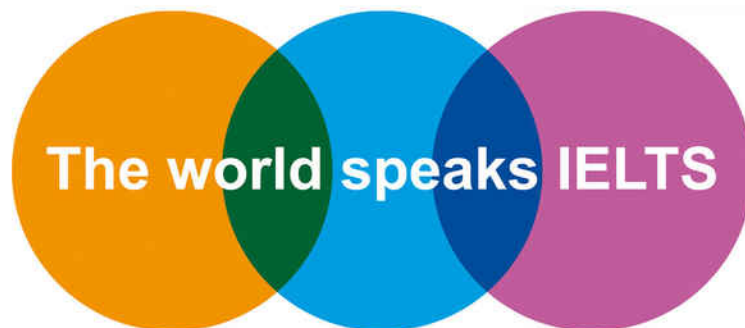


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- 104- A successful businessman you know
- 105- An indoor game that you played in your childhood
- 106- A prize you have won
- 107- Your favourite furniture at home
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\*\*\* Repeat of Topic Number 25 (Favourite movie / film)

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172- A famous food item from your hometown or country

173- A project you had to do in your studies or job

174- A place that your parents took you to

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176- A/An historical place you have been to

177- A workplace you have worked in or know about

178- A city, town or village you know well

179- A/An historical figure who you know about

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181- A friend who has played an important part in your life

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Part 3: Two-way discussion (Cars)

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- 193- A musical instrument you would like or be able to play
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- 209- A lake, river or sea you like to visit
- 210- A situation when you were late
- 211- An indoor game you have enjoyed playing in your free time

## Describe a situation when you waited for a bus or a train.

### You should say:

- when it was
- where you waited
- how long you waited

### and explain how you felt about it.

#### Model Answer:

I am a student of the University of Allahabad in India and graduating on Journalism. Recently, I had to wait for a bus to reach my university and that was a horrible experience for me. I will remember the event for long days.

Thank you for the question and I will describe the event now.

It was last Monday when I had to attend a class in the university in the afternoon. In fact, it was a weird timing for me. It is difficult for me to get out in the afternoon. Besides, the sun is bright at that time which is another issue for me. I like to stay at home at this time of the day but had to set out my journey to university without finding no other ways as the class was very important. I had also to wait for the bus to arrive at the stoppage. I waited for over one hour at the bus stoppage and finally reached at the university.

The bus station is adjacent to my residence. Actually, the bus stoppage was a five-minute walk from my home. But the conditions of the bus station were unsatisfactory. The lack of seating arrangement and sheds on top were the most troublesome issue about the bus station. So, I had to wait under the bright sun. Besides, it is also difficult for a young woman like me to wait in an open space. A wide number of vehicular movement made it intolerable to wait beside a busy road. But there were no other ways. There was a crowd of people and everyone was waiting for the bus. In fact, the number of buses was reduced on that day for a strike of the bus owners' association on some demands. So, they did not allow the buses to ply on the roads. The sufferings of the ordinary people were really unbearable.

I waited for over one hour for the bus ride. Usually, there are lots of buses available in the city but when there are such strikes, the number of buses and other public transports get reduced. At that moment, the ordinary people have to suffer and struggle a lot to reach their destinations. When I went at the bust stoppage, there were only a few people waiting for the bus to arrive. But with the passing of time, there was a moderate crowd of people. But unfortunately, the people turned impatient. And when a bus arrived, everyone rushed to ride

and I missed the chance that time. It was impossible for me to ride the bus by pushing the crowd. So, I waited. The next bus arrived about 45 minutes later. It was unmanageable for me to get on the bus that time too. But I asked everyone to follow the queue so that everyone could get a seat on the bus. I was fed up with the experience. Everyone wanted to get on the bus by pushing others away. Besides, some of the waiting passengers started quarrelling over the issue. So, the situations were hot. As a female, it was not possible for me to join with the quarrel and I waited calmly but got irritated with the surrounding events. Finally, when I board the bus, I experienced another situation. There were no empty seats and even the seats reserved for females were filled up. So, I had to make a standing journey. I will not forget the event too soon.

### **Describe a challenging profession you know about.**

#### **You should say:**

what profession it is

- what challenges it involves
- do you want to have this profession

#### **and explain why this is a challenging profession.**

#### **Model Answer:**

Umpiring in cricket is one of the most challenging profession I have ever known. In fact, this is one of the toughest profession I have ever seen in my life. Thank you for such a smart question and here are the answers. Umpires are those people who are set to play the role of referee in sports, particularly in cricket. The man who stands behind the wicket with a distance wearing hat is known as the umpire of the game. He is responsible to run the game smoothly and provide important decisions like responding to the appeal of out, declaring the end of a bowling over, declaring the extra runs and more other issues. This is a challenging profession indeed as the umpire needs to remain aware of everything during the play. But this is a prestigious profession as well. The umpires are respected everywhere and have access to places where the ordinary people cannot even think of.

