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1. Describe a tall building in your hometown you like or dislike

Where it is

What it is used for

What it looks like

Explain why you like or dislike it

- I belong to Phagwara, and there are no tall buildings in my hometown.
- Here I would like to talk about the Qutub Minar, which is in the Mehrauli area of Delhi.
- It is used as a tourist attraction nowadays.
- It looks very beautiful.
- It is 73 metres in height or 240 feet tall building.
- The building is tapering towards the top.
- The base has a diameter of 47 feet and the top has a diameter of 9 feet.
- It is the tallest brick minaret in the world.
- Inside the tower there is a circular staircase with 379 steps leading to the top.
- Qutub Minar was built by Qutb-ud-din Aibak in 1200 AD.
- His son in law Iltutmish added 3 storeys in 1820.
- The top storey was damaged by lightning in 1369 and was restored by Feroz Shah Tuglak.
- I visited the Qutub Minar when I was in 10th.
- I really disliked the fact that we could only see the Qutub Minar from outside. Otherwise I like the building a lot.
- We were told that the public access to the staircase had been banned as there was some accident in 1981 in which 45 people including children were killed.
- Our school organised a tour to Delhi.
- We were 40 students and 4 teachers.
- It was a five-day tour.
- We visited many places in and around Delhi.
- We visited the Red Fort, Jantar Mantar and India Gate.
- We did boating at the India Gate.
- There was an International trade fair going on.
- Our teachers took us there also.
- We enjoyed a lot.

2. Ad you saw or read recently

When and where you saw it

What was the advertisement about?

Explain how you felt about it

- Advertisements are ubiquitous nowadays.
- I have seen many ads in my life but the ad I am going to talk about here is of Nokia N8
- I saw this ad on Star News Channel
- Priyanka Chopra is the brand ambassador for this phone.
- I want to buy it because it's a very attractive and beautiful phone and has many new features and applications.
- It has a fully touch screen interface.
- It is available in black, white and silver colours.
- It has a 12 megapixel camera
- It is 3 G enabled
- It has a qwerty key pad.
- It has many other applications such as video player, MP3 player
- It also has latest mobile games
- It has a calculator, alarm, timer, FM radio, calendar and internet facility.
- Its memory is 8 GB
- It has a wi-fi facility
- It has a navigation system
- She is the leading Bollywood star nowadays.
- She is also my favourite actress.
- I have seen all her movies.
- She also anchored the TV show – Khatron Ke Khilari
- I watched this show because of her.
- She has a versatile personality.
- She fits into every role.
- So when she endorses a product, people really want to buy it.
- After seeing this ad I really wish to buy this phone.
- But it is out of the range of my pocket
- I have started saving money for this.
- It is for 24,000 rupees.

OR

An advertisement you like

- Ads are ubiquitous nowadays.
- Ads are all around us on TV, radio, Internet and so on.
- Here I would like to talk about my favorite ad.
- It is of a car, the Nano car.
- It is manufactured by Tata Motors.
- There are numerous reasons why I like this ad.
- Firstly, I like the slogan of this ad.
- It is - Khushion ki Chabi- which means – the key to happiness
- Secondly, the ad is shot in Mumbai and it is a very fascinating city of my country.
- It is picturised in front of the Taj Hotel, which is very famous all around my country.
- The whole ad is very colourful.
- Almost 100 people are there in the ad and all of them are youngsters wearing fashionable clothes.
- The main reason why I like this ad is that the theme and story they create in this ad is just stupendous.
- There is a magician in this ad who changes all the characters from what they are into new personalities
- He transforms a girl into a bold and dynamic girl.
- In this ad the whole atmosphere is of celebration and all are singing and dancing in the ad.
- The most attractive thing about this ad is the background music.
- In this ad all the versions of this car are shown.
- The car is available in many colors, like yellow, white, black, blue and so on.
- After watching this ad I have planned to buy this car.
- The car is not very expensive
- I would buy the deluxe version of this car in white color
- I am saving my pocket money so that I can buy this one very soon
- This car would be very useful for me and my family

3. Website you visit often

- When you found it
- What it is about
- How often you visit it
- Why you like it

- One of my hobbies is surfing the net and I have visited many sites.
- One useful website is yahoo.com.
- My friend told me about this site.
- It is educational, family friendly, safe for kids and adults and above all it is very easy to navigate.
- I check my e-mail regularly on yahoo.com. My e-mail ID is kiran@yahoo.com
- I also have yahoo messenger which helps me to chat online with my friends and relatives who also have this messenger.
- Sometimes I play games online.
- My favourite game is Word Racer.
- It is a vocabulary building game.
- I have learnt many new words through it.
- Yahoo answers is a forum on this site where you can ask any question and you will get replies from all over the world.
- Yahoo maps is a link on this site through which you can locate any place of the world.
- There is also an astrology link on this site.
- You can do a lot of online shopping at yahoo.
- You can search for jobs at yahoo jobs. You can read the latest news and the latest advertisements.
- There is something for everyone on this site. I think this is a complete site in itself.

4. A scenario when you used imagination

- What the situation was
- Why you needed to use imagination
- What the difficulties were
- Explain how you felt about it

- We all use imagination in our day-to-day lives.
- Imagination is a wonderful thing
- When we read a book or hear a story, we imagine the characters.
- We also imagine the situation in our minds.
- In happy times we imagine good things.
- In sad times, all negative thoughts come in our minds.
- Here I would like to talk about a situation when I used my imagination.
- Once I took part in a painting competition in my hometown.
- I was in 10th class, and I represented my school in this competition, which was organised by a local NGO, the J.C. club.
- We had to use our imagination to draw and paint a picture on the theme of – Drug addiction.
- I knew that if we take addicting drugs, our bodies become lifeless and our lives become meaningless.
- I used my imagination and drew two skeletons – one smoking a cigarette and the other injecting itself with a drug.
- I wanted to convey the message that narcotic drugs can turn us into skeletons and our end is near.
- I was overjoyed when my name was called out as the first prize-winner.
- All my friends and teachers who were there congratulated me.
- Our principal announced my name in the morning assembly the next day and everyone clapped for me.
- I was on cloud nine.

5. Meal you would like to have

- What would it be?
 - Where would it be?
 - Whom would you like to share it with?
 - Why it is special for you?
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- I've had many special meals in my life.
 - Some were special because of the quality of food.
 - Others were special because of the occasion
 - And some were special because of the people with whom I shared those meals with.
 - Here I would like to talk about a special meal that I would like to have.
 - It would be dinner at the Rangla Punjab section of Haveli which is a beautiful restaurant in the suburbs of my home town.
 - I would like to share it with my best friend who is now studying in Australia but is coming next week to spend his winter vacation here.
 - Actually his birthday next month and I would like to treat my friend to a dinner at Rangla Punjab.
 - Dinner is very special at Rangla Punjab.
 - It is accompanied by cultural programmes.
 - They serve dinner with traditional Punjabi hospitality.
 - First they serve buttermilk which is followed by salad and light snacks.
 - Then they serve two to three types of green vegetables and some lentil curry and rice with various types of chapatti.
 - During winter they also serve makki di roti and sarson ka saag.
 - Makki di roti is a chapatti made of maize floor and sarson da saag is a dish made of mustard leaves to which spinach leaves can be added.
 - In the end they serve rice pudding and after that some jiggery.
 - I have had dinner several times at Rangla Punjab but I would love to have it again with my friend.
 - This time his company would make the meal even more special.
 - I know he has never been to Haveli so he would also love it.

6. How you prepared for a happy event

- What was the event
 - When it was
 - Who was with you
 - Why you prepared for it
-
- Happy and sad events are part of our lives.
 - I have enjoyed many happy events in my life such as marriage parties and birthdays.
 - Here I would like to talk about a time when I prepared for my brother's (sister's, nephew's or anybody's) surprise birthday party.
 - I vividly remember that day because I had to prepare things in advance, as well as keep things secret from my brother.
 - My parents were with me in this birthday preparation.
 - We invited all his friends and some children from the neighbourhood.
 - It was 26th May and we did not wish him happy birthday in the morning.
 - We all did it on purpose.
 - He was turning 13 that day.
 - We could make out that he was feeling perplexed that we all had forgotten his birthday.
 - Then he went to school and my mother and I started the preparations.
 - My mother has excellent culinary skills.
 - She baked an excellent vanilla cake and many other snacks like cutlets, fries, bread toast and so on.
 - I decorated the house with buntings and balloons.
 - It was real fun.
 - I also prepared gifts for some games I had prepared.
 - When my brother came home from school, we all were waiting for him.
 - I can never forget that surprised and happy look on his face.
 - I gifted him a wristwatch on that day.
 - It was an important birthday for him as he had entered into his teenage.
 - So, we tried to make it special for him.
 - We clicked many photographs on that day.
 - One photograph has come out very nice.
 - We've got it enlarged and laminated.
 - It is hanging in our living room.

7. Describe a country in which you would like to work for a short time

- Where you would like to work
- What kind of job would it be
- When would you like to go
- Why you want to work there

- I am planning to go abroad for my higher studies.
- My dream country for my further studies is Canada.
- I would like to work there for the time that I am there.
- I have heard that students can work part time while studying over there.
- My friend went to Humber College Canada for his Business Management course.
- He told me a lot about the education system there.
- He is working part time in a pizza outlet.
- He gets 10 Canadian dollars an hour.
- He can work 20 hours per week but he can be flexible with the number of hours he can work per day.
- So he works 5 hours on Saturday and 5 on Sunday and two hours per day on weekdays.
- In this way his study is not disturbed.
- He is managing his overhead expenses very nicely.
- I intend to join him soon.
- He has promised to help me find a job there.
- I would like to work in the library.
- Part time jobs in the library get filled up very fast.
- Canada is a beautiful country.
- My friend is in Toronto and he has told me that he has visited many places there.
- He told me about the CN Tower and the Niagara Falls.
- So, I would definitely like to work in Canada for a short time

8. Describe an important building in your hometown.

- Which is the building
 - Where it is
 - How you know about the building
 - Why you think it is important
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- I belong to Phagwara, and there are many important buildings in Phagwara.
 - There is an ancient Shiv Temple and Lord Hanuman Temple
 - Then there is Haveli, which is in the Suburbs of Phagwara.
 - Here, I would like to talk about a Sikh temple, which is dedicated to the 6th Guru of Sikhs, Guru Hargobind Ji
 - It is said that after fighting with the Mughals, Guru Hargobind ji reached here and rested under a tree.
 - People built a gurdwara there in the memory of his visit.
 - It is a beautiful building with a huge hall in which the holy book of the Sikhs, Guru Granth Sahib is placed.
 - Hymns and chants can be heard every morning and evening.
 - There is also a holy pond in which there are many fish.
 - I could spot two catfish the last time I went there.
 - People go to pay their obeisance to the almighty.
 - I also go there once or twice a month.
 - I get great peace when I go there.
 - I love sitting by the pool side and watch the fish while listening to the soothing music coming from inside.
 - It has become a common place for solemnizing Sikh weddings.
 - My cousin's wedding also took place over there.
 - There is a famous college near the gurdwara.
 - This building is important because of its historical and religious significance.

