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**Instructions:**

**Please provide detailed answers. Write at least 4 sentences for each question. You can write examples, or elaborate your responses.**

**Q1) Do you think that English language competence affects your self-confidence? Explain your answer with reasons.**

* **Sometimes, it can affect. Especially when you’re writing or speaking and being fluent in that makes you confident. Overall, I think that the English language helps to raise your perspective, and enables you to talk and open up with people. Therefore, being a tool that assists in having good self-confidence.**

**Q2) Do you think that when you are able to overcome any kind of difficulty or challenge related to your English skills, you feel a great sense of achievement? Please provide details of the challenge and how overcoming it improved your confidence. The challenge can be related to vocabulary, grammar, writing skills, etc.**

* **Yes, most of the time I have felt that I have achieved something great but realizing the fact that it has even helped in improving the self-confidence, encouraged me to overcome the difficulties just by myself. Writing skills has always been an issue since I'm not used to of reading books and observing the patterns the writer has used in those. But practicing has made a huge difference, even though it’s the writer block that always shows up.**

**Q3) How comfortably can you switch between Urdu and English depending on the situation at hand? Explain.**

* **Easy to shift whenever I’m typing a text but seems odd when engaged in a conversation physically. I think in most of the cases I have avoided switching languages just to make it look normal and to avoid the criticism of the people.**

**Q4) Do prefer to listen to native English when you watch any program (movies, series, etc) or do you prefer to listen in Urdu if the dubbing is available? Give reasons for you answer.**

* **I have always preferred listening to the native English whenever I watched any program, dubbing the same thing makes it look too odd and the excitement to watch does not remain the same.**

**Q5) Do you think that after learning English, your behavior has become somewhat westernized? Explain your answer with examples and reasons.**

* **I think that learning a language can not only teach you about being fluent in it, conversing etc. but also teach us about the culture. For instance, I would say that English language has taught me to raise my voice in any discussion without having to feel guilty about it.**

**Q6)Do you think that after learning English, you have developed some kind of dislike for Urdu and the culture represented by Urdu? Please explain with examples.**

* **I don’t have any sort of dislike for Urdu and the culture represented by it because it is our native language and it will always remain it so what’s the point of disliking it?**

**Q7) Has learning English at all made you more interested in exploring Urdu grammar and literature? Do you think learning English makes you appreciate Urdu or your mother tongue more? Please given reasons for your answer.**

* **No, learning English has never made me think about Urdu grammar or literature because I think I know more about Urdu since it’s our mother language and less about the English literature so why would I bother to know more of Urdu when I can just learn much more English language.**

**Q8) Do you ever find yourself confused about your worldviews and culture because of learning English? Do you think you are unsure about how to define yourself because English confuses you as a Pakistani who should have a certain set of values? Please explain with reasons and examples.**

* **If I specifically talk about this 21st century and Pakistanis, speaking a language other than our mother tongue do not permit us to be Pakistanis, but it also helps to understand the worldwide views along with other cultures. A Pakistani can speak any language and be a patriotic person so that it will not change the values assigned by our society.**

**Q9) Do you think learning English has not changed you at all in terms of your thinking and cultural attitude? Please explain.**

* **Of course, how could I even deny that.It has opened up my mind towards deep thinking, more like technical, and to think rationally without even changing the cultural attitude.**

**Q10) Write a list of traits/qualities (adjectives, like, smart, confident, open-minded, etc) that come to your mind when you use English for communication. Please write 4 to 6.**

1. **Unique**
2. **Enjoyable**
3. **Unbiased**
4. **Elegant**
5. **Optimistic**