The most important challenge is focusing. The umpires need to be focused on some specific issues during the game. Firstly, they need to focus on the bowling of the bowlers. If they are delivering the balls in the right and prescribed manner. If there are any mismatch with the bowling pattern and the prescribed process, the umpire declares accordingly. Besides, the umpire is

also responsible for looking after the stepping of the bowlers. On the other sides, the umpire takes a sharp look at the batsmen. Sometimes they need to have a focused look on the stepping of the batsmen as well. Declaring an out is another challenging task for them. If there is any mistake in the declaration of an 'out', it may ruin the career of a batsman. Besides, if there is a wrong decision, the umpire is brought under scanner if he is biased by any means of not. To be frank, I am not eligible for the profession of a professional umpire. This is a tough job. I lack the skills and expertise required for the decision making. Moreover, I do not have so much focusing ability. The umpires have to stand on their legs till the cricket match continues. So, it is another disability of mine that I am unable to stand for long hours and without any external support. The umpires have to decide carefully about the decisions of out and not out. Sometimes, a wrong decision may bring negative criticism which is unbearable to me. Besides, I do not have the sharp eyesight. The umpires often provide the decision of LBW and they do not need to see the entire bowling and foot placement on screen repeatedly. They see it once and give a decision which is accurate in most of the cases. But I am unable to do any of those. So, this is not the profession for me. Umpiring is a challenging profession in many aspects. When an umpire is on the playground, he needs to be careful about some certain matters. He needs to know all the available rules of cricket. He needs to take an instant decision. Besides, if he makes any mistake, it is he who is to be responsible for. Rewards and resources are limited but they need to provide the best performance. When they fail to take any decision, they need to consult with the third umpire for accuracy or decide any unresolved or pending decision. In a word, they are to take unbearable physical and mental pressure when they are on the ground. Therefore, I think this is a challenging profession indeed.

### **Describe a story popular in your country.**

**You should say:**

- what it is
- how you heard it
- what lesson or moral it teaches

**and explain why possibly this is a popular story in your country.**

**Answer:**

Telling lie is never appreciated and to prevent people from lying to each other, a good number of stories are found across the world. The story of a tiger and a

cowhand is a popular one around the other nations and this is the same here in Ghana. In fact, this is a great story that inspires people from telling lies.

The story is about a young cowhand who used to tell lies to other people, particularly the other cowhands in his surroundings. He used to shout about tigers and the remaining cowhands rushed to help him. They got prepared with tools and arms available to prevent the tiger. But there was nothing such found finally. When they came to save the young cowhand and his cattle, the young one used to laugh at them. He got a satisfaction that he has fooled them. The similar thing happened for a couple of days and one day the tiger came. He shouted for help but none arrived in his support. They thought the young one might want to befool them again.

I heard the story to my grandma. In fact, when I was a kid, my grandma used to tell such stories at night. Sitting in a round circle at the house, I heard the story. Some of my cousins also had the same experience. They also used to listen to the story from the same storyteller – my grandma. Later, when I was at school, I found the story in my textbook. It was easier for me to cope with the story as I heard it before. Actually, many of the students were unable to go with the story as they did not have the chance to know it beforehand. I was lucky in this sense that my grandma had told many other stories like this and all of them were entertaining and educative as well.

This is a short story and teaches to never tell a lie. In fact, telling a lie may bring a temporary satisfaction or gain in life but in the long run, it destroys the life. When someone tells lie more and more, s/ he cannot tell the truth even if they want. It turns into a habit that is tougher to leave. Moreover, by telling lies, you are hurting the emotional state of someone. When you will lie to them, and if they can comprehend the issue, they will never trust you again. The liars, usually, lose trust from people. Nobody loves them or trust them. Even they are ignored in their families. The detrimental impacts of telling lies are huge than anyone can imagine. The story is about truth. If the cowhand did not tell the lie and befool the other cowhands, he could have managed support in the time of necessity.

This is a much popular story in my country. To make any example, majority people cite the story and tries to convince others in avoiding lies. Besides, most of the people here are simple and lead ordinary lives. But there are some people who are really troublesome and lies always. This is also a lesson for them to give up the habit of telling lie. The story is particularly popular among

the kids as they hear it frequently. When I was a kid, the story was interesting to me as it is now. This is the story that is available in many other countries with minor modifications in the consequences of the cowhand. But it teaches a great lesson for life. So, it is popular in my country.