9. Describe a place where you often walk.

- Where is the place
 - How often you go there
 - When you generally go
 - Why you go there for walks
- I love walking and there are many places in my home town where we can go for walks.
- Here I would like to talk about a park where I go very often for morning or evening walk.
- The name of the park is Virender Park.
- It is near my home.
- It is named after Virender Deol, brother of famous film star Dharminder Deol.
- This is the most attractive and well maintained park of my home town.
- It is a big garden having one main gate and two side gates.
- It has a long jogging track that passes along the circumference of the garden.
- This offers maximum length to these who want to walk or jog.
- This park is full of activity in the mornings and in the evenings.
- This is frequented by people of all age groups.
- A number of octogenarians and centenarians of my hometown can be seen here.
- There is an NGO in my hometown which offers free yoga training to people in the morning and evening.
- So people come to this park with their yoga-mat and do yoga here.
- Sometimes I also do yoga with them.
- On one side there are swings and see-saws for children.
- It is so much fun to see little children take turns on the swings.
- There are many trees in the park.
- There are also benches for people to sit and relax.
- People go there to feel closeness with nature and relax after a hectic days work.
- It is a perfect park but I feel if a few more lights were but up it would be better.
- Some dustbins should also be but up in the corner.
- Parks can be called the lungs of the community.
- As it is nowadays we are living in concrete jungles.
- So parks are places to enjoy the greenery of nature.
- They are also meeting places for people of the neighbourhood.
- I meet most people of my neighbourhood there.
- In this way parks also increase the community spirit among people.

10. Describe a local event you attended in your community or hometown.

- When was it held
- How you came to know about it
- Who was with you
- How did you feel about it

- I belong to a small town, Phagwara
- It is a small but famous town on the National Highway
- Many events take place here.
- Few months ago a concert was held by the famous Punjabi singer, Gurdas Maan.
- I came to know about it from our local cable TV news.
- He did this for charity, so the entry ticket was very low
- My friends and I decided to go to the concert
- Gurdas Maan is my favourite singer
- We all reached there well in time because the choice of the seating was on a first-come first-serve basis
- I tell you, it was an electrifying experience
- He sang many songs such as Challa which means a ringlet and Boot Polishan
- Boot polishan is a very meaningful song which lays stress on the importance of labour.
- It implies that it is better to do any work to earn.
- It does not matter whether the work is big or small.
- A person who does a menial work like polishing shoes can also hold his head high in the society because he does not have to beg.
- Another song he sang was Dil da Mamla which means matters of the heart.
- It is a romantic song.
- Gurdas Maan always has his tambourine in his hand when he performs.
- He is a terrific dancer.
- He writes the lyrics for his songs himself.
- He has also acted in many movies.
- We kept on shouting encore! encore! and he kept on performing
- Watching a live performance and that too, of my favourite singer was something that I had never dreamt of
- It was a dream-come-true for me
- Towards the end of the performance we all went on the stage and danced with him
- We even clicked some photographs and captured some videos.

11. Favourite Season or Time of the Year (or Month)

- Which is it
 - When do you have this season
 - What you do in this season
 - Why is it your favourite
- India is a diverse country. We namely enjoy four seasons i.e. summer, winter, autumn and spring.
- Because of global warming summer season is extended and we have summer for almost six months a year.
- My favourite season is however winter.
- Winter lasts from December to February.
- The climate is pleasant, energetic, soothing and dry.
- Another reason to like winter season is that there are a lot of seasonal fruits and vegetables which can be healthy and tasty.
- I also like to wear woollen clothes, which I can wear during this season only.
- I generally go to visit different places in the winter vacations.
- I also look forward to the New year celebrations with my friends.
- Nights are very long in the winters and I love to sleep till late in the morning especially at weekends.
- In summers we sweat a lot and there are so many power cuts, so I don't like summers.
- Trees shed of their leaves in autumn,
- So, autumn is a very gloomy season.
- Spring is also a wonderful season.
- Everywhere there are blooming flowers and the weather is also generally very pleasant.
- But, spring is very short lived.
- It only lasts a month and a half.
- In spring generally my exams are near and so my favourite season remains winter.

12. Describe a friend you had when you were a child

- When was it held
 - How you came to know about it
 - Who was with you
 - How did you feel about it
- I had many friends in my childhood, but here I would like to talk about my best friend Shyam because he is still my best friend.
- He is 20 years old and very handsome.
- He has dark brown eyes and a dimple on his chin.
- We have been friends since school days.
- I met him when I was in the 4th class in the Govt Primary School where I studied.
- At that time he used to be very chubby and had curly hair.
- Now he is very lean and thin and has short straight hair.
- I remember, I used to be very shy and never used to go to the teachers with my problems.
- But, he never had any hesitation to speak to the teachers or the principal.
- In fact, he used to represent the whole class, if we had any problem and needed to talk to our school principal.
- He has no glossophobia and every year he used to represent the school for debates and declamation contests and he won many trophies for the school.
- He always used to be selected as the monitor of the class. In college, now he heads the students union.
- Whenever he talks on any subject, he speaks so well that people listen to him. He can bind his audience very well.
- He is himself very disciplined and he always used to encourage other students to be punctual.
- He used to be very good in studies also.
- He was always in the top five students of the class.
- He used to be in the good books of all teachers.
- I really like to spend my time with him.
- I like him because he is an honest and straightforward person.
- He has a very good sense of humour.
- Whenever I was in trouble he used to come and help me.
- He tried to be very understanding and never fought with me.
- In class I was weak at maths and he used to help me.
- I had a very bad handwriting and he helped me to improve my handwriting also.
- He is a very loving, caring and affectionate person.
- So, he became a very intimate friend.
- Now also he lives near my house and we spend our evenings together.
- We go for movies together, do shopping together and even play together.

13. Describe a small business that you would like to open, (or, start or run or own or have) if you had the chance

- What is the business
 - How you came to know about it
 - When will you open it
 - How will you prepare for it
- I am not sure whether I would do any business in my life because it requires great courage to take the risk of being an entrepreneur.
- But, if I had the chance, I would like to open a beauty salon.
- My aunt is running one and is doing well.
- She did not do much initial investment but added things as her clients grew.
- I would follow her footsteps because I would get some know-how from her.
- Beauty is a growing business.
- Good looks have become very important in today's competitive era.
- My mother tells me that earlier a beauty parlour was frequented only my girls.
- But, today men and women both can be seen in these salons in equal numbers.
- If I start off well, I would add some exercise machines also because I feel that beauty is not just about good looks; a good body is also needed for overall personality.
- Obese people cannot look good by adding layers of makeup.
- I would also hire good dieticians for my salon, to guide my customers about good and healthy eating.
- It has been well said that – 'You are what you eat'.
- My clients would stick with me if I provide them all these facilities.
- I know that I will have to innovative and provide good value for money if I want my business to run well.
- My aunt started two years ago and her client base has grown 10 times. She has expanded and now she also trains budding beauticians.
- If I do this business, I would like to be as successful as she is.

14. Describe an important letter that you received.

- When did you receive
 - Whom was it from
 - What was the content of the letter
 - How did you feel about it
- I don't receive any traditional letters these days.
- All I receive and send are short e-mails to relatives and close friends.
- But about two months ago my friend, Mohan wrote a four page letter to me.
- It was a very pleasant surprise to receive that letter.
- Actually, Mohan went last year to pursue his higher education in Canada.
- He got 7 bands in IELTS and he went to Humber College to do a course in Business Management.
- Actually, in that letter he persuaded me to take the IELTS test and join him in Canada.
- He wrote in depth about his life there.
- It took him two months to get adjusted to the new atmosphere in Canada.
- Initially he faced a lot of problems.
- He is a pure vegetarian and he wrote that veg. food outlets were very few near where he lived.
- He wrote that students are allowed to work 20 hours a week. In this way they can earn for their living expenses.
- He tried finding some part time jobs but the other new students were smarter than him and by the time he actively started searching for a job, all the good jobs were gone.
- Then, after two months, by a stroke of luck he got a job in the college library.
- It is a data entry job and he can study also when he gets time.
- He wrote that after getting this job he heaved a sigh of relief.
- Now he is very comfortable and is making enough money to meet his overhead expenses.
- The education system in Canada is also very good.
- He wrote that he was in the good books of his teachers and was getting good grades in exams.
- Mohan has a beautiful handwriting and this letter is full of his love for me.
- I have read and re-read his letter several times.
- This letter is important because after receiving this letter I decided to take my IELTS and this letter is the reason that I am here in front of you today for my IELTS speaking test.

15. Describe a good law in your country.

- What is the law
 - How you came to know about it
 - What is its importance
 - How do you feel about it
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- There are various laws imposed by the government from time to time.
 - All these laws are for the benefit of the society in general.
 - Without these laws we would be living in utter chaos.
 - The law I am going to talk about here is 'Ban on smoking in public places'.
 - This law was made effective from 2nd October 2008
 - It is the birth date of father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi
 - In this law, smoking is strictly prohibited in public places , such as hospitals, courts, bus stops, cinema halls and so on
 - If any person is caught smoking in public places, he can be fined Rs. 200
 - Smoking is very bad for health
 - It is bad for the smoker and also for the passive smoker
 - Passive smokers are those who don't smoke themselves but inhale the smoke given out by the smoker.
 - If a pregnant woman does passive smoking then the child can be born with defects
 - There are many diseases caused by smoking like
 - Lung cancer
 - Chest infections like Coughs (bronchitis)
 - Recently during an IPL cricket match Shah Rukh Khan was caught smoking and he had to pay fine and also had to apologise.
 - It is a pity that our celebs who are role models for people ignore such laws.
 - We should all realize that these policies or laws are for our own benefit and only if we follow them we can help the government maintain law and order and make our country a better place to live in.
 - There are many other laws which are good such as wearing a helmet while riding a two wheeler, fastening the seat belt while driving a car and so on but the law of ban on smoking in public places is one of the best laws.

16. Describe a famous person you would like to meet.

- Who is the person
- How you came to know about him/her
- Why would you like to meet him/her
- How would you feel if you get to meet him/her

- I would like to meet many famous people but here I am going to talk about India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi
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- Or
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- A person I admire the most is our Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- He is the first Prime Minister who was born in Independent India, that is, post 15 August 1947
- He is a dynamic and development oriented leader.
- He represents Varanasi constituency in the Lok Sabha.
- He has been the Chief Minister of Gujarat for four consecutive terms.
- The reason why I admire him is that his life shows how an ordinary boy from a deprived (poor) class could reach the highest levels of the nation
- I really appreciate his initiatives like Swachh Bharat Abhayan, Make in India. I believe these programs will help establish India's presence among the developed nations.
- His other programs such as Mann ki Batt shows how good he is at governance.
- He is a kind of leader who practices what he preaches. For example, we have seen him promoting Yoga by celebrating International Yoga day but many people don't know that he himself does Yoga every morning.
- His focus on development, eye for detail and efforts to bring a qualitative difference in the lives of the poorest of the poor have made him a popular and respected leader across.
- He is a role model for one and all.
- I would like to meet him and seek his blessings
- I would like to get his autograph
- Every country needs people like him to take their nation to the top.

