# Introduction (30 seconds)

#### Interviewer:

"Good morning everyone! Today, we have a very special guest with us, Dr. S. Jaishankar, the current Minister of External Affairs of India. Sir, thank you for joining us."

### S. Jaishankar:

"Thank you for inviting me. It's a pleasure to be here."

# **Body (4 minutes)**

#### Interviewer:

"Sir, you have had an incredible journey from being a diplomat to serving as the Minister of External Affairs. Can you tell us what inspired you to pursue this career?"

# S. Jaishankar:

"Well, I come from a family where education and service were highly valued. My father was a civil servant, which influenced me a lot. Over the years, my interest in international relations grew, and I realized I wanted to represent India globally."

#### Interviewer:

"That's truly inspiring, sir. Now, moving on to India's global presence, we've seen the country take on a significant role in international affairs. What do you think are the most important aspects of India's foreign policy today?"

### S. Jaishankar:

"India focuses on strategic autonomy, meaning we make decisions based on our national interests. Whether it's improving relations with neighboring countries, participating in global forums like the G20, or dealing with challenges like climate change, India's goal is to create a balanced and independent path."

### Interviewer:

"Thank you for explaining India's foreign policy. Along with these strategies, India also faces some tough challenges on the global stage. Sir, in recent years, India has faced many geopolitical challenges. How do you handle such situations diplomatically?"

#### S. Jaishankar:

"Diplomacy is about finding solutions through dialogue and negotiation. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, we worked to provide vaccines to other countries under the *Vaccine Maitri* initiative, which strengthened India's global partnerships."

# Interviewer:

"That's very insightful, sir. Before we conclude, I'd like to ask something closer to our hearts as students. What message would you like to give to students like us who want to contribute to India's development?"

### S. Jaishankar:

"My advice is simple: focus on education, stay aware of global developments, and never stop learning. Young people are the future of our nation, and your ideas and energy will shape India's place in the world."

# **Conclusion (30 seconds)**

# **Interviewer:**

"Thank you so much for sharing your thoughts, sir. It was truly inspiring to hear about your journey and insights."

#### S. Jaishankar:

"Thank you. I wish you all the very best for your studies and future endeavors."

# **Notes**

- Practice these transitions to make them sound natural.
- Use a calm and clear tone.
- If nervous, take a brief pause between questions to collect your thoughts.

Let me know if you need further adjustments!