### **Describe a fruit popular in your country.**

#### **You should say:**

- what it is
- how popular it is
- do you like it

#### **and say why possibly this is a popular fruit in your country.**

[You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.]

#### **Model Answer:**

Greece is a land of diversity. People love to take various types of fruits after almost each of their meals. So, a large number of fruits are available and most of them they appear in seasons. But some of the fruits are available round the year. Watermelon is one of the seasonal fruits that is loved by all. Thank you for the question.

In fact, every Greek loves to take fruits as desserts and thus there are a number of fruits are available in the land. The seasonal fruits are more popular than the other types of fruits. Watermelon is one the seasonal fruits that is available during summer. It is a juicy fruit that provides a different type of pleasure to the consumers. They take it in different ways. Sometimes people prefer to have it by a slice or sometimes they take it by making juice. Besides, some of the people love to take it in their cocktail.

Some people like watermelon more than any other fruits for many reasons. First of all, this is a type of fruit that has several health benefits. A major part of the fruit contains water and thus it helps to hydrate the body. The fruit gained

popularity for its taste and it refreshes within a short time. Further, the fruit contains less calories and enriched with vitamins and other healthy compounds. Watermelon is popular in Greece for another reason – it is available everywhere and cheaper in price than the other seasonal fruits. Around 92 percent of the fruits come with water that helps to replenish the lost energy. Besides, the sweet flavour of the fruit is another reason to attract the people. When someone takes the fruit, it helps to make them feel full with vigour and energy. The nutritious value could not be ignored as well. Based on all such beneficial factors, the fruit is hugely popular in the country.

Of course, I like watermelon. In fact, this is one of my preferred fruits during summer. It comes with numerous health benefits. My parents also inspire me on having watermelon as much as I can during the summer days. I prefer to have the fruit in the form of juice than the slice. But this is a bit complex process. To prepare watermelon juice, you need to cut the fruit into pieces and then blend them. Add some sugar if you prefer to bring more taste. But I feel trouble while sorting out the seeds from the fruit. But after completing everything when I drink the juice, I feel a heavenly pleasure. Sometimes, I take the juice with me at my college and drink them when I need. In fact, I love the juice more than any other thing and my mum helps me preparing it.

Watermelon is a popular fruit in my country for many reasons. In summer, the temperature level rises more than expected. So, people are in need to hydrate their bodies. Drinking water is the only solution but it is not preferable to many of them. So, when they are seeking the alternative, watermelon comes in the first position of their search list. Actually, water has no taste at all. But the fruit is different from water. It has a delicious flavour and satisfies the thirst. Moreover, it refills necessary vitamins essential to control your physical activities. Considering such positive aspects, watermelon is a popular fruit in Greece.

### **Describe a new year celebration that you still remember.**

**You should say:**

- when it was
- what you did
- who was with you

**and explain how you celebrated this new year.**

[You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.]

**Model Answer:**

Usually, the new year is celebrated amid great festivity in Australia. A good number of people get out of their home to witness the departure of a year. They also welcome the next year and hope for the best. I can remember the new year of 2013 when I was an undergraduate at University of New South Wales in Sydney. Thank you for the question and I will describe the event now.

It was the last celebration of a new year as a student because my last semester was going on. So, we all planned for a grand celebration on the last day of the year. After the plan, we arranged for a good number of activities and accomplished them perfectly. We gathered before 11 pm at the premise of Sydney Opera House and everyone enjoyed the event that we had been planning for past few days. This was a great fun to me and other friends of mine present there.

We had several plans but unluckily we could not implement all of them due to lack of preparation. So, we just did the most desired ones. In fact, none of us was familiar with fireworks. So, it was on the top of the list. On the day time, one of my friends was assigned to get the fireworks. And we were grateful to him for his cordial contribution. He brought fireworks more than our imagination. Each of us, on that night, set fire on the fireworks and they made the sky vibrant. Besides, there were arrangements for refreshment. We took foods and soft drinks. For some security measures and considering some other issues, we did not allow any types of alcoholic drink for us. It was a nice party and everyone of us enjoyed greatly. The fireworks were noteworthy and it attracted a remarkable number of people to enjoy the show.

Almost all of my intimate friends and associates were present at the event. I can remember Julia, Peter, Johnson, Thomas and Andrea among others. In fact, they were my best friends and still, they are. The idea to celebrate was my brainchild and everyone agreed. But some of the mates could not accept the invitation because they had some other engagement on that night. So, accordingly, we all made plans to celebrate the day. It was a bit difficult to



arrange for everything needed for the day. When I had sent Peter for the fireworks, he failed several times to get them. The fireworks were unavailable and he had to move in different places to arrange them. When he returned, he surprised us. Julia was assigned to arrange for the foods and she brought some homemade foods for us. We were happy with the food items. Overall, it was a nice celebration.

