Travelling allows me to immerse myself in unfamiliar environments, learn about different traditions and customs, and gain a deeper understanding of the world. It is a source of inspiration, personal growth, and an opportunity to create lasting memories, I hope to enjoy this as much as I can.

Q. How do you think your life will change in the future? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I believe that my life will change significantly in the future. As time progresses, I anticipate new experiences, challenges, and opportunities that will shape my personal and professional journey. When I think about the changes that are going to happen in the future, pursuing higher education in a foreign country comes to my mind. Besides, having a relationship, doing a job, travelling as much as I can, making

new friends and being financially stable are some of the changes that I anticipate in my life.

Topic: Sports

Q. What types of sports do you like?

Q. What is the most popular sport in your country?

Q. Do you prefer team or individual sports? [Why?]

Q. Did you play any sport in your childhood that you no longer play? [Why?]

Q. Who is your favourite sports star? [Why?]

Q. What types of sports do you like?

Answer: I have always been a fan of almost all kinds of sports except sports like boxing and wrestling because I find boxing and wrestling to be a bit too violent for my test. Anyway, just to name a few of the sports I like, they are football (soccer), cricket, hockey, tennis, badminton, ice hockey and volleyball.

Q. What is the most popular sport in your country?

Answer: I would say that cricket is the most popular sport in my country, given the huge crowds this sport attracts, followed by soccer and hockey. Of course, some would also argue that soccer/football is the most popular sport in my country.

Q. Do you prefer team or individual sports? [Why?]

Answer: I prefer team sports mainly because team sports encourage interaction with other players and teach them to cooperate, and thus help improve the skill level of an individual team member further, which wouldn't be possible otherwise. Team sports provide more opportunities for us to learn meaningful things such as responsibility, unity, teamwork and bravery.

Q. Did you play any sport in your childhood that you no longer play? [Why?]

Answer: Yes, I did play volleyball in my childhood, which I no longer play, primarily because I have become busy with other priorities of life. Besides, since I have grown up, I have begun to like other kinds of sports instead of 'volleyball'.

Q. Who is your favourite sports star? [Why?]

Answer: Sachin Tendulkar is my favourite sports star because of his mastery skills in cricket, unbelievable innings that helped his team to win, unforgettable shot selections while batting and the magical power in influencing the game with his talent and abilities. Perhaps no other cricketer in our continent has influenced and motivated people to watch or enjoy this sport as he did for years after years.

Alternative Answer: My favourite sports star of all time is Imran Khan who is a former Pakistani cricket all-rounder as well as a former Pakistan cricket team captain. He is my favourite sports star because of his extraordinary cricketing skills, abilities and cricket sense, which turned him into one of the best cricket all-rounders of all time.

Topic: Social media

Q. Which social media websites do you use?

Q. How much time do you spend on social media sites?

[Why/Why not?]

Q. What kind of information about yourself have you put on social media? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. Is there anything you don't like about social media?

[Why?]

Q. Which social media websites do you use?

Answer: I primarily use Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for my social media activities. These platforms allow me to connect with friends and family, share updates about my life, and stay informed about current events and trends, as well as what my friends and relatives are doing.

Q. How much time do you spend on social media sites? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I try to limit my time on social media sites to a reasonable amount and that is not more than an hour or so a day. I know that spending excessive time on social media can be counterproductive and affect productivity. However, I do enjoy staying connected with friends and engaging with interesting content, so I allocate an hour each day for social media interactions.

Q. What kind of information about yourself have you put on social media? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: I am mindful of the information I share on social media. I typically share photos, travel experiences, and personal achievements that I feel comfortable making public. However, I am cautious about sharing sensitive personal information to protect my privacy and ensure online safety.

Q. Is there anything you don't like about social media? [Why?]

Answer: While social media has its advantages, there are certain aspects I don't particularly like. One issue is the potential for excessive comparison and negative impact on self-esteem. Seeing carefully curated posts and idealized versions of others' lives can create unrealistic expectations and feelings of inadequacy. Additionally, the spread of misinformation and online harassment are concerning aspects

of social media that can negatively affect individuals and communities.

Topic: Law

Q. Why do you think law and order are important?

Q. Who/which department is most responsible for enforcing the law?

Q. Should laws be more universal? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. Is there any law you think is too strict? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. How do people in your country generally think about obeying laws?

Q. Why do you think law and order are important?

Answer: Law and order are important and necessary in order to maintain an ideology for a society to be bound together. It defines a set of conducts and norms that one must comply with in order to be considered a part of a civilized group of people who don't undermine the right of other people.