17. Describe a library that you have used. (A public library or a university or school library)

- Where is it
 - How you came to know about it
 - When did you go there first time
 - How did you feel about it
- I have not visited many libraries.
- There was one library in my school/college which I used to frequent often.
- But here I would like to talk about a special library which is in my hometown.
- Its name is Guru Nanak Library and it is run by an NGO.
- I went there with my friend Ravi about two months ago.
- It is a circular building with about 30,000 books.
- All categories of books are kept in different shelves and are easy to locate.
- Two librarians are permanently appointed there to help people searching for books.
- Apart from books there are also about 10 computers and an internet connection.
- Anybody with an authentic ID proof can become a member of the library.
- The membership is free but if you want to get books issued you have to deposit a security.
- I was really impressed by all these facilities.
- I felt very good that my small hometown has such a well-equipped library.
- I also came to know that if any book is not there, you can place a demand and they make that book available.
- My friend and I also had coffee there. There is a café just next to the library and you are allowed to carry your coffee inside the library and sip your coffee while enjoying the books.
- Most of the daily newspapers and weekly and monthly magazines are available there.
- I was happy to see the employment news over there.
- I am sure I will become a regular member of this library in the near future.
- So this is the library I visited recently.

18. Describe someone you know who you think is a good parent.

- Who is he/she
- How you came to know about him/her
- Why you think that person is a good parent

- My own parents are the best parents in this world.
- Both my mother and father are very good but here I would like to talk about my friend Sapna's mother.
- I know her very well because she is my best friend's mother
- Her name is
- She is years old.
- She is not very tall but very beautiful.
- Her hair has started graying but she doesn't colour or dye her hair.
- She believes in the three Gs – go grey gracefully
- She generally wears traditional Punjabi suits.
- Actually, they are our neighbours.
- Sapna tells me she has done a lot for her.
- She told me how she sat beside her for the whole night when she had fever.
- She does everything she can to make her family's life comfortable.
- She has excellent culinary skills.
- I have also learnt a lot of kitchen work from her because I go to their house very often.
- I am impressed by her because she treats Sapna like a friend.
- Sapna discusses everything with her and like a friend she listens nicely.
- Even I can share all my secrets with her. She is very friendly with me also.
- I always feel that a good parent should be friendly but firm.
- She knows very well when to be strict and when to give room to her children.
- That is why I can say that she is a good parent.
- She always keeps an eye on Sapna's friends circle even when she appears to be busy.
- All people in our neighbourhood respect and adore her.
- She is very soft-spoken and I have never heard her speak harsh words to anyone.
- She has a good sense of humour.
- She can lighten up any tense situation by cracking some jokes.
- Sapna tells me that normally she makes her do some household chores but whenever it is exam time then she never disturbs Sapna.
- She is the best parent one can have.

19. Describe an indoor game that you liked to play when you were a child.

- What is it
 - With whom did you play
 - How often you played it
 - How did you feel about it
- I've played several games, both indoor and outdoor games, and still try to play whenever I get time.
- Among those games, I enjoyed playing chess more than others.
- Chess is an indoor game where two players participate.
- This game does not involve any major physical movements like other outdoor games but a chess player has to use his/her brain and make game plans to defeat the opponent.
- I mostly play this game with my friends and cousins.
- Sometimes I play it with my father and senior relatives.
- Since playing chess requires only placing the board on a surface and sitting position of the two participating players, it is convenient to play chess almost anywhere.
- I mostly play it at our veranda, garden or bedroom.
- I enjoy this game because I have a fascination about this game from my childhood and I really like the overall theme and brainstorming involved in this game.
- It's a thought provoking game that gives the participating players to use their brains.
- A player can apply his/her strategy, and then allure the opponent to fall in a trap, which is much like a real battlefield.
- It's not a game where someone would only use the physical movements rather the game requires perfect game plan, finding weakness of the opponent and a battle strategy.
- This game gives you a feel of being the King of a regime where you decide your countrymen's fate.
- For all these reasons this is a very interesting and enjoyable game to me.

20. An incident when you forgot an appointment

- What meeting was it
 - When was it
 - What did you do about it
 - How did you feel later
- Well, I usually do remember things as I have got a good memory but sometimes I tend to forget even important things if my life is already disturbed.
- I remember an incident when I forgot my appointment with the dentist.
- It was during the time of placements in college and we all were very nervous and preparing for it.
- There were placement classes going on and other things were at high priority list.
- It was during this time, I forgot to visit my dentist.
- I had braces on my teeth and the dentist used to change the bands on them every month.
- But during that time I was really stressed because of the placements and the dentist appointment totally skipped through my mind.
- Later, I got a call from my dentist reminding me that I had missed my appointment.
- I apologized to him for not being able to reach on that day and asked him for another appointment next day.
- Thankfully his schedule for next day was free and he rescheduled the appointment.
- I also put a reminder on my phone so that I do not forget the appointment again.
- Next day the dentist told me that if I had delayed the appointment further, it would have affected my treatment.
- I realized that this is what pressure handling is all about
- You need to do things and yet make sure that you are still balanced and not missing out on other important things.

21. A place where you go for relaxation

- What place is it
 - How often you go there
 - What you do there
 - How do you feel about it
- Whenever I feel stressed, I like to take a walk in the park which is near my home.
- Seeing the beautiful flowers and lush green lawns helps a lot in relaxing my mind.
- The park is called Virender Park and it is named after Virender Deol, brother of famous film star Dharminder Deol.
- This is the most attractive and well maintained park of my home town.
- It is a big garden having one main gate and two side gates.
- It has a long jogging track that passes along the circumference of the garden.
- This offers maximum length to those who want to walk or jog.
- This park is full of activity in the mornings and in the evenings.
- This is frequented by people of all age groups.
- A number of octogenarians and centenarians of my home town can be seen here.
- There is an NGO in my hometown which offers free yoga training to people in the morning and evening which also helps in relaxation of the mind.
- So people come to this park with their yoga-mat and do yoga here.
- Sometimes I also do yoga and meditation with them.
- On one side there are swings and see-saws for children.
- It is so much fun to see little children take turns on the swings.
- Watching the kids with smiling faces also helps in reducing the tension in your body.
- There are many trees in the park.
- There are also benches for people to sit and relax.
- People go there to feel closeness with nature and relax after a hectic day's work.
- It is a perfect park but I feel if a few more lights were put up it would be better.
- Some dustbins should also be put up in the corner.
- Parks can be called the lungs of the community.
- As it is nowadays we are living in concrete jungles.
- So parks are places to enjoy the greenery of nature.
- They are also meeting places for people of the neighbourhood.
- I meet most people of my neighbourhood there.
- In this way parks also increase the community spirit among people.

22. An equipment you use at home

- How you got it (or, who, bought it)?
 - What you use it for?
 - How often you use it?
 - and explain why you think this thing is useful?
- There are many tools or equipment's in my house and I use them for different purposes.
- The tool I would like to talk about today is the vacuum cleaner that I use to clean the furniture, carpet and other places in my house.
- I clean my house 1-2 times a week and mostly on days off.
- Cleaning the whole house and the furniture is very time consuming and difficult.
- The vacuum cleaner that I use makes it easy specially cleaning the dust on carpet.
- The machine or equipment is very handy and I find it important to keep our house neat & clean.
- Our house is just beside the main road and that makes it more prone to dust. Before purchasing the vacuum cleaner, it was very tiresome and tough to task for us to clean the house.
- But this has become easier after we started using this tool. The vacuum cleaner is electronic equipment that requires the AC current.
- It is of Euroclean company and is blue in colour.
- It was for approximately 5,000 rupees
- It does dry as well as wet cleaning.
- It has different attachments for different purposes.
- It has a very nice attachment, which goes under the bed also.
- It is very useful for removing spider webs from the walls and ceiling.
- After plugging in I turn on the power switch and use the long handle that sucks all the dust.
- I place the front of the machine towards the dust and it gulps the dust and the dust-filled bags are then emptied in a dustbin.
- The vacuum cleaner is an important tool for me as it does an important task of our home.
- I remember, before we had the vacuum cleaner, keeping the house spic and span was a herculean task.
- My mother had the major brunt of cleaning work and she often suffered backache because of bending to mop the floor.
- Because of the vacuum cleaner, everyone takes turns to clean the house and that too happily.

23. A short journey you often make but dislike

- Where you go
- Who you go with
- What you do
- and explain why you dislike this journey

- We all have to make many journeys from time to time.
- Here I would like to talk about a journey I often make, but don't like much.
- I don't like this journey because of the pollution mainly.
- I have to visit Ludhiana once or twice a week
- My maternal grandparents live there alone.
- Earlier my uncle and aunt lived with them, but they immigrated to Canada a year ago and so now my grandparents are alone.
- I love them a lot and they too look forward to my visits.
- I do the grocery and other shopping for them.
- Sometimes I take them to the doctor for their routine check-ups.
- I take a bus from my hometown and then get down at Ludhiana bypass.
- From there I hire an auto for Dugri.
- It takes one to two hours depending on the traffic.
- Usually I stay for 4-5 hours with them and then come back.
- Sometimes I stay overnight.
- Ludhiana is known as the Manchester of India.
- It is the industrial hub.
- There is so much pollution that my eyes start watering at times.
- So, I don't like this journey very much.
- I have asked my grandparents to shift to our home, but they are emotionally attached with their house.
- So, I know I will have to keep making this journey till my uncle calls them also to Canada.

24. A busiest time of your life

- When it was
- Why were you busy
- How did you manage

- Life is very hectic nowadays.
- We are all very busy in our day-to-day activities.
- I remember a time when I was very busy.
- It so happened that two months ago my cousin's wedding was fixed.
- The groom was an NRI from Canada and the wedding was to take place within a week.
- My uncle and aunt were very tense about all the arrangements.
- I took over the responsibility and offered to help.
- I took a pen and paper and started noting down all the things to do.
- Then I distributed duties to other members of my family and close relatives.
- Everyone was very helpful
- We took it on as a challenge and I remember how less we slept that whole week.
- We booked the marriage palace and the caterers.
- Then we booked the decorators.
- Shopping for trousseau was on my mother's shoulders.
- She was very happy because she is a shopaholic and shopping for the wedding was very enjoyable activity for her.
- My father was busy getting the invitation cards printed and distributed.
- He made a list of all friends and relatives who were to be invited.
- Many relatives who live away were invited on phone only.
- We arranged the DJ also for the ring ceremony and the ladies Sangeet.
- On the actual day of the wedding I was very nervous but everything went well.
- I got a lot of compliments for the perfect arrangements.
- Now whenever there is any event in the family, I happily take over all the planning.
- I have also thought about this event organising as a career option.
- This career option also came to my mind after watching the movie Band Baja Baraat.