We all shouted with the fireworks. I set fire on a piece right before the clock reached 12.00am. it was the beginning of a new year, new hope and new days. So, every one of us was too much excited about the entire event. Some of the friends started dancing together when the clock passed the midnight. I also enjoyed the party that night. They all praised me highly for taking such a step to celebrate the day. Finally, we returned home after around one and a half hours passing on various streets of Sydney. The day is still vivid on my mind.

### **Describe an experience you had with a type of foreign food.**

#### **You should say:**

- when you first ate it
- where you ate this food
- how you felt about it

#### **and say if you liked or disliked it.**

[You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.]

#### **Model Answer:**

Usually, I do not take foods out of the home. But sometimes I have to take the foods when I am travelling abroad. And the experiences are sweet and sour. Thank you for the question. Recently I went to Mexico for attending an international conference and I will describe the experience with foods in Mexico now.

I am a student of HELP University in Kuala Lumpur. I have been born and

brought up here. So, everything is familiar to me. Since my parents take a great care to me, I never had to take my foods out of the home. But this time, it was different. I had to join at the conference as a representative of my university and also had to taste various types of foreign foods. The experience was interesting. I went Mexico in the last quarter of 2016. And it was the first journey out of my country as well.

I had to stay at a hotel in Mexico and I took my foods from the restaurant of that hotel. Sometimes, I went out with the other participants and tasted the delicious foods. But there were some basic differences among the foods of Mexico and Malaysia. In fact, I am habituated with foods prepared with less spice and oil. But the foods that I tasted in Mexico were a bit opposite of my taste. But I took them and tried to adjust with the environment. The restaurant, where I took the foods, also sold some other traditional Mexican foods. But I liked the ones similar to my traditions. I am familiar with rice and took mostly the foods prepared with rice. On the other side, I am a vegetarian and so, it was a bit difficult for me to avoid the non-veg foods there. Because most of the food items had some sort of meats with them.

Taking foods out of home is always troublesome for me. And when it was in a foreign land, the troubles increased more for me. In fact, I was used to with the local foods of Malaysia. So, I had some issues with the Mexican foods. Besides, I am more conscious of the cooking and cleaning process of the foods. My mother cooks the foods after cleaning them in the right manner. But the restaurants' cooks are most of the cases unable to clean the food ingredients properly before cooking them. They are not that much neat and clean. I gained the experiences from some of the local restaurants here in Malaysia. So, I developed the idea and it was changed after I had a look at the kitchen of the restaurant where I took my foods during my stay. So, I enjoyed the meals most of the time.

This is a bit confusing issue for me to answer. Some of the foods were delicious while I could not eat some other foods for their bizarre tastes. So, I rather follow a neutral stance on this issue. Foods prepared with vegetables were extremely delicious to me. But I tried to take some non-veg foods as well only to check their tastes. But I could not consume them properly and had to give up finally as the tastes appeared strange to me. However, I enjoyed the foods like Mexican Rice, Mexican Red Rice, Mexican Chocolate Cake, Simple Mexican Rice etc. than any other foods. So, the experience was mixed for me.

## Describe something you do to help others.

### You should say:

- what you do
- how long have you been doing it
- how you started doing it

### and explain why you think this is helpful for others.

[You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.]

### Model Answer:

I actually provide technological support to people and some people have opined that it has greatly helped them. To make it clear, I help other people with their needs related to computer and technology. Actually, I am not quite enthusiast doing it and not sure how much it helps others, but for this cue card topic, I would like to talk about it.

I live in a joint family in India. And thus the number of family members is more than the other ordinary families. So, most of them are in need of various types of supports and I try to help them when they fall in trouble with technological issues. Besides, I also help them when they cannot use their computers and other electronic devices. Often, some of the senior family members come with issues like their mobile phones are not working or they cannot make calls etc. Besides, I am popular in my locality as a great tech-savvy and repair man(!!!) and the people who are in need of such supports ask me to help them. Without any charge, I help them as much as I can.

I had some training on technological aspects like repairing computers, television and other electronic devices. I took the training in 2013 and learnt to repair those. It began with the repair of the television set of my home. My mother was having trouble to watch the television and it had a poor signal receiving. She was unable to see shows clearly. So, I changed a part of the television set and everything was okay. She spread the issue to everyone and I got a reputation for solving the electronic devices. Sometimes, they came to

me about solving some technological troubles. The issues were working with internet and computer. Since a majority of the people of my locality are not too much educated, they fall in trouble easily with the issues. So, I go for their help.