Q. Who/which department is most responsible for enforcing the law?

Answer: The judiciary branch of the government is most responsible for enforcing the law in a society and country. Law and order enforcement agencies like police, army, military and paramilitary forces help the judiciary branch to effectively enforce the law.

Q. Should laws be more universal? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: No, I don't think that the laws should be any more universal than they already are, simply because people in different parts of the world live under different codes of behaviour, religious principles and cultural values, and trying

to force them to live under some so-called universal laws would prove out to be counter-productive.

Q. Is there any law you think is too strict? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I do think that the law which allows the death penalty is too strict. But, then again, it doesn't necessarily mean that a law that is "strict" is always bad. Rather, it could be good for the overall well-being of a society in the long run, especially when the crime rate increases, and at that time, some strict laws ensure the rights of its members.

Q. How do people in your country generally think about obeying laws?

Answer: I would say that people in my country are generally law-abiding citizens, given the mountains of problems and adverse situations the people have to deal with on a regular basis.

Topic: Online Information

Q. Is online information reliable? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. Do you think there is too much information online?

Q. Which sources do you usually use to get information from online? [Why?]

Q. How do you verify if information or news is true that you get from social media platforms?

Q. Is online information reliable? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: In my humble opinion, online information is generally considered to be reliable if they come from an authentic source like a renowned news portal or website. However, in many cases, online information or news may not be as reliable as one would have liked them to be since we are not

always able to separate facts from opinion and fiction especially when they come from unknown sources or from social networking platforms where anyone can share any information or news he or she likes.

Q. Do you think there is too much information online?

Answer: Yes, I would say that there is indeed too much information online since virtually everybody and every entity are free to place all kinds of information on the internet without worrying too much about their authenticity. Moreover, the same information could be found on an overwhelming number of websites and portals.

Q. Which sources do you usually use to get information from online? [Why?]

Answer: Well, it depends on what kinds of information I am looking for. But, in most cases, I try to use the "Google" search engine to find all kinds of information in general unless I know about a specific website or webpage that could provide me with that information. But obviously, after Google presents me with a large number of search results, I try to browse the most renowned and authentic website to extract the information that I need. Anyway, I use Google search engine and Wikipedia because they seem to have answers for virtually everything.

Q. How do you verify if information or news is true that you get from social media platforms?

Answer: Well, as far as I am concerned, I take several factors into consideration to verify the authenticity of the news on social media primarily because on social media platforms anyone can share anything. I consider the sharer (who has shared the post), content (what the topic is about), verifiable source (can the information be corroborated from other

sources?) and age (the age of the account) before relying on news from social networking platforms.

Topic: Swimming

Q. Did you learn to swim when you were a child? [Why/Why not?]

Q. How often do you go swimming now? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What places are there for swimming where you live? [Why?]

Q. Do you think it would be more enjoyable to go swimming outdoors or at an indoor pool? [Why?]

Q. Did you learn to swim when you were a child? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I learned to swim when I was a child. My parents believed that swimming is an essential life skill and a great form of exercise, so they enrolled me in swimming lessons at a young age. Learning to swim not only provided me with water safety knowledge but also allowed me to enjoy various water-related activities throughout my life. I am happy that I learned to swim at a very young age.

Q. How often do you go swimming now? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Currently, I go swimming once or twice a week. I find swimming to be a refreshing and enjoyable way to stay fit and relax. It helps me maintain a healthy lifestyle and provides a great cardiovascular workout. Additionally, swimming allows me to escape the daily stresses and unwind in the water.

Q. What places are there for swimming where you live? [Why?]

Answer: In my local area, there are several places for swimming. We have a community swimming pool, which is easily accessible and offers a range of swimming programs for all ages and skill levels. Additionally, there are natural lakes and beaches nearby where swimming is allowed during the summer months. These natural swimming spots provide a scenic and serene environment to enjoy the water.

Q. Do you think it would be more enjoyable to go swimming outdoors or at an indoor pool? [Why?]

Answer: Personally, I find it more enjoyable to go swimming outdoors. Swimming in the open air and being surrounded by nature create a sense of freedom and tranquillity. Outdoor swimming pools or natural bodies of water offer a more immersive and refreshing experience, especially on a warm and sunny day. The natural light, fresh air, and the beauty of the surroundings enhance the overall enjoyment of the swimming experience. However, indoor pools can be convenient and accessible year-round, providing a suitable option when outdoor swimming is not available or weather conditions are unfavourable.

Topic: Email

Q. What kinds of emails do you receive about your work or studies?

Q. Do you prefer to email, phone or text your friends? [Why?]

Q. Do you reply to emails and messages as soon as you receive them? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Are you happy to receive emails that are advertising

things? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What kinds of emails do you receive about your work or studies?