25. A movie you like

- When (and where) you saw this film
 - What person or event the film was about
 - Why did you see it
 - Why would you recommend it to others.
 - And explain how you felt about (or, explain your opinion of) this film.
- I have watched a lot of movies in my life.
- Here I would like to talk about the movie Gandhi which is a biographical movie based on the life of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, the father of the nation.
- Actually I saw this movie on second October last year on Star Gold Channel.
- I liked this movie a lot.
- I had read about Gandhiji in my history books and I liked the acting of Ben Kingsley as Gandhi.
- I felt very good after watching the film.
- The film is directed by Sir Richard Attenborough.
- This film won eight academy awards.
- The film starts with the assassination of Gandhiji on 30th January 1948.
- Then it goes into a flashback to the time when Gandhiji is 24 years old.
- He is thrown out of a train in South Africa because he is travelling in a first class coach.
- He has the ticket but the laws are against the Indians.
- So he starts non-violent protests and gets the Indians in Africa their rights.
- After this victory he is invited back to India where he is treated as a hero.
- He fights in his own non-violent way for the freedom of India and finally the Britishers surrender and India gets freedom on 15th August 1947.
- But the troubles are not over.
- Religious tensions among Hindus and Muslims are there and the country is divided on the basis of religion.
- The north-west part and the eastern part of India are given the name Pakistan.
- The eastern Pakistan is now called Bangladesh
- Gandhiji tries to maintain peace between both nations but many people are angered by this.
- One of them Nathuram Godse finally shoots him.
- Rohini Hattangadi plays the role of Gandhiji's wife Kasturba Gandhi
- She also won the role of the best actress in a supporting role.
- I saw this movie in my home with my family.
- We all enjoyed it a lot.
- **(Note – the story of a movie is always to be spoken in present tense. Other movies you could speak about – Ashoka, No one killed Jessica)**

26. A sports centre in your city (a swimming pool or stadium)

- Where is it?
- Who told you about it?
- What did you do there?

- A Sports Centre has been recently inaugurated in the city, and I had a chance to visit it last month
- I came to know about it through the local newspaper.
- The Sport Center was inaugurated by the famous hockey player Pargat Singh and is named after the hockey legend Dhyan Chand.
- Many different sports such as soccer, hockey are played at this stadium and it also has professional coaching staff.
- One can go and learn different kinds of sports activities or just simply go and hangout with your friends
- Since it opened, the Sports Center was on my must-visit radar.
- So, when I found out that The Chandigarh Tigers were playing Football in a friendly match on 20th August, I made it a point to buy tickets so that I could have fun at the new Stadium,
- I must say that when I arrived at the 10-hectare Stadium, I was rapidly swept away by the thrill and flurry that filled the air.
- There were football fans getting ready to come into the Stadium to support the Home team
- There were diners, shoppers, families and the curious ones – like me all enthusiastic and impatient to visit our fresh sports icon.
- The stadium comprises an extensive variety of venues, specifically, a 35,000-capacity stadium, 4,000-capacity Aquatics Centre, 1,500-capacity Sports Arenas, a Water Sports Centre, a Library and about 25,000 square meters of trading and dining hall.
- What I found the most incredible was the sight of the city skyline. It looked glorious and everyone felt stunning at that moment.
- The greatest part about the new Sports Centre is how close the Stadium is to the shopping area. It took me just five minutes to get from the shopping centre to my seat.
- I felt pleased that I had the chance to visit this remarkable stadium and be part of history, watching the first ever football game played in the new Stadium of the city.

27. A gift you gave

- What the gift was
 - Who you gave it to
 - Why you gave it
 - And explain whether this person liked the gift or not
- I have given and received many gifts in my life
- Here I am going to talk about a gift which I gave to my best friend on his eighteenth birthday.
- It was a mobile phone.
- He had always wanted a mobile phone.
- But his parents would not buy him one
- I saved all my pocket money for five to six months to buy this mobile
- It cost me Rs 2800
- It is a small mobile – a Samsung X-210 model
- It is black rectangular and a folder type model
- It has many features like watch, calculator, FM radio, alarm, timer and a memory card to store phone numbers
- It does not have a camera but all the other features are very useful
- I saw an ad of this phone six months ago and immediately started saving money to buy it.
- Then, I used to get Rs 500 per month as pocket money.
- I was so fond of chocolates and candies that I used to spend all my pocket money on these things.
- But I remember I did not eat a single chocolate those six months.
- I was overjoyed to see the happy look on my friend's face when I gave him the mobile phone.
- I honestly feel that there is more pleasure in giving than receiving.

28. Activity you like doing

- What the activity is
 - How often you do it
 - Whom you do it with
 - And explain how you feel about it
- I have many hobbies, such as listening to music, watching TV and gardening.
- Here I would like to talk about an activity which I really love doing.
- I love gardening.
- I developed this hobby by observing my mother, who also has this hobby.
- There is some space in the backyard of our house.
- We have grown many seasonal vegetables in it.
- We have okra, aubergine, zucchini, mint, coriander, green chilly and fenugreek in our kitchen garden.
- It can be called an organic garden because we prepare our own compost from the kitchen waste and we never spray insecticides and pesticides.
- My mother keeps putting all kitchen waste in a big bucket.
- After it is full, she keeps it covered for about 6 months and then dries it.
- It is an excellent organic fertilizer.
- I spend half an hour on an average every day in my kitchen garden.
- It is a very relaxing activity for me.
- Sometimes I feel as if my plants are talking to me.
- Our neighbours have also been inspired by us and have started growing veges of their own.
- We also have a lemon tree that fruits throughout the year.
- Recently, I saw a video on bonsai, which is a Japanese art of dwarfing plants.
- I have three tamarind bonsai plants and two mango bonsais in small pots.
- I prune them from time to time.
- So this is the activity which I love doing.

29. A plant, vegetable or crop you are familiar with

- what is the plant
- where is it grown in your country
- why is it important?

- India is a diverse country
- There are many kinds of plants in India
- All the plants are useful in some way or the other
- The plant I am going to talk about here is the bamboo plant.
- It is a very versatile and useful plant
- There are more than 1500 species of this plant all over the world.
- It can be grown in a multitude of habitat from sea level to 12000 ft.
- It is one of the most adaptable plants with many uses.
- For instance, it can grow in very degraded soils.
- Because of this it can be used to repair soil damaged by overgrazing and poor agricultural techniques.
- In addition it has a complex root network.
- This is ideal for preventing soil erosion and flooding
- Unlike most tree species, harvesting does not kill the bamboo.
- So, topsoil erosion and other adverse effects of tree felling are kept to a minimum.
- The most important point is that bamboo produces 35% more oxygen than other trees.
- Research has shown that bamboo can absorb as much as 12 tonnes of carbon dioxide per hectare per year.
- So, this plant can play a great role in stabilizing our country's atmosphere.
- It can prove an eco-friendly alternative to slow-growing hardwoods.
- It is also being used by the construction industry for wooden flooring.
- It is very durable.

30. Favorite place to eat out

- Where is this place
 - How often you go there
 - With whom you go
 - And explain how you feel about it
- There are many restaurants, which I frequent but here I am going to describe Haveli.
- OR
- There are many interesting places in my home town but here I am going to talk about Haveli
- It is on the national highway between Jalandhar & Phagwara.
- Actually it falls in the suburbs of Phagwara.
- I like it because of the delicious & quality food, quick & prompt service & a friendly atmosphere.
- It is always swarming with people & brimming with activity.
- The food is priced at very nominal rates.
- It is a huge place with a seating capacity of about 200 people.
- The interior is decorated to simulate a traditional Punjabi village scene.
- Handicrafts adorn the walls which give the place a very ethnic look.
- The food served is mouth watering & delicious.
- The restaurant is very clean & hygienic.
- The waiters are amicable & friendly.
- There is also a Rangla Punjab section which means the colorful Punjab which has an entry ticket of Rs 300/- and food is included in that ticket.
- They serve food with traditional Punjabi hospitality.
- First they serve butter-milk and then various types of dishes according to the season.
- In the evenings Punjabi cultural songs & dances are performed by various artists.
- There are also camel and horse rides for children.
- It is a must visit place for one & all
- It is so interesting that one can never feel bored there.

31. Vehicle you would like to buy

- What vehicle is it
- When you would buy it
- How you decided about it

- There are many vehicles on our roads today.
- So many choices often lead to confusion
- Here I would like to talk about a vehicle that I would like to buy in the near future.
- It is a Nano car
- It is manufactured by Tata Motors
- My neighbours have just bought the deluxe version of the car in yellow colour.
- It looks fabulous.
- I am really fascinated by the car.
- I would, however, buy the standard version.
- It would not cut a big hole in my pocket. (it would suit my pocket)
- I help my father in his business.
- He gives me 2000 rupees every month as an incentive.
- I have been saving all my money for the last two years.
- I urged my father to buy this car.
- He was reluctant initially.
- But when I told him of my savings, he agreed.
- He will put in the rest of the money.
- So, we shall buy this car within a month or two.
- There are four members in my family.
- Whenever we have to go anywhere together, we have to hire a taxi or go on our two-wheelers.
- This car would be very useful for us.
- The mileage is comparable to Maruti 800 but it is more spacious than Maruti.
- Earlier, I was thinking of buying a Maruti 800 but my neighbours have changed my mind.
- I just love the looks and the features of their Nano car.
- I think it is good value for money.
- We would use this car within the city only as it is not very suitable for long distances.

32. Favorite TV channel

- What is it
 - How often do you watch it
 - What type of programmes does it broadcast
- I do not watch TV that much but it's a great medium for education and entertainment.
- Sometimes I watch TV during my free time and among the channels I watch, 'Discovery Channel' is my favorite.
- Whenever I hold the TV remote control in my hand, I look for either a news channel or Discovery channel.
- This is the channel I watch more often than any other channels.
- I watch it for 4-8 hours per week.
- On my day off, if I am in front of TV, I watch the great educational and recreational programs that this channel broadcasts.
- It broadcasts mainly documentary programs focusing on popular science, technology and history.
- But recently they have started showing some other types of programs like reality show and pseudo technology and entertainment.
- There are some unique programs that they present to their audiences like Myth Busters, Unsolved History, automobiles, and occupations etc.
- This channel was started in 1985 and has become one the most popular TV channels in the world because of their emphasis on high quality programs.
- I like this TV channel because of the programs and documentaries they present.
- Most of the programs are thoroughly enjoyable and offer lots of information to the audiences.
- This is one of the great sources for me to learn history, technology and other random and interesting knowledge.
- The picture quality is really nice and this channel is easily available via the cable service providers.
- I find this channel really interesting and I learn many new things by watching it.