The support began within my family. It was my mother who played the biggest role in spreading his son's reputation as a mechanic for electronic devices, as I told earlier. Then my reputation soared higher in the family and in the locality. Everyone gathered with their troubles. But it was not possible for me to repair everything they asked me to do. Sometimes I failed and told them that the thing was completely dead. At a point, I decided to make it a commercial activity for me. But my mother advised me not to be a commercial person in this case. She also advised me to complete my education at first and keep the repairing activities as my hobby. After her suggestions, I worked so and still repairing electronic devices as my hobby.

Certainly, this is helpful to others. In fact, if I were not there, they would have to move to a distant city to repair their devices. This locality is a remote one in India and devoid of modern amenities. The number of internet user is few. It is hopeful that the government has adopted various measures to improve the conditions of the locality. But still, the people are backdated. Most of the families only have a television set for recreational purposes. Some of the wealthy people have personal computers and they take great care of the devices (always keep the computers under cover and use once or twice in a month). So, they are greatly benefitted with my service and need to pay for the part prices only that I bring from the distant town riding my bicycle. I am happy to be in their help.

### **A sport that you would like to learn.**

#### **You should say:**

- what sport it is
- how you would learn it
- how difficult you think it would be to learn

#### **and explain why you would like to learn this sport.**

[You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to

help you if you wish.]

### **Model Answer:**

There are a good number of indoor and outdoor sports available. And the preferences to sports are different based on people's choice. I love to take part in indoor sports and considering to learn table tennis. This is a charming sport and requires a special set of skills and movements to master the skills and play it. Thank you for the question and I will describe it now.

Table tennis is an exciting form of sport. It has numerous benefits. First of all, it helps to increase the concentration of the players. Besides, it is much better than the lawn tennis. In fact, you need to run more on the lawn and it is a bit relaxed on the table. Besides, there are some special techniques to serve the ball to the opponent. It helps to make them perplexed and confirms the victory. I also like the game for its health benefits. Overall, this is a highly entertaining indoor sport that also brings name and fame for the players.

I am planning to learn it the university campus currently, I am studying in. In fact, there are nice arrangements of table tennis. A substantial number of students take part in the sport. There are four table tennis tables, tennis bats and other features available. The students take part in the sport and compete with each other. Sometimes they play in teams as well. So, I have decided to take part in the sport with a view to learn it. But it is difficult to manage chances to play there. The tables are always occupied by the players. Even it is not empty in the leisure hours except the holidays. I have also decided to buy a personal table tennis bat and ball for me to practice at home. In fact, I am planning to use the unused wooden table in our garage.

It is really difficult to learn the sport. I had tried several times to make the beginning but could not do it perfectly. I lacked the skills to hold the bat in the right way. On the other side, it is slightly difficult for me to notice the speedy movement of the ball. I am also unable to move faster like the other players. In fact, a fast movement is a must to learn the sport. Without moving fast in line with the ball, there are chances that you will be the loser in the game. Besides, mastering the tennis ball serving methods is another terrible tasks. If you can create a swing, there are chances that your opponent will be misguided with the ball direction. And if you fail to make the swing, your opponent will strike

you back harder which may make you unable to defeat. Hence, I think this is moderately difficult to learn the sport.

I would like to learn the sport for some reasons. First of all, all types of sports a kind of exercise that keeps the body fit, healthy. It also refreshes the mind. In fact, this is a very good way to pass the leisure hours. Getting skilled in this sport will make me famous as well, among the other players. If I could be a skilled table tennis player, I would be able to take part in the inter-university championship which will be a matter of great pride for my university. Besides, as I need to focus on the ball, it will increase my concentration level. As this is an indoor sport, there are fewer chances of injuries and accidents. Considering everything, I think this is the perfect sport for me to learn about.

### **Describe a natural calamity that you fear.**

**You should say:**

- what it is
- why do you fear it
- how it affects people's lives

**and explain how you think the damage can be reduced.**

[You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.]

### **Model Answer:**

Often we are to fall victim of natural calamities. It may happen for a good number of reasons. I fear earthquake most for many reasons. I have seen the devastating impacts of the earthquake from an early age and thus I am afraid of it. Besides, there are some other natural disasters are also available on my land but this is one of the most terrible ones to me.

Earthquake is a natural disaster that may occur at any time of the day or the year. In Indonesia, there are less number of natural disasters but I think this one is more frequent than any other disasters. When it appears with a massive strike, it damages a good number of properties and people. There are no exact reasons have been found so far but it is assumed that it happens for the

release of energy from the ground level of the earth. Besides, it is also caused by the slippage of the geological faults.

