

SPEAKING PART-3

SAMPLE ANSWER

Cue Card

Describe an **old person** that you know.

You should say:

- What your relationship is to this person
- How often you see them
- What people think about this person

Explain why you like them.

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What are the advantages of having an elderly person at home?

Old people are very knowledgeable so the obvious advantage is that one will have somebody to consult whenever there's a problem. As they are very experienced, they can give advice on all aspects of life including work, friendship and love.

What can old people learn from the young generation and vice versa?

Well, I suppose there are plenty of things the old can teach the youth. For example, older people usually have a lot of life experience and have learnt a lot of important life lessons which they can teach younger people about. In

return, young people can teach old people how to use technology. Many older people tend to live behind the times so they often have a hard time learning how to use computers, smartphones or some other tech devices so that's one thing they can learn from the youth.

How would you take care of your grandparents? Who usually takes care of them?

Well, my grandparents are still healthy so they do not need much caretaking. But they live with my family and my parents take very good care of them. I believe the most important thing is to take care of their mental health, since old people are sometimes too sensitive. So every member in my family always tries to let them know that we love them and we will always be with them no matter how old they are.

If the old don't have relatives, who will take care of them?

I think a care home is a good option. It's not safe for old people to live alone in their house, especially when they have poor health conditions or memory loss. Home care has everything they need. They will be taken care of by nurses every day and more importantly, the medical services are always ready if they have any problems. Besides, there are other old people in the care home whom they can make friends with so that they won't be lonely and have more fun.

Are the attitudes of young people today towards old people the same as they used to be years ago?

I believe that at least in my country, there are not many changes in the way people treat the elderly. Old people often receive good care from the younger. However, since people are better-educated, they realize that some life lessons of the old people such as not taking showers for a month after giving birth are unscientific. They no longer trust all old people's advice as in the past. Instead, they tend to do some careful research before deciding whether they should follow the tips.

What work (if any) is suitable for old people and what work is unsuitable for them?

I think being a teacher, speaker or financial advisor are suitable occupations for old people. These jobs do not require physical strength and besides, old people are experienced and they definitely have a lot of great things to teach and advise younger generations. Jobs as construction worker, gym coach or firefighter are obviously not for retirees because they do not have good health, endurance and strength.

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Describe a **special event** that takes place in your country.

You should say:

- When the event takes place
- Why it happens / what does it celebrate
- What do people do

Explain why this is a special event.

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How do people in your country celebrate happy occasions?

In my country, people celebrate happy occasions in various ways depending on the cultural and regional traditions. For example, during festivals or weddings, people often gather with family and friends to share meals, exchange gifts, and participate in cultural performances. Some occasions may involve religious ceremonies, music, dancing, and decorations. Celebrations can also include activities such as fireworks, parades, and community events.

Why do occasions usually make people happy?

Occasions usually make people happy because they provide opportunities for socializing, bonding, and creating memorable experiences with loved ones. Celebrating happy occasions allows people to come together and share joy, laughter, and positive emotions. It also provides a break from routine life and offers a sense of festivity and excitement. Occasions often carry symbolic significance, such as marking milestones, achievements, or important events, which can evoke feelings of pride, accomplishment, and happiness.

How important is the money spent on the occasion for making people happy?

While spending money on occasions can contribute to the celebration, it is not the sole determinant of happiness. The significance of money in making people happy during occasions may vary depending on cultural norms, personal beliefs, and financial circumstances. While some people may place importance on elaborate celebrations with expensive decorations, gifts, and activities, others may prioritize the emotional connection and meaningfulness of the occasion rather than the materialistic aspects. Happiness during occasions is often derived from emotional connection, social interaction, and shared experiences, rather than the monetary value attached to it.

Is it a good idea to spend a lot of money on a birthday party?

The decision to spend a lot of money on a birthday party depends on individual preferences, financial situation, and priorities. While some people may choose to spend extravagantly on a birthday party to create a special experience for themselves or their loved ones, others may prefer more modest celebrations that focus on meaningful interactions rather than materialistic aspects. It is important to consider one's budget and financial constraints while planning a birthday party, and prioritize the emotional connection and happiness of the occasion rather than solely focusing on the amount of money spent.

Is happiness today the same as it was in the past?

Happiness is subjective and can be influenced by various factors, including cultural, social, and individual differences. While the concept of happiness may have certain universal elements, it can also change over time due to evolving societal norms, technological advancements, and changing lifestyles. In the past, happiness may have been associated with different factors such as community bonds, simplicity, and fulfillment of basic needs, whereas today it may be influenced by factors such as material possessions, social media, and individual aspirations. The perception and pursuit of happiness can vary among different generations, cultures, and contexts, making it a complex and evolving concept.

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Describe a **happy childhood event**.

You should say:

- When it happened
- Who was involved
- How you felt at the time

Explain why you remember this particular occasion.

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Is it important to have pleasant childhood memories? Why?

It is absolutely important to have pleasant childhood memories because, without them, negativity will creep up into our lives when we grow up to become adults. In fact, without pleasant childhood memories, we would develop mistrust, sense of unnecessary shame, doubt and guilt, sense of inferiority, confusion with playing a proper social role in the community in our lives while most likely remaining isolated also from the fun and productive activities. Childhood memories often make or break our future life and that is why it is imperative to have a pleasant childhood and positive memories associated with it.

Do you think that people are permanently affected by negative childhood memories? Why do you think so?

Negative childhood memories have some impacts on our future like but I don't think that people are permanently affected by negative childhood memories just as they aren't by the positive memories because if they did affect, it would be very difficult for us to make decisions quickly, and we would always carry a huge load of the complex emotional bag on our back to be functional. Besides, the fact that we are able to treat some of our mental illnesses (which are essentially nothing but a collection of negative memories from our past childhood sometimes) with psychiatric treatments, proves to us that people aren't affected by childhood memories permanently. If we

were enduringly affected by our negative experiences in childhood, it would have been quite impossible for us to carry on as adults.

What do you think it means to 'live in the past'?

Memories are lifetime things that remain with us for the rest of our lives, and when we think and talk about these memories by forgetting about the normal activities of our lives, we call it living in the past. Of course, living in the past is not that bad when clinging on to the pleasant memories because they sometimes motivate us to have positive views about life, but if we cling on to the unpleasant or negative memories most of the time, we become depressed and find it really hard to enjoy the normal things in our lives.

Nowadays many parents try to make their children happy by buying them many toys. How do you feel about this?

Generally speaking, it makes me feel good when I see that parents are buying their children many toys in order to make them happy because it helps create good memories in the minds of the children. Besides, the practice also helps create a stronger bond between the parents and their children. However, while the practice of buying many toys may seem to be an innocent act in isolation, parents would do good on their parts if they also care to teach their children sometimes not to get mad or unhappy, when they (the children) don't receive something they really like, in order to help children understand the realities of life.

What is more important for a child's happiness, many toys or many friends?

A child needs both toys and friends to become happy in his or her life, but they certainly don't need many of either of them. Contrary to popular belief, I really like to think that children are rational, and they don't exactly care to understand the complicated issue of being happy. Rather, all the children care about is to enjoy and have fun in their lives whether they get them from playing with their friends or by playing with their toys.