Answer: I receive various types of emails related to my work or studies. These include project updates, meeting invitations, collaboration requests, academic announcements, and correspondence with colleagues or professors. Additionally, I also receive emails regarding important deadlines, research materials, and administrative information from my educational institution or workplace.

Q. Do you prefer to email, phone or text your friends? [Why?]

Answer: It depends on the context and urgency of the communication. For casual or non-urgent conversations, I usually prefer texting as it provides a convenient way to exchange quick messages. However, for more in-depth discussions or when immediate clarification is needed, I find email to be more suitable. Phone calls are reserved for more personal or urgent matters where real-time conversation is required.

Q. Do you reply to emails and messages as soon as you receive them? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I strive to reply to emails and messages as promptly as possible, but it may not always be immediate. It depends on the urgency and importance of the message, as well as my availability at the time. If it's a time-sensitive matter or requires an urgent response, I make it a priority to reply promptly. However, if the message is less urgent or requires

careful consideration, I may take some time to craft a thoughtful and comprehensive response.

Q. Are you happy to receive emails that are advertising things? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: It depends on the content and relevance of the advertising emails. If the email contains information about products or services that align with my interests or needs, I might find it helpful and welcome. However, if the emails are spammy, irrelevant, or inundate my inbox with excessive promotional content, it can be frustrating and unwanted.

Topic: Fashion

Q. Do you always follow trendy fashion? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. How has fashion changed in your country in recent years?

Q. Is maintaining fashion expensive in your country?

[Why?/Why not?]

Q. Do you think fashion is an important part of our life?

[Why?/Why not?]

Q. Do you always follow trendy fashion? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: No, I don't really always follow trendy fashion, primarily because I am not exactly a very fashionable person. Besides, it takes a significant amount of time to keep following the fashion trend on a regular basis, and unfortunately, I don't have that kind of time to spare in my hand.

Q. How has fashion changed in your country in recent years?

Answer: "Fashion" has significantly changed in my country in

recent years. For example, even a decade ago, I could see people wearing the same dress for at least 6 months, but today, I see them buying new dresses every month or so. Western culture has influenced the fashion sense of many young people in my country and that influence is visible everywhere. Besides, these days, people buy products mostly from famous brands instead of some local brands.

Q. Is maintaining fashion expensive in your country? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I would say that maintaining fashion in my country is expensive these days because different kinds of brands are coming up with new fashion ideas and designs which are not cheap. Besides, better materials are being used to make many fashionable product items which are making the products more expensive than usual. Finally, fashion and style change pretty rapidly in my country due to the frequent changes in seasons and that makes pacing up with new fashion even more expensive.

Q. Do you think fashion is an important part of our life? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: Well, as much as I hate to admit it, the reality is that fashion is indeed an important part of our life since it largely defines who we are and what our social and economic classes really are. Besides, how comfortable and good we feel about ourselves has a lot to do with what kinds of fashions we use.

Topic: Neighbours

Q. How often do you see your neighbours? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you invite your neighbours to your home? [Why/Why not?]

Q. Do you think you are a good neighbour? [Why/Why not?]
Q. Has a neighbour ever helped you? [Why/Why not?]

Q. How often do you see your neighbours? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I see my neighbours quite frequently. We live in close proximity, and our houses are situated in a way that encourages interaction. I often see them when I'm outside in the yard or when we cross paths while entering or leaving our homes. Earlier today, when I was leaving my home, one of my neighbours asked me where I was going, and I told her that I would be taking an exam.

Q. Do you invite your neighbours to your home? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I do invite my neighbours to my home occasionally. Building a sense of community and fostering good relationships with those living nearby is important to me. Hosting gatherings or get-togethers at my home allows us to connect, share experiences, and strengthen our bond as neighbours. Just a couple of weeks ago, I invited at least 6 or 7 of my neighbours to come to my home and enjoy a meal together. We had a great time on that day.

Q. Do you think you are a good neighbour? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I believe that I am a good neighbour. I make an effort to be friendly, respectful, and considerate towards those living around me. I try to maintain open lines of communication, offer help when needed, and ensure that my actions do not disturb or inconvenience others. I have always believed that being a good neighbour contributes to a harmonious living environment.

Q. Has a neighbour ever helped you? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I have been fortunate to have had helpful neighbours. On a few occasions, when I needed assistance with tasks such as moving heavy furniture or borrowing some tools, my neighbours readily offered their support. It was a testament to the strong sense of community we share, and their willingness to help reaffirmed the positive dynamics we have as neighbours.