I am afraid of this disaster for many reasons. First of all, the aftermaths of an earthquake are really dangerous. It brings disaster with it. It can destroy a civilisation within a few seconds. Actually, the sudden shock from the underground creates an imbalance on the stuff located on the ground. As a result, they become displaced. When the shock is more severe, it shakes the buildings, vehicles, humans and other things on the ground level. As a result, everything collapses and fall victim of the earthquake. Even it takes months to remove the debris and bring out the bodies and other remains. Some recent earthquake events could be cited in this case. The earthquake in Nepal in 2015 killed almost 9000 lives and the damages were also serious. It took a long time for the nation to recover the losses. An earthquake in Sumatra last year killed over 100 people within a second and also ruined huge properties. So, there are many reasons to fear this natural calamity.

Earthquakes, generally, cause damage to human lives and properties. Besides, it also damages livestock and other available resources to human. In fact, it becomes really difficult to start everything from ground zero. And, as a bonus, the affected people need to spend lots of time to get back the things they lost in the disaster. When an earthquake takes place in a densely populated area, it becomes hard to conduct a rescue operation. And if the epicentre is in the locality, it really becomes impossible to get everything in order. So, life becomes difficult for the affected people. As everything collapses, they do not get the basic needs. Emergency relief becomes a must in the locality. Fortunately, when the earthquake epicentre is far away, the damage radius is lower. Life resumes immediately if there are not any massive damages. But the scale of the disaster in the adjacent locality of the epicentre is completely different. Life stalls for an uncertain period.

I am not an earthquake specialist but I think there are several ways to control the earthquake damages. It is natural that earthquakes will hit the larger structures on the ground. So, they should be able to prevent or at least tolerate the earthquake blow. In most of the cases, earthquake-resistant building code should be followed. Besides, people should be made aware of the pre and post impacts of the earthquake so that they could cope up with the disasters. Furthermore, a general preparation may also help greatly to overcome the disaster impacts.

## Describe a gift you gave to a child.

### You should say:

- what it was
- who you gave it to
- on what occasion you gave this gift

### and explain why you chose this gift.

[You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.]

### Model Answer 1:

Recently, I went to the birthday party of a little child living the opposite door of mine. I was invited as a guest at the party, and so I took a gift for the child. It was a nice Lego set. In fact, I picked the Lego set for some special reasons. Thank you so much for asking the question, and I will describe the entire event now.

Usually, Lego sets are used to make different structures and play with them. This is a perfect set of toys for the kids under years of old. Besides, the toy set also helps to make the kids smart and intelligent. They can exercise their ideas and intelligence in making the structures. It does not matter how weird the structures be in reality, the kids get a sort of entertainment in building the toys and playing with them. They are in love with such toy sets. Besides, the Lego sets also help the kids to learn many basics and apply them in their real life.

My neighbour, Mr Ramadeen Gokhle is a nice man. He lives with his family and he is a banker by profession. He has two nice little kids. I was invited on the birthday of his older daughter, Samantha. She turned nine on that day. Basically, she is a smart girl and knows very well how to deal with people. She is also very good in her studies and loves to play strategic games. So, when I was invited as a guest on the ceremony, considering her features I decided that this would be the best gift for her from me. Accordingly, I got this Lego set for her which has some advanced techniques and tools. She liked the gift so much and had thanked me several times for the nice present.



Samantha is a nice little girl. She looks very cute and has a very good relation with me. She often comes to my house and plays with my kids. In fact, she behaves like an older sister of my kids. So, when I was invited on her birthday, I was happy. She was growing up. She is matured enough to deal with the world but she needs a greater motivation for the purpose. So, she needs something special that could motivate her in her real-life situation. Marking the birthday, a grand event was organised. Her parents were also happy with the event. A notable number of people were invited to the ceremony at their home. It was a joyous day for Samantha. Everyone brought presents for her and she was extremely glad. She was surprised with almost all of the presents which I came to know later when she came to meet us with some of her presents.

I picked the gift considering various reasons as I told before. Actually, I try to give gifts or presents which could of use to the receiver. I do not prefer to provide some sort of show pieces that will increase the beauty of the living room or the showcases. Rather I like to provide present that the receiver could use in everyday life. It will also help them to remember me whenever they will use the present. Based on this ground, I searched the internet to get the right gift item for a girl of her age. Then I came to know about the lego set and its benefits. Since she was a little angel and it would be helpful for her mental faculty, I picked the lego set as the gift for her.

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### **Sample Answer 2:**

I have a nephew of three years old. He lives in a distant place than me. So, whenever I meet him, I take some sort of gifts for him and he becomes surprised with the gift items. Last time, I took a toy train set for him and he was extremely happy with the gift. Thank you so much for such a smart question. I will describe the event now.

