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A Brief Introduction

I am 15 years old. I was born in Trail, a city in British Columbia. Trail was the nearest city to the small, rural ski town I lived in; Rossland. At the age of five, I moved to Toronto and have been living here ever since. My family originally comes from India. My mother comes from the Gujarat and Kutchchh region while my father comes from the Bengal region.

Despite the fact that I don’t often play sports, there are several sports with I enjoy. Skiing is amongst my favourite sports. I enjoy both downhill and cross-country, but I prefer cross-country. I like being outdoors in a natural setting and exploring, which is why I prefer cross-country skiing over downhill skiing, though I have done much more downhill skiing. It is for the same reason that I enjoy hiking.

I watch movies one every one or two months. Nearly all the movies I have watched are Bollywood (Urdu) movies, though I have also watched some Hollywood and Japanese movies. My favourite movies are Dedh Ishqiya (Urdu), and Daawat-e-Ishq (Urdu).

I occasionally watch TV shows. The majority of the TV shows I watch are Pakistani Drama serials. My favourite TV shows are Shehr-e-Zaat (Urdu), Top Chef Canada, Master Chef and Humsafar (Urdu).

Music is a large part of my life. I enjoy listening to a wide variety of music, though it consists mostly of Indian Urdu and Punjabi music. I also listen to Iranian (Farsi) Arabic and Afghan (Farsi and Pashto) music. Occasionally I listen to Portuguese and French music. My favourite artists include Kanika Kapoor, Khashayar Azar, Rahat Fateh Ali Khan and Sandy.

For me, food is life. Not only is it my physiological life, but it is also a part of my emotional life. I love exploring food by tasting and cooking new dishes. My favourite foods include Qeema (Indian minced meat), Baba Ghanouj, Sashimi and stone fruits, especially peaches and apricots.

I have several hobbies, one of them being learning languages. Previously I have been self-taught some basic Portuguese and Japanese. Currently, I am learning Farsi through a language learning app. I also taught myself the Arabic (Nashk) and the Urdu (Nastaliq) scripts which are very similar to each other. I also like reading. I read in English and Urdu. My favourite book is *the Kite Runner* by KHaled Hosseini. I also enjoy cooking. I cook the foods which I enjoy eating, which are mostly Middle Eastern, Indian, Iranian and Japanese foods.

I find school to be like a game. The challenge is to learn the material as well as possible in order to gain the most points, or grades. I like many subjects, but amongst the top ranked would be Math, Business, and English. Programming is a specific subject which intrigues me. Over the summer I downloaded Python hoping to learn some of the language. Unfortunately I was not able to find a good tutorial. I would very much like to learn to develop apps and websites. I would like my programming skills with my other interests. For example, I would like to create an application for learning to read Urdu or Farsi. At school, I sometimes join the Cross-Country team and the Ultimate Frisbee team. Last year, I did not join any sport teams, but I joined the Business Club.