33. Expensive thing you bought recently

- What is it
 - When did you buy it
 - How did you manage the money for it
 - How you felt after buying
- I am still a student and don't have much money for buying expensive things
- Here, I would like to talk about an electronic gadget which my brother and I bought recently for our mother.
- It is a microwave oven.
- It is of Videocon Company.
- My brother and I gifted it to our mother on her 40th birthday.
- We bought it for Rs. 9000. We saved our pocket money for 6 months to buy this for her.
- Actually my mother has excellent culinary skills and she loves to prepare new dishes.
- This is a very good microwave oven with lots of features.
- It is white in color and is rectangular in shape.
- It has touch screen interface, which includes quick start button system and auto heat buttons.
- Even a person who does not know cooking can prepare dishes easily.
- One just has to put the dish in microwave special container and the dish is ready in the given time.
- When the dish is ready the microwave gives a beep, which indicates that the dish is ready to eat.
- My mother usually does most of the cooking in it.
- She prepares vegetables, pizzas, pasta and rice in it.
- A microwave oven is very important in every kitchen.
- It is excellent for reheating.
- In my family, lunch time is different for every member, so my mother does not need to reheat dishes on gas stove every time.
- Whenever there is shortage of LPG, then cooking can be done in it.
- It is an energy efficient gadget because it cooks faster than gas stove.
- So, it is the expensive thing I bought recently.

34. A visit to a member of your family

- Who was that person
 - Why you visited him or her
 - How long was the visit
- I live in Phagwara, but my sister is married and she lives in a different city
- I often visit my sister's house.
- Here, I would like to talk about a visit I made to my sister's house few months back.
- It was not a pre-planned visit.
- I went to my sister's house as soon as I heard that my little niece was sick and my brother-in-law was out of the country at that time.
- After I heard the news of my niece's sickness, I packed my stuff and left for my sister's home.
- This journey took around 4 hours.
- I took some home-made food and other stuff for my sister and my niece which was prepared by my mother
- I had to be there to help my sister and take care of my 3 year-old niece.
- No other family member was present in the house at that time and I was a great help for my sister.
- As my niece was very sick, my sister needed someone for moral support and other household tasks.
- I also took my niece to the doctor and purchased medicines for her.
- She was diagnosed with viral fever and recovered in a week's time.
- As soon as my niece got healthy again, I returned to my city.
- My sister always appreciates me for being so supportive.

35. A part of your city that is changing

- where is it?
 - how is it changing?
 - why is it changing?
- I have been living in (...say your city name...) for the last 15 years and know almost every street of this city.
- The city has evolved a lot in the last 15 years.
- The north part of the city has changed more than any other part of the city and is still changing.
- When I first visited this part of the city, it was mostly an open space that had lots of fields, trees and very minimum number of dwellers.
- There were hardly any high rise buildings and mostly farmers and fishers lived there.
- The fields, lakes and people's way of living used to give an impression which resembled to the rural area life.
- But this is no longer applicable now. I went to that part of the city few days back after a long time and was very surprised to notice the changes which have occurred and are still happening.
- The need for industrialization and to accommodate the increasing population has changed the north part of the city dramatically.
- The open spaces, fields, and lakes have reduced significantly and one can notice the overwhelming number of factories, industries and offices.
- This place no longer gives the rural area impression rather it looks like a neo industrial area.
- The numbers of roads and cars have increased, the farmers and fishers have moved to farther north side of the city and 2 new colleges and universities have been built there.
- I feel the necessity of the new industries and offices and their importance for a country, but the way this part of the city has been transformed is really shocking.
- There could have been an alternative place for industries and the city administrators and authorities could have saved the natural part of the city.
- Already the city is over populated and because of that we are facing lots of problems, the changes to this part of the city destroyed the natural habitat of wild animals.
- I felt sad after seeing the changes that are happening to this part of the city.

36. Describe a trip you took by public transportation

- When was it
- Where did you go
- Who was with you
- How did you feel about the public transport
- Did you face any problems

- In our day-to-day life we visit many places for various purposes
- Sometimes we use our own vehicle and sometimes we use public transport
- Normally when I have to go somewhere near then I use car but for distant places I use public transport
- Here I am going to talk about a visit for which I used public transport.
- Actually, last month, I went to Jaipur Rajasthan with my family.
- This time we used bus for going to Jaipur
- There is a tour operator company near my hometown known as Express Travels
- My father booked this tour through them.
- There were 12 other families with us.
- It was vacation time and so children were also there with their parents.
- We boarded the bus at 7 am.
- On the way we enjoyed a lot.
- I made many friends and we played antakshri.
- The bus made three halts on the way to Jaipur.
- We straightened our legs and had refreshments at those stops.
- The bus was an AC coach and was very comfortable.
- There was also an LCD in the bus and we saw the movie Jatt and Juliet
- We reached Jaipur at 7 pm.
- We stayed at hotel Gangaur which was a very nice hotel.
- We saw the Amer Fort, Hawa Mahal, The City Palace and many other places.
- One whole day we had reserved for shopping.
- My mother bought some Jaipuri quilts and I bought some lakh jewellery.
- As it was a package holiday, we enjoyed with the other families and made many friends.
- I still have good friends from that trip and we are in touch with each other through facebook.

37. Childhood hobby

- What it was
 - How you developed this hobby
 - Why you liked doing this
- In different stages of childhood and teenage time, different things attracted me and some of the hobbies I had then are no longer present in me.
- One such hobby of my childhood was collecting stamps.
- I was a student of grade 4 when I first found that interesting hobby.
- I noticed one of my classmates had a good collection of stamps and they were cataloged based on country in his stamp book.
- The idea of collecting stamp impressed me and I thought to start collecting the stamps as well.
- When I start collecting stamps I had no particular reason for doing so but the idea of collecting stamps and having a good collection seemed an appealing idea to me.
- But later I found that philately is a good hobby that helped us in knowing many different cultures, persons, occasions and custom of our country and foreign countries as well.
- For instance, after I found a stamp of USA that had the Statue of Liberty printed on it, I asked my teacher about it and he explained the details information of it.
- In another occasion I came to know about Alfred Nobel, Marie Curie, Abraham Lincoln, Vasco da Gama etc. from the stamps I had.
- Some stamps also have many historical events or cultural events printed on them and I learned about them as well.
- Some off the stamps were from countries that I never knew about and thus the stamp collection habit helped me extending my knowledge.
- Apart from that, I found that children who collect stamps have common interests and thus become close to other.
- One such friend of mine was David whom I would have never met unless I had this hobby in my childhood.
- In my childhood I liked this hobby mostly from pure passion & excitement and the opportunity to know about different events, famous persons and events of history.
- I am not exactly sure how I abandoned this hobby later when I grew up but in my best guess that would be because of my involvement in other stuffs, interest in other things and business in school and study.
- I remember I had the stamp collecting hobby till I was in grade 8 and later on I got busy in my study, grown interest in computer technology, start playing outdoor games and developed the habit of reading story books and novels.
- The stamp book I had in my school has been kept in a safe place by my mother and who knows someday I will give it to my son/ daughter and s/he would start collecting more stamps.

38. Any game you like to play in stadium or playground

- What kind of game or sport it is
 - Who you play it with
 - Where you play it
 - And explain why you enjoy playing it.
- I don't play any games at the moment, because I don't have the time or opportunity for it.
- It is very difficult for you to play a game once you get out of your school or college.
- There are very few playgrounds for the public in our area.
- May be, I will talk about the game I played when I was in college.
- I was very interested in soccer, and I played in the forward line.
- We usually played in the evening when the sun was not very warm and that saved a lot of our energy.
- Football requires a great deal of running and if it is very hot it is difficult to play.
- But even the scorching heat of the summer months did not deter us at times.
- I remember I was two shades darker than I am now because of the tan I got while playing in the sun.
- I usually played with my college mates. We would break into two teams and sometimes the numbers would vary from seven to twelve, depending on the number of people who were interested in playing the game.
- It always used to be great fun to play with your mates in a very friendly atmosphere. Since everybody knew each other there were hardly any rough play.
- Everybody enjoyed the spirit of the game.
- We played in the football ground, just in front of our college.
- It was quite a big ground and so we had to run around a lot, but that gave us a lot of physical fitness.
- I enjoyed playing soccer because there was a thrill in scoring goals and winning.
- You kept improving with every game and that gave us a great deal of motivation and competitive spirit.
- Even during the day, when we were not playing we kept thinking about the game.
- So it was great fun and I always waited for the evenings to play soccer.

39. Something that made you laugh

- What was the occasion,
 - When was that,
 - Who witnessed it with you,
 - And why it made you laugh.
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- I have faced many situations when I burst into peals of laughter.
 - Here I would like to talk about one when I really laughed from my heart.
 - It was my cousins wedding two months ago and we were all dancing on the beats of DJ.
 - The groom's father, that is my uncle, had taken a few pegs of whiskey.
 - He was dancing the maximum.
 - His odd and weird dancing steps were very hilarious and everyone was laughing at him.
 - But he was not at all perturbed.
 - He was thoroughly enjoying himself.
 - My aunt tried to stop him many times but he wouldn't listen.
 - He was wearing a silken dhoti kurta.
 - Suddenly he tripped and his dhoti came off.
 - That was the most hilarious moment of all.
 - The bride and the groom also had a hearty laugh.
 - The photographer captured it all very nicely in his video camera.
 - Even today when we see that we all have a hearty laugh.
 - So this is the situation when I laughed from my heart.
 - It has been rightly said that laughter is the best medicine.
 - Unfortunately, in the fast paced hectic lifestyle of today we are forgetting to realize the importance of this free medicine.
 - Even doctors are recommending this therapy for many depressive disorders.
 - Nowadays people have again begun to realize its importance.
 - No wonder, we can see many sitcoms on TV nowadays such as Comedy Nights with Kapil.
 - Laughter clubs have also opened in many cities where people come to laugh out their worries and stress.

40. An interesting or unusual thing you did

- Where did you did it
 - When did you did it
 - Who did you did it with
- Few months back while our visit to a friend's hometown, all of a sudden a friend proposed to go inside a nearby forest and have a picnic there.
- This was a plan proposed by Rohan (...say one of your friends name...) and 4 of our friends agreed to be part of this activity.
- This was bit dangerous as people scarcely go inside the forest and from the local people we had heard different scary and wild stories about this jungle.
- Our main attraction was the abandoned house inside the jungle and we planned to do the picnic there and take photos of wild life and the abandoned house.
- We knew that my friend's guardians won't permit us to do that and hence we planned not to let them know about it upfront.
- On a Thursday morning we left the friend's house and bought the necessary ingredients, vegetables, foods and other things that would be required for us to do the picnic.
- We entered inside the jungle and to our surprise the inside was much more open and beautiful than we thought it would be.
- With some difficulty we reached near the abandoned house and spent time till the afternoon.
- This was a very exciting and unusual experience for us.
- We collected some wood and made arrangements for cooking.
- We ate the food we cooked and it was horrible in taste.
- However, we were looking for adventure and interesting stuff, so the bad food did not kill our spirit.
- We could not enter the abandoned house as it was blocked and very fragile. We took several photos of the place and we noticed that some of the wild animals were observing us with suspicion.
- I have to confess that it was a bit dangerous and imprudent thing to do but we enjoyed our interesting and unusual picnic inside a forest.