It was a nice toy train set. In fact, in my childhood, I also used to play with this type of set. My dad brought that for me. Whatever, the set contained a locomotive and five wagons. Besides, there was a circular rail track which could also be extended to some extent. Operating the train set was easier. It needed to place the locomotive on the track and adding the wagons on its tail. It started to run after switching it on. The train used to run in a circular end until it was stopped.

I gave it to Chatu Thakra, my nephew and lives with his parents in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He is a smart boy and loves to play with different things at home. Sometimes, his dad takes him out of home to play on the ground. It becomes the happiest event for him. Besides, he also becomes happy when he sees me at his home. Usually, I go to visit him and his family (his parents) on the weekends. So, it becomes a great family reunion as well. Chatu is also fond of some other indoor games and he practices them with me and his dad. In his small age, he is skilled in mathematics and can solve some critical problems within a few minutes, whereas it takes hours for me to complete. It is a wonder to me. He is also eager to learn newer things and he is a quick learner. But such features are not visible in the other children of his age.

I gave the gift without any occasion. Actually, I take gifts for him, as I said before. So, it does not need any special occasion to give him a gift. When his parents observed his first birthday, I was the only invitee who brought no gifts with him. I was not ashamed of the matter. Rather, I proudly exposed it that I had no gifts for him. Actually, I do want to give him gifts for any occasion. I love him very much. And so, I bring gifts for him whenever I go to meet my sister and him. So, this is not an important issue to take gifts for my nephew marking any occasion.

I picked the gift based on some reasons. Recently, I heard that he is becoming mischievous. He does not want to stay at home. So, I thought if I could take something special for him, it will remove his attention from outside activities. As part of my plan, I took the toy train set. In fact, it was an attractive set with the locomotive, a small train station and some wagons. It was moderate in size and shape. The toy train set has become a great toy for him. He remains busy with the set almost half of the day. The desire to move outside is almost removed from his mind. The most important thing is that he is enjoying the play with this toy set as I desired. Considering all such aspects, I took the toy train for him.

### **Describe a game you play on your cell phone.**

#### **You should say:**

- what is it
- how long have you been playing it
- what type of game it is

**and explain why you play this game on your cell phone/ mobile phone.**

[You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.]

### **Model Answer 1:**

Playing games on a cell phone is really an interesting matter. It also helps to pass leisure hours. So, often I play games on my cell phone. Thank you for the question. I will describe the game now.

This is a 3D game named 'Sniper Assassin'. I came to know about the game when I was browsing the App Store to get some suitable apps for my iPhone 6S. I was seeking an action game and suddenly the recommendation for the game appeared. This is an action game and about to kill criminals in different environments. By eliminating the criminals, the player achieves points. This is a realistic game and provides much pleasure to me. In fact, I am in love with this game for many reasons. The game has an attractive graphic interface and the other features are also adorable. The initial levels are easy to play but they start becoming hard once you move for the next levels.

I have been playing the games for past five or six months. In fact, I cannot manage enough time to play the game continuously. So, I have crossed only two level in the game. There are around 10 levels and you need some special skills and weapons to play them. Moreover, as a player, I had to equip myself with the latest arms and ammunition. Without the advanced weapons, ammunition and other accessories, you cannot play the game effectively. If I could have focused on the game regularly, I could finish it before. But due to my academic activities and other familiar works, I am unable to manage time frequently to be with the game. Now, if I can manage time, I play one or two times before going to bed. As a result, I miss a good number of free rewards from the game for my skills. I wish someday I will complete the game.

This is mostly an action game. The gamer needs to kill criminals with a sniper rifle. There are a wide variety of sniper rifles, assault rifles and handguns. Besides, the gamer will need to add or remove accessories from the weapons. For instance, you will need an extra zooming scope for killing a criminal in a long distance. Besides, you have to select your shot perfectly. Sometimes, there are wind velocities and you need to amend your shot after the wind

direction. But trouble occurs when you need to assassinate at night or need to find out the target amid various people wearing the almost similar outfit. If you miss the target, the game will be over for that time. Moreover, the energy is recharged automatically if you are connected to the internet. The rewards also become double after watching some videos. These are the great features of the game.

I play this game for the recreational purpose. Besides, I am in love with action games from an early age of my life. Before the invention of smartphones, I used to play games on the computer but with the support of such phones, I can play it now whenever I want. Moreover, this is an interesting game to me. I like the graphic interface of the game too much. When the bullet kills the criminals, the bullet moves to the direction in slow motion and I like the scene very much. I also like to collect rewards and upgrade my weapon for the next level. The special missions are outstanding. Considering everything, this is a great game for me. So, I like it very much and play it on my cell phone.