Topic: Public Facilities

Q. Are there many public facilities in your country? [Why?/ Why not?]

Q. Do you go to a park often? [Why?/ Why not?]

Q. Do you think parks should be free of charge? [Why?/ Why not?]

Q. What public facilities do you use often? [Why?]

Q. Are there many public facilities in your country? [Why?/ Why not?]

Answer: Yes, there are many public facilities in my country. In fact, I would even suggest that most facilities in my country today are public. They are, for example, healthcare, electricity, public transport, public schools and colleges, water supply, public parks, and public libraries.

Q. Do you go to a park often? [Why?/ Why not?]

Answer: No, I don't really go to a park often, even though I would like to, because I remain busy with my work and other things. Besides, the parks, I would like to visit, aren't really very close to where I live which makes it rather difficult for me to visit them often.

Q. Do you think parks should be free of charge? [Why?/ Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I do think that parks should be free of charge because it would offer the residents and citizens an extra incentive to visit the parks more frequently. And, we all know how important it is really for someone to visit a park regularly if he/she wants to remain mentally and physically sound and healthy.

Q. What public facilities do you use often? [Why?]

Answer: Well, I would say that public facilities like public transportation, public water supply, public sanitation and electricity are the facilities that I use as often as on a regular basis. I use them because they are less expensive, convenient and easily accessible.

Topic: Languages

Q. How many languages can you speak? [Why/Why not?]

Q. How useful will English be to you in your future?

[Why/Why not?]

Q. What do you remember about learning languages at school? [Why/Why not?]

Q. What do you think would be the hardest language for you to learn? [Why?]

Q. How many languages can you speak? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I can speak four languages. I grew up in a multilingual environment where we used English and our mother tongue to talk to each other. This exposure allowed

me to become fluent in those languages from an early age. Additionally, I have also studied German and French in school, which has given me a basic understanding of those languages.

Q. How useful will English be to you in your future? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: English will be extremely useful to me in my future for several reasons. Firstly, it is one of the most widely spoken languages worldwide, making it a global lingua franca for communication and business. Secondly, English is the language of international academia, research, and publications, which will be crucial for my higher education and career prospects. Moreover, English proficiency opens up opportunities for international travel and cultural exchange. So I believe that having a strong command of English will enhance my communication skills and broaden my horizons.

Q. What do you remember about learning languages at school? [Why/Why not?]

Answer: I have vivid memories of learning languages at school. We had dedicated language classes where we learned grammar, and vocabulary, and practised speaking and writing in English and French. I remember engaging in various language-learning activities, such as role-plays, language games, and group discussions. Additionally, we had language textbooks and exercises to reinforce our learning. The language teachers played a crucial role in creating an immersive and interactive learning environment.

Q. What do you think would be the hardest language for you to learn? [Why?]

Answer: Personally, I think Japanese would be the hardest language for me to learn. The reasons for this difficulty could

vary. It could be due to the significant differences in pronunciation, grammar, or writing system compared to the languages I am already familiar with. Additionally, if the language has complex verb conjugations, intricate grammatical structures, or a large number of unfamiliar vocabulary, it might pose challenges in the learning process.

Topic: Jewellery

Q. How often do you wear jewellery? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. What type of jewellery do you like best? [Why?/Why not?]

Q. When do people like to give jewellery in your country?
[Why?]

Q. Have you ever given jewellery to someone as a gift?
[Why?/Why not?]

Q. How often do you wear jewellery? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: I don't wear jewellery very often. I prefer to keep my accessories minimal and simple. While I appreciate the beauty and significance of jewellery, I find that I am more comfortable without it in my day-to-day activities. I usually reserve wearing jewellery for special occasions or events.

Q. What type of jewellery do you like best? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: When it comes to jewellery, I have a preference for delicate and understated pieces. I find that small, elegant pieces such as dainty necklaces or simple stud earrings complement my personal style. I appreciate the subtle beauty and the way they can add a touch of sophistication to an outfit without overpowering it.

Q. When do people like to give jewellery in your country? [Why?]

Answer: In my country, people often give jewellery as gifts on significant occasions such as weddings, anniversaries, and birthdays. Jewellery is seen as a symbol of love, celebration, and commitment. It is considered a precious and timeless gift that holds sentimental value and can be passed down through generations. The act of giving jewellery on these special occasions represents the significance and lasting bond between individuals.

Q. Have you ever given jewellery to someone as a gift? [Why?/Why not?]

Answer: Yes, I have given jewellery as a gift on a few occasions. I believe that jewellery holds a special meaning and can be a cherished keepsake. It allows me to express my appreciation and affection towards someone. I carefully select the piece of jewellery based on the person's preferences and the significance of the occasion, aiming to make the gift meaningful and memorable. The last time I gave jewellery as a gift was at one of my cousin's wedding ceremonies almost six months ago.