An unusual activity (Another version)

- To overcome the monotony of daily life everyone needs something interesting.
- I usually do many activities in my leisure time such as drawing, gardening and dancing.
- But here I would like to talk about an unusual activity which I found really interesting.

- It was Furoshiki .
- It is a Japanese technique.
- I learnt this art from the internet.
- Actually my friend sent me link of its video on my e-mail account.
- It was a 10 minute video.
- I liked it very much.
- Furoshiki is an art of making handbags with the help of cloth and also it is art of wrapping a gift with cloth.
- Such beautiful things made of cloth are a part of everyday life.
- I have made it by using old cloth.
- It is easy to make and quite attractive.
- It is elegant and timeless.
- It requires no sewing.
- We can make a bag using a few knots and twists to cloth.
- It is amazing how a few twists and knots can transform a thin cloth to a beautiful handbag.
- It can be used for many household purposes and also for shopping.
- I liked it because it is an eco-friendly bag and easy to carry.
- The Japanese government is promoting this art in an effort to save the environment.
- We all waste a lot of paper in wrapping gifts and other things.
- Furoshiki gift wraps are reusable.
- I have taught this art to many of my cousins and friends.
- Now, whenever I have to gift something, I use this method on some fine fabric and I feel so happy when people appreciate it.
- I don't use paper.
- It is my individual step to save environment.

41. Describe a mistake that you once made and learnt something from

- What the mistake was
- When, where you made it
- Who was with you
- and how the mistake affected you

(Sample answer)

- Making mistakes is part of life.
- We all make mistakes from time to time.
- The best thing about making a mistake is that we get to learn something from it
- In that way mistakes are a part of the learning process.
- I have also made many mistakes in my life
- Here I would like to talk about a mistake, which I made when I was in tenth.
- I bunked school and went to see a movie with my friends.
- The mistake did not end here
- To hide that mistake I had to speak so many lies.
- First I lied to my mother, and then to my father.
- I had never bunked school before.
- My conscience kept pricking me.
- I remember I could not sleep the whole night
- The next morning I kept avoiding eye contact with my mother and father.
- I went to school but there too I could not concentrate on studies.
- So I decided, I would tell my mother and let my heart rest in peace.
- When I reached home I told my mother all about my wrongdoing.
- She was a bit upset, but at the same time she was happy that I had realized my mistake.
- She forgave me, and told me never to do such a thing again.
- Now if I want to go with my friends to watch a movie, I do that on the weekends after taking permission from my mother and father.
- I learnt that to hide one lie, we have to speak a chain of lies.
- Our parents trust us, and we should not break their trust.
- If we are caught, we lose our credibility forever.
- Even if we are not caught, telling lies to parents is cheating them, which is certainly a big mistake.

42. Describe an occasion when you ate a kind of food for first time

- When you had it
 - Where you ate it
 - What it was
 - and how you felt about it
- (Sample answer) – Please check the pronunciation of pizza – peetza - Wrong pronunciation would be a blunder.
- Normally I eat traditional Punjabi food, but I love Chinese noodles and Italian pizza.
- Here I would like to talk about a time when I ate the pizza for the first time.
- I vividly remember I was in tenth class, and during my summer vacation I went to stay with my cousin in Chandigarh.
- It was his birthday, and he threw a pizza party for his friends.
- His mother that is my aunt, is an excellent cook.
- I was awed by her culinary skills.
- He had invited six friends.
- First we went to the market and bought 20 Pizza base, Pizza cheese, Pizza sauce, capsicums, onions, carrots, mushrooms and mayonnaise.
- We also bought seasonings, such as chili flakes, basil, oregano and so on.
- That day I enjoyed learning how to make the pizza. I helped in chopping the vegetables and grating the Pizza cheese.
- Then we went to get ready, and by the time we got back, my aunt had started making the pizzas in the oven.
- His friends started pouring in, and we all started eating the pizzas.
- The pizza base was very crisp and yet the pizza was melting in my mouth.
- Honestly, when my cousin bought 20 pizza base, I thought he was mad. Who would eat so many pizzas?
- I thought we would have to eat the leftover pizzas in the morning
- But when I took the first bite, I realized how wrong I was.
- In no time, all the pizzas were finished.
- Now, the Domino's pizza outlet has opened in my hometown and I have tried their pizzas a couple of times, but no one can beat my aunt's pizzas.

43. Describe a program or app in your computer or phone

- What the app/program is
- When, where you found it
- How you use it
- How you feel about it

- Apps have become very common since the dawn of the smartphones.
- These are special programs, which run on mobile devices and make life simpler.
- There are apps for making communication instant and easier, such as Whatsapp, Viber, Facebook app and so on.
- There are apps for online shopping such as Myntra app, Amazon app, flipkart app and so on.
- In this world we can communicate with our friends with messages, call or video chat.
- I have many apps in my phone, but the app I use the most is Whatsapp.
- We can be connected with our friends instantly by this.
- I heard about this app from my friend Harjot when I was in 10th standard.
- He had downloaded what'sapp in his android phone.
- After he told me, I also downloaded it.
- It is a very interesting app.
- This app helps us to send messages to our friends and we can also send images and videos to them.
- When new version of what'sapp was launched, a new feature of audio call was also added.
- To use the new feature the other person should also have what's app account.
- It brings the people very near to our heart.
- Mostly I use this app to communicate with my best friend living in Las Vegas.
- About 2 decades ago we had to send the letter to our friend living in abroad and we have what for reply for long time.
- But with what's app our messages are immediately delivered to our friend and we can continue our chat.
- The only drawback of this app is that it is very distracting.
- The users want to constantly keep checking their messages. Studies are affected. Workplace productivity is also affected.
- So, such apps should be used wisely.

44. Describe an article that you read from a magazine or newspaper

- What the article was
 - When and where you read it
 - What you learned from the article
 - Explain why you think it is a good or bad article
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- I have read many articles in my life.
 - Today I will talk about an article about healthy lifestyle that I read last year.
 - I read this article from the website fitness.com.
 - I was browsing through a website, when I saw the link to this article.
 - The name of the article was very eye-catching.
 - It was "Look Younger, Live Longer".
 - I clicked on the link and it opened this article.
 - Nowadays, we all are living a sedentary lifestyle and facing many health related problems.
 - This article opened my eyes that to become healthier, it was all about making small lifestyle changes.
 - I came to know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day.
 - We should have a healthy and wholesome breakfast and never skip it.
 - This helps boost our immunity and also helps us go through the day with full energy.
 - I have never skipped breakfast since I've read this article and I can concentrate on my work and studies better.
 - I also read that we should have at least one seasonal fruit everyday.
 - It also said that walking for an hour a day is as good as one hour of gym.
 - Since then, morning walk has become a part of my routine.
 - I used to dislike broccoli before I read this article.
 - However, after reading that Broccoli is a very good source of proteins and is full of nutrients, I started having it regularly.
 - I feel very fit and healthy and have rarely fallen sick since I made these small changes.
 - I have bookmarked this article and read it often.
 - I have also shared it with many of my friends and relatives.

45. Describe your favourite park in your city (town)

- What it is called
- Where it is
- When you like to visit
- and explain why it is your favourite

- Parks are the most popular leisure places.
- My home town has many parks.
- A park that I am going to talk about here is Virender Park.
- It is near my home.
- It is named after Virender Deol, brother of famous film star Dharminder Deol.
- This is the most attractive and well-maintained park of my home town.
- It is a big garden having one main gate and two side gates.
- It has a long jogging track that passes along the circumference of the garden.
- This offers maximum length to these who want to walk or jog.
- This park is full of activity in the mornings and in the evenings.
- This is frequented by people of all age groups.
- A number of octogenarians and centenarians of my home town can be seen here.
- There is an NGO in my hometown which offers free yoga training to people in the morning and evening.
- So people come to this park with their yoga-mat and do yoga here.
- Sometimes I also do yoga with them.
- On one side there are swings and see-saws for children.
- It is so much fun to see little children take turns on the swings.
- There are many trees in the park.
- There are also benches for people to sit and relax.
- People go there to feel closeness with nature and relax after a hectic days work.
- It is a perfect park but I feel if a few more lights were but up it would be better.
- Some dustbins should also be put up in the corner.
- Parks can be called the lungs of the community.
- As it is nowadays we are living in concrete jungles.
- So parks are places to enjoy the greenery of nature.
- They are also meeting places for people of the neighbourhood.
- I meet most people of my neighbourhood there.
- In this way parks also increase the community spirit among people.

46. Describe a method that helps you save money

- What the method is
 - When you started to use it
 - How you knew it
 - and explain why it is helpful
- It is very important to learn how to save money
- I started getting pocket money when I was 10 years old
- But I used to spend it all on candies and chocolate
- Then one day I happened to go to my cousins house
- My cousin Sonya is almost my age
- She showed me her video game, which she had bought from her own pocket money.
- She told me that she got Rs 500 per month and she saved all of it for 10 months to buy this game
- That day I decided that I would also start saving money
- I bought a piggy bank for myself and started putting all my pocket money in it.
- My mother also encouraged me to save money
- She told me that if I did not spend any money on candies and chocolate, she would add another thousand rupees to my savings after one year.
- Obviously I was very happy, and started saving money with all enthusiasm
- At first it was very difficult for me to fight my temptation for chocolates
- But I was very determined, and I succeeded.
- I remember when I bought my video game with my own saved money, it became a very special thing for me
- I kept it with great care
- I get much more pocket money nowadays, and I can manage to save most of it.
- After my 18th birthday, my father opened my own bank account for me, and now I save my money in that account.
- The next big thing to buy in my agenda is an iPhone 6S.
- I hope I can buy it very soon.

47. Describe an interesting tradition in your country

- What the tradition is
- When do you celebrate it
- How you celebrate it
- and explain why it is interesting

- India is rich in culture and tradition
- The tradition I'm going to talk about today is saying 'namastey'
- We celebrate this tradition every day, in fact several times a day.
- This is our way of greeting each other
- We do it by folding our hands, palms facing each other, fingers pointing towards the ceiling, thumbs pointing towards the chest and this is accompanied by a slight bow.
- This tradition is interesting because this is the biggest export of our traditions to the western culture.
- When I say namastey, I mean to say that I am your humble servant.
- It creates an aura of respect which is far more than saying hello or shaking hands
- It is said that the human body is composed of immense energy.
- We can turn it into a positive or negative energy
- When we shake hands we transfer positive as well as negative energy
- But when we fold hands, we transfer only positive energy.
- When we greet another person with namastey we have no physical contact
- Because of this the other person cannot be affected negatively
- Whenever anyone comes to our house we always say Namastey
- No wonder this word has been adopted by all the English language dictionaries.