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### **Sample Answer 2:**

I am against the view of playing cell phone games randomly for some reasons. Such games are made to make people bit addictive and often wastes time. But sometimes I need to play some special sort of games on my cell phone only to pass my waiting moments. I have a virtual pet cat named Tom, and I play with him. Thank you for this pretty question and here goes a brief description of the game.

The game is titled as “My Talking Tom”. The gamers are to nurture the cat. In fact, this is another attractive version of ‘Talking Tom Cat’. But there is a basic difference between the two games. The Talking Tom Cat only repeats the speeches you tell to it. Besides, it has some small-scale games to play. On the other side, the one which I am talking about is like to care for your pet animal in a virtual environment.

I have been playing the game for past two and a half years. I am irregular in playing the game. So, when I face some sort of challenges or cannot move to the next level easily, I delete the game and download again to start from the beginning. It may appear weird to many that I frequently download the game. But it is suitable for me. In fact, I am not an expert gamer. Sometimes, I feel bored to play with the cat or take care for it. So, whenever I feel that I am

bored with the game, or the game challenges are no longer appealing to me, I remove it from my cell phone. I was introduced to the game by a friend of mine. It was too much attractive and addictive when I first met with the game character. I was always eager to take care of the cat. But the with the gradual advancement of time, my interests on the game have decreased to some extent.

This is a kind of strategic games. The gamers need to take care of a cat. They are to feed the cat, change dress, clean it, take it to the toilet and more other tasks are involved. Sometimes, you will need to show some sort of affection to it to make it happy. By playing games, you can also make it happy. On the other side, the gamer needs to buy foods, drinks and potions for the cat. Each of the foods, drinks and potions have different prices and they provide a certain amount of energy to the cat. When the cat's energy level is lower, you need to feed it properly. Then you can play with it or talk to it. It will repeat whatever you talk about it. But when it feels sleepy, it will be unable to perform better. So, you will need to switch off the bedroom light for the cat.

To be frank, when I have nothing to do, I play with the cat on my cell phone. But I cannot play longer as the cat most of the times need a sleep. When it is awake, I am unable to manage time to spare with it. So, there is a communication gap between the cat and me. It sends over notifications to me in regular interval to feed it or to take it to the bathroom, but I cannot do that right at that moment. Hence, I cannot get it filled full energy. But this is really an interesting game for me. And I will keep it with me as long as I can.

### **Describe a harmful environmental problem.**

#### **You should say:**

- what is it
- how it is harmful
- what harmful effects it has

#### **and explain what can be done to prevent this environmental problem.**

[You will have to talk about the topic for one to two minutes. You have one minute to think about what you're going to say. You can make some notes to help you if you wish.]

### **Model Answer :**

Air is an important element of the environment. And the pollution of air is one of the most crucial environmental degradation in the present day. Due to this pollution, a wide number of people lose their lives and get affected with many respiratory and other disorders. Thank you very much for this interesting question, and I will answer it in brief now.

Air is polluted in different ways. People pollute air mostly by creating smoke. The smoke gets mixed with the air and it becomes hard to breathe in within the air. Besides, people burn fossil fuels, create fire for numerous purposes including to cook their meals. All these events create smoke and the smoke pollutes the air to the greatest extent. Recently, dumping wastes on roadsides also pollute the air to some extent. As a result, the unwanted biological and other substances get mixed with the environment and cause damage people, animals and plants. Besides, the pedestrians and other surrounding people have troubles in various forms when they come in contact with the pollution. It appears that all the matters jointly contribute in the air pollution process.

Yes, this is a harmful issue indeed. Carbon emission, smoke belching by vehicles and factories – everything is responsible for the pollution. The atmosphere becomes damaged by the unwanted substances and molecules. It can damage the environment and even the entire ecosystem severely. The rise of carbon dioxide, sulphur oxides, toxic metals and other chemical substances in the air is greatly harmful to the environment. A good number of detrimental impacts are found so far from this pollution. And they are generated from various locations and sources. In fact, the ultramodern lifestyle is largely responsible for the air pollution. Random cutting down of trees in the urban areas and deforestation in the rural areas are also behind the problem.

The list of harmful effects of this pollution is larger than it is imagined. There are both long-term and short-term effects available for this type of pollution. The air comes in close contact with numerous toxic chemicals and as a result, there are chemical reactions on the air. Then the air can cause damage to vegetation and even damage buildings. The air becomes acidic and also cause acid rain which seriously destroys plants. The rain can even kill trees and also cause damage to marine resources in any locality. The increase of ozone layer is another concerning issue in this case. It damages people's health and also