48. Describe a place you visited that has been affected by pollution

- Where is it
- When you visited this place
- What kind of pollution you saw there
- And explain how this place was affected

- Sample answer)
- Well ma'am pollution is a big problem these days.
- There is hardly a place, which is absolutely pollution free.
- Here I am going to talk about a city Ludhiana which is very polluted
- It has all sorts of pollution – air pollution, water pollution and noise pollution
- I went there last week
- In fact I go there quite often as my relatives live there
- Ludhiana is the industrial hub of Punjab
- Industries dump their effluents in the surrounding area and this causes water pollution
- The population of Ludhiana is far more for its size and this has given rise to slum areas in the outskirts
- The people in these slum areas are mainly labourers who have migrated from other states to work in the factories.
- They too litter the place.
- There are many vehicles also which cause air pollution.
- Ludhiana is the richest city of Punjab.
- Most families have more than one car.
- Earlier, when I used to go to visit my relatives, I had no problem in finding a parking space for my car.
- But, now finding a parking place near their home is a big problem.
- Because of air pollution, people also suffer many respiratory problems.
- My uncle is also suffering from chronic cough, which is because of the air pollution.
- A lot of noise also comes from the industries.
- Whenever I come back from Ludhiana, I heave a sigh of relief.
- Phagwara is relatively pollution free
- There is so much air pollution in Ludhiana that my eyes start watering whenever I go there.

49. Describe a goal you want to achieve in the future

- What the goal is
- What would you do to achieve it
- When will you achieve
- Explain why you want to achieve it

(Sample answer)

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

50. Describe an activity you do to keep fit

- What the activity is
- When and where you usually do it
- How you do it
- Explain why it can keep your fit

(Sample answer)

- I do a lot of things to stay healthy such as morning walk, yoga, cycling and so on but
I would like to talk about the morning walk.
- Every day I get up early in the morning and go for morning walk.
- I go with my grandfather, who is 95.
- He has never missed his morning walk in his life.
- In fact his secret of good health is the morning walk.
- I joined him about a year ago and ever since I also have been very regular.
- We go to a park near our home.
- There is a jogging track in the park which is full of activity in those early morning hours.
- My grandfather and I both wear our track suits and walking shoes while walking.
- During our walk, my grandpa tells me a lot of stories.
- He has a lot to tell and sometimes I am surprised at his memory,
- Morning walk has a lot of benefits,
- I used to be very fat, in fact a couch potato, but now I am very fit - all because of the walk
and all because of my grandfather who made me do it,
- Morning walk also improves the blood circulation.
- It is a good exercise for all age groups.
- The young can do a brisk walk and the elderly can do a leisurely stroll.
- There is a laughter club in my home town.
- Sometimes they too are there in the park at that time.
- They come there to laugh out their stress and worries.
- Their laughter is so infectious that when they laugh we also can't help laughing with them.
- So a morning walk is the activity which I do to stay healthy.

51. Describe a character or personality of yours

- What it is
- How it affects your life
- Where you get it from
- and how you feel about it

(Sample answer)

- There many traits in a person's personality
- These traits make the character of a person.
- Here I would like to talk about an important trait that makes my personality the way I am.
- I like to socialize and make friends
- But that takes lot of social commitments too.
- Whenever any friend comes to me with any need, I go out of the way to help him.
- More friends mean more engagements and activities.
- Sometimes, my friends take undue advantage of me, but I don't mind.
- These days it is difficult to make time for one's own needs.
- Sometimes it is very demanding on my family time
- My dear ones feel neglected as a result.
- In an effort to please many people I end up displeasing many.
- My mother too cannot not say no to anyone
- So she bears lot of pressure as a result
- I think I have inherited this trait from her
- Despite all its drawbacks I feel it is good to feel wanted and useful.
- I don't have any regrets for this positive trait and certainly good efforts are always appreciated by most
- This makes me a confident personality.

52. Describe a creative person that you admire

- Who is this person
- How do you know this person
- What creative things this person likes to do
- And explain why you admire this person

(Sample answer)

- Everyone admires creativity and creative people.
- I know many people who are very creative.
- Some can do wonders with paint and brush, and some can do wonders with needle and thread.
- Here, I would like to talk about my cousin, Vineeta, who is very creative by nature.
- She is 25 years old and is not very tall, but looks very beautiful.
- She is fair complexioned, and generally likes to wear traditional Punjabi suits.
- She has done her Masters in Home Science, and is good at many forms of art.
- When she is in the kitchen, she can create new dishes.
- Her way of presentation is also very good.
- She is fond of embroidery and has embroidered many wall hangings and suits.
- Once she gifted me a suit embroidered by her.
- Whenever I wear it, I get many compliments.
- She can also stitch all types of fancy suits herself.
- Everyone in our family says that she has got magic in her hands.
- I admire her a lot and try to learn many things from her.
- Last Diwali, she made a Rangoli decoration, which was superb.
- She doesn't even need to draw the designs.
- During college days, she participated in many youth fests and won many trophies for her college.
- One niche in her house is full of awards and medals won by her.
- She makes hand knitted sweaters, which look better than readymade ones.
- She has made many crochet doilies to decorate the home.

53. Describe a course that you want to learn

- What this course is
- When you want to learn it
- Where you can learn it
- And explain why you want to learn it

(Sample answer)

- A course I would really like to do in the future is a language course.
- A language I would like to learn is French
- There are many reasons for this
- The first and foremost reason is that I want to visit my uncle and aunt who live in France
- They told me that if you wish to communicate with Franco phones it is very essential to know some French
- There, very few people know English
- My uncle has also offered to sponsor my fees for higher education if I decide to study in France.
- In that case, if I choose to study there, then learning French would be a necessity
- Another reason is that my parents are planning to move to Canada
- So, my knowledge of French would come very handy there
- It might help me in getting a job
- French is spoken in 33 countries
- It is the second most commonly taught language after English
- Even in my country, if I know a foreign language, then I can get a good job in the tourism industry
- Everyone knows, tourists from all parts of the world flock to India
- Those who are multilingual definitely stand a better chance in the job market.
- Fortunately, a language training Institute by the name of Aroma Language Centre has opened in my home town
- They teach French, German and Italian.
- Their next batch is starting soon.
- I would enroll in that batch.
- Two of my friends have started learning French there.
- They told me that the teacher is very nice.
- They also told me that French is a beautiful language.

54. Describe a difficult decision that you once made

- What the decision was
- How you made your decision
- What the results of the decision were
- Explain why it was difficult to make

(Sample answer)

- We all have to make from time to time.
- Some decisions are very small such as – what clothes to wear and what food to eat.
- But some decisions have far reaching effects – such as choosing a career and choosing a life partner.
- Here I am going to talk about a decision, which was very difficult for me.
- It was choosing my subjects for Senior Secondary.
- After my 10th, I was in a dilemma, whether to go for medical, non-medical, commerce or humanities (Arts) stream.
- Most of my friends were going for non-medical, but I knew I was not so good at physics.
- I consulted my parents, but they told me to decide on my own.
- Then I went to my teacher, Mrs Promilla.
- She was my favourite teacher in school and fortunately lives in my neighbourhood.
- She told me to go for commerce or arts, as she knew I was not so good at the sciences.
- My friends were forcing me to join non-medical, but I took my teachers advice and chose Arts.
- This decision was very difficult as the whole future depends on this decision.
- The career is based on subjects of senior secondary.
- Now I am very happy.
- I am doing well in studies and also have time to pursue my hobbies.
- I am interested in music and dance, so in the evening I have joined dance and music classes.

55. Describe something that you have shared with others (or another person).

- What you shared
- When you shared it
- Who you shared it with
- And explain why you shared it or how you felt when you shared it.

- (Sample answer)
- We all need to share many things in our day to day life.
- I also share many things with my siblings and friends.
- Here I would like to talk about something I shared with my friend, Rohan.
- I shared my books and notes with him.
- It so happened that just 15 days before our +2 final exam, Rohan lost his whole school bag.
- All his books and notes were in that bag.
- He kept it in the school ground as he wanted to play cricket for some time.
- After the game, he could not find his bag anywhere.
- He looked everywhere and asked everyone who was there, but no one knew anything about it.
- Someone had obviously stolen it.
- Actually, he used to always stand first and his notes were very precious.
- He was literally on the verge of tears.
- I told him not to panic and offered to share all my notes and books with him till the exams.
- Fortunately, he lives in my neighbourhood.
- So, sharing all these books and notes with him was easy.
- Most of my notes were copied from his notebooks only.
- I realised that sharing things with others gives happiness.
- Sharing my notes with Rohan, strengthened our bonds of friendship.
- It helped me also.
- Because I had to share my books, I studied them within my time.
- Normally, I have a habit of procrastination.
- I always study for my exams at the 11th hour.
- But this time, I studied in time and was well prepared.
- We both passed with flying colours.

56. Describe an important skill you learned when you were a child

- What this skill was
- When you learned it
- How you learned it
- And explain why you think it was important

- (Sample Answer)
- I have learnt many skills in my childhood from people around me in my life.
- Here I would like to talk about a very useful skill of cooking, which I learnt from my mother.
- My mother is in her forties and she is very tall and beautiful.
- She has a gifted hand in cooking.
- She has her unique way of teaching us, I mean me and my sister, how to cook.
- She never made us feel as if she was teaching us.
- She just kept us involved in the kitchen while she cooked.
- We learnt a lot just by observing her.
- I learnt cooking because I too want to be able to cook like her.
- I also learnt cooking because it is a very useful skill in today's time.
- Moreover, as I plan to go abroad for my higher education, this skill will be very useful.
- I will not face any food problems.
- I am a vegetarian and I have heard that veg. food outlets are very few in foreign countries.
- This skill has proved very useful because many times I have been able to attend to guests when my mother was not at home.
- My mother not only taught me simple routine cooking but also some Chinese dishes.
- She also taught me how to make pizzas in the electric tandoor.
- She also bakes excellent cakes.
- Whenever anybody in our neighbourhood celebrates a birthday, the cake is always baked by my mother.
- She loves experimenting in the kitchen and she has many of her own recipes which are quick and easy and at the same time very delicious.
- She also presents her dishes very well.
- She says that the look of the dish is as important as its taste.
- I am fortunate, I have a talented mother who has taught me this useful skill.
- (Can also be asked as a useful thing you learnt from a family member – In that case talk about the skill first and the person later on)

57. Describe a situation that you got a little angry

- Where it happened
 - When it happened
 - Who you were with
 - and why you felt angry?
- (Sample answer)
- Normally, I do not lose my temper easily.
- My friends say that I am as cool as a cucumber.
- However, there have been times when I was a little angry.
- I remember one such time when I was angry with my friend.
- I had to go for a job interview to Jalandhar, and I was very nervous.
- It was a walk-in-interview for a call centre job and I requested my friend Roshni to accompany me.
- I somehow feel very confident when she is around.
- She has a great sense of humour and never lets me feel sad or depressed.
- She promised also to accompany me but on the day of the interview she did not turn up.
- Her phone was also switched off.
- I had to go alone.
- I was very hurt and angry also.
- I appeared for the interview and after coming back home, I went straight to her house.
- I wanted to shout at her and give her a piece of my mind.
- When I reached her home, I came to know that her father had taken ill suddenly and was admitted in the ICU.
- Her phone was also switched off because she was in the ICU attending her father.
- Everything had happened so suddenly that she did not get the time to call and inform me.
- All my anger vanished and I felt ashamed of myself.
- I should have known that she would not ditch me for some trivial reason.
- I should have had more faith in her.
- This incident strengthened our ties of friendship even more.

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

- What it looks like
- Where can you see it
- What it likes to eat or do
- Why you like it

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- India is a diverse country
- There are many types of animals found in India
- There are pet animals, domestic animals and wild animals
- Here I am going to talk about an animal, which I saw for the first time in Mini zoo at Chandigarh.
- I saw it from a distance of eight to ten feet.
- It is the elephant
- I like it because even though it is a wild animal, it doesn't seem so intimidating as the lion or tiger.
- The elephants are the biggest land animals.
- They are herbivorous and can be identified because of their trunk.
- The trunk is the projection of their nose and the upper lips.
- There are two types of elephants, the Indian and the African.
- African elephants are bigger than their Indian counterparts.
- They have comparatively larger ears.
- Among the African elephants both the males and females have tusks whereas, only the males among the Indian elephants have tusks and so they are called tuskers.
- The back of the Indian elephants are convex whereas that of the African elephants are concave.
- Indian elephants can be tamed and they are more beautiful.
- Elephants are gregarious animals and live in herds headed by tuskers.
- They have a well structured family life.
- The young ones, called the calf, are looked after by the cow elephants.
- Their cry is called trumpet.
- In India, elephants are captured, tamed and used for various purposes.
- Elephants are among the few animals whose existence is not endangered till now.

59. Describe a big company you are interested in.

- What is the company called
- How do you know this company
- What kind of business this company does
- What kinds of interesting activities does the company have

- (Sample answer)
- I belong to Phagwara and it is the hub of small scale industry.
- Many such industries have made it big within a few years.
- The big company I'm going to talk about here is called Akal Industries
- My friend Aman's father runs this industry
- I can say that it is interesting because I have seen it grow to great heights in the past few years.
- His father, Jatinder Singh and his uncle, Parminder Singh are partners in this business.
- One brother looks after the sales and the other looks after the manufacturing section.
- Four years ago Aman's cousin, Inderpal joined them and now Aman is planning to join them after completing his course in Business Management.
- This business was started by Aman's grandfather with a handful of workers about 50 years ago but now they have 1000 people working for them round the clock and they manufacture and supply auto spare parts to various countries like Germany, France, US and Canada.
- They have a very good rapport with their workers and whenever they fulfil big orders, they give bonuses to them.
- Aman tells me that his mother and aunt look after the needs of the workers' families from time to time.
- They make them feel part of their family and that is why they have never faced shortage of labour.
- Aman tells me that if any worker is absent or not well, his father takes his place and does not let the work suffer.
- They also give a lot of emphasis on quality and that is why their products are in great demand in Germany and France.
- Although Aman's family is very rich, they are very humble and magnanimous.
- His father keeps donating for charity on special occasions.
- So, this is the big company that I am interested in.

60. Describe a long car journey you went on

- Where you went
- What you did at this place
- Who you went there with
- Explain why you went on that journey by car

- Sample answer
- I have not been on many long journeys by car
- Whenever we have to go on a long journey we generally go by bus or train or by air.
- Here I am going to talk about a long journey, which I had by car.
- Last year my cousin came from Canada and he wanted to see Rajasthan.
- My maternal aunt and uncle live in Jaipur
- So we decided to visit Jaipur in Rajasthan.
- It was too late for train reservation, as my cousin had come for two weeks only.
- My uncle has a Toyota Innova, which is a seven-seater car and so my father borrowed it from him for a week.
- We were six members my father my mother my brother my cousin my uncle and I
- We started at 6 AM
- During our journey we halted at many places
- We first stopped at Murthal, where there is a famous Motel, Jhilmil Dhaba, where we had our lunch
- Then we stopped at Delhi for tea.
- We had minor halts at one or two more places
- Finally we reached my aunt's house by 7 PM
- She had prepared sumptuous dinner for us
- The next morning we went for sightseeing
- We saw many places such as the Hawa Mahal, City Palace, Amer fort, Maharani Palace and so on
- The next day we went to Chokhi Dhani
- This place has been the mirror of Rajasthani culture since 1989
- We learned a lot about Rajasthani culture over there
- Live dances and music performances went on throughout the evening
- Dinner was included in the entry ticket, and so we had dinner over there only
- The next day we did some shopping
- We enjoyed the hospitality of my aunt and uncle.
- We returned home after one week
- This road trip to Rajasthan will always hold pleasant memories for me.

61. Describe an area of science that you are interested in (such as physics, mathematics)

- What is it?
 - When you started to become interested in it?
 - What have you learned from it?
 - Explain why you have interest in it?
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- Sciences are very important in a student's life.
- It's through the science subjects that we begin to think logically and find answers to our questions.
- I found all the aspects of science interesting, like physics, biology and chemistry, as these sciences answer everyday questions about why things happened and how we evolved.
- Today I will be talking about a science, which I find the most interesting.
- It is computer science.
- I remember that I started becoming interested in it when in class 6th we started with the computer science lessons.
- We had a wonderful teacher who taught us this subject in a very interesting way.
- Her name is Ms. Meenakshi.
- We used to have both theory and practical lessons for this subject.
- We used to look forward to the lab sessions as we got to work on the computers at that time and try out several things we had learned in class.
- The lab sessions were always enjoyable, but our teacher taught it in a very interesting way and we all enjoyed the theory lessons a lot too.
- There are many interesting things that I have learned from this science.
- The first thing is how we can use computers not just as a source of entertainment, but its use is much more vast than that.
- It can be used to organize and plan things at home. It can be used for many other day-to-day activities like, banking, research work, shopping, connecting with friends and relatives and so on.
- Not only that, it helps the artists create new art and helps designers create clothes, cars, buildings, etc.
- Another reason that I have an interest in this science is because I know that in every field today we need to use computers.
- It will help me with my higher studies and also in my career later.
- In this contemporary world, the computer science has become an important science and it is essential that everyone is computer savvy to be able to do well in their studies or work or even if it is used as a source of entertainment.

62. Describe a person who just moved home

You should say:

- When and where this person moved
 - How do you know this person
 - What this person brought to the new home
 - How this person felt about moving
- People need to move to new homes when they go to another city, for work or for their studies.
- It could also be a move into a bigger or a better house in the same city.
- Today I will talk about a person who moved into a new house.
- He is my cousin Bharat.
- He is 40 years old.
- He lives in Chandigarh with his family of four members, his wife, two daughters and him.
- He runs his own business in the IT field.
- He moved with his family into a new apartment in Sector 71, Chandigarh, in June this year.
- He was earlier living with his parents, however, since his family is now growing, he needed to move to a bigger house.
- He was very excited about the move and was getting the apartment ready for the last one year.
- He has taken the help of experts and planned and designed his house really well.
- His house is on the fifth floor and the apartment building has two elevators.
- There is a big park in their society's complex, where there is a track to walk and has swings and a play area for children.
- It is a newly built apartment and they have furnished it well, with the latest interiors.
- They have installed many latest appliances in the new home.
- The kitchen is well designed and well equipped.
- His new house has three big bedrooms with attached bathrooms.
- All the relatives got together at the house-warming ceremony and we all loved his new home.
- Since their parents are in the same city, they meet them almost everyday and their daughters also has a strong bond with them.
- I think it was a very wise decision for them to move to a new home.

63. Describe a speech you gave

- When you gave the speech
 - What was the occasion
 - How did you feel about it
- I have not delivered many speeches in my life.
 - Once there was an environmental fair in my hometown
 - A declamation contest was organised by a local NGO
 - Our school principal selected two students from our school to participate.
 - A student from 10th was selected and I was selected from 9th class
 - We just got two days notice to prepare.
 - I was very nervous.
 - But, our teacher helped us prepare.
 - She helped us prepare on Global Warming, a burning issue of today.
 - I talked on the topic of global warming.
 - I spoke that the whole globe is involved in it.
 - I said that we humans are the causes and we humans can lessen it.
 - I also told us how the pollution which is caused by cutting trees, having more industries and cars and other human luxuries - is leading to global warming.
 - Then I spoke about the effects of global warming.
 - First effect is the rise in the sea level.
 - This is because of the melting of mountain peaks.
 - Second effect is the changing climate.
 - We all know that summers are getting hotter and winters are getting colder.
 - Finally, we are having epidemics of diseases like malaria and dengue.
 - This is because mosquitoes and flies prosper in the heat.
 - I also told how to lessen this phenomenon by simple measures like
 - Not cutting down trees.
 - Planting more trees.
 - Using recycled materials.
 - Saying no to plastic bags.
 - I used to be very stage shy.
 - But during that fair I spoke very nicely.
 - My speech was appreciated by one and all.
 - Then I realised that I too had oratorical skills.
 - We won the first prize.
 - That really boosted my confidence.
 - I was on cloud nine.
 - I can never forget the day.

64. Describe an activity that is a little expensive.

You should say:

- What it is
- How much it usually costs
- Who you usually do it with
- Explain why you like to do this activity

- There are many hobbies, activities and sports that are expensive to pursue.
- Some of these are sports like golf and hobbies like photography.
- These days eating out and watching a movie in cinema has also become a little expensive.
- I would like to speak about an activity that I often do, which is a little expensive.
- It is eating out at a local restaurant, in the hotel Cabanna.
- It is an expensive activity because one meal there costs around Rs. 1000 per person.
- I usually go there with my family and friends, to celebrate special occasions.
- We celebrate special occasions there around 3-5 times a year.
- I like eating there with family or friends because their food is really tasty and they are very consistent in terms of the quality of their food and the taste.
- Also, the ambience there is very nice.
- Their restaurant is very tastefully decorated.
- They have very nice works of art that are big paintings that are hung on the walls.
- I am always fascinated by these beautiful paintings.
- They have live music playing every evening, which adds to the experience of eating there.
- They have recently added a menu in which there are dishes that have pure gold as an ingredient.
- These dishes are very expensive.
- A famous chef, Chef Harpal, has created these dishes.
- Whenever we go there, we enjoy the food, the live music and the beautiful ambience that is created by the lighting, furniture and other décor.
- Even though it is an expensive activity, we visit it once every 2 or 3 months.