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71- A tourist attraction that you have visited

72- A novel that was particularly interesting to you

73- An event when someone apologised to you

74- A piece of local news that was interesting to you

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78- A pleasant surprise you had

79- The ultimate goal you target to reach in your career

80- A piece of clothing that someone bought for you

81- A piece of good news you learned from the TV or the Internet

82- Your favourite drink item

83- A noisy place you have been to

84- A prize that you would like to win

85- Something you have bought recently

86- A modern building

87- An artist or entertainer you admire

88- A foreign culture that you like

89- An old building that you like

90- A future plan which is not related to your work or study

91- An interesting conversation you had with someone you didn't know

92- A subject you think should be removed from school education programmes

93- A positive experience that you had as a teenager

94- An art and craft activity you did at school

95- A foreign country you want to visit but haven't been to

96- A time when you felt surprised to meet someone

97- A person who can use / speak a second language

98- An educational TV programme that you have seen

99- An exam that was quite important to you

100- An unusual job you think you would be good at

101- A day when you woke up very early

102- A big public event that you have attended

103- Something special you brought home from a holiday

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

108- A part in your city which is rapidly changing

109- Someone you know who is a single parent

110- A seminar or workshop you have attended

111- Someone's parents you have met recently

112- Something you were disappointed about

113- A national day in your country

114- An advice you gave someone

115- A time when you were stuck in a traffic jam

116- An event that made you happy

117- An important change in your life

118- An interesting place in your home town

119- A children's park you have visited lately

120- A feature of your personal character that you find important

121- A science subject that you learned in high school

122- A book that influenced you

123- A typical day in your life when you were a child

124- A time when you heard some good news

125- Your favourite family tradition

126- The member of your family who is most successful

127- A rule you did not like in school

128- A funny text message you have ever received

129- A library you have visited

130- A time when you got into trouble

131- A traditional meal you enjoyed recently

132- A peaceful place you have visited

133- A difficult choice you had to make in your life

134- A person you recently met

135- A garden you remember visiting

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154- Your favourite season

155- Your favourite colour

156- A special occasion in your life

157- A small and successful company

158- Something you would like to do if you were given a day off

159- A place where you can read and write

160- A gift you bought others that took you a long time to choose

161- A person who likes to travel by plane

162- A time when you waited for something or someone

163- An electronic machine you want to buy

164- A long walk you ever had

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*** Repeat of Topic Number 25 (Favourite movie / film)

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167- Something healthy you enjoy doing

168- An unforgettable advertisement (that you saw or heard)

169- A song that means something special to you

170- Something you want to learn more

171- An important day in your life

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

175- A park or other green space in your hometown

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

180- Someone who is well known in your town, area or country

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

182- A long car journey you went on

Part 3: Two-way discussion (Cars)

183- A house or apartment you want to live in

184- A street that you like to visit

185- A friend

186- Your family

187- Something you often do in the evening

188- A dish you know how to cook

189- Something or someone you know collects

190- Something enjoyable you can do on a computer

191- Something you like doing at home

192- Something you do during longer holidays

193- A musical instrument you would like or be able to play

194- A new sport or hobby you would like to take up

195- Your favourite song or piece of music

196- Your favourite place to eat out

197- A hobby someone in your family has

198- Something that makes you excited

199- A form of exercise you used to do but no longer do now

200- Something you like doing during the winter

201- A sport or exercise that you do for fitness

202- A place near water that you have visited

203- A tourist attraction that you have recently visited

204- How would you spend your day off from your work or college

205- Someone who has had an important influence in your life

206- A friend you had when you were a child

207- A garden or park you enjoyed spending time in

208- A music concert you have seen

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 arranges 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 are 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.

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 game 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 paly 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 assassin 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 feature 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.

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

endangers animals as well. Besides, air pollution irritates eyes, nose and creates respiratory disorders line pneumonia, bronchitis, damage to brain, lungs and nerves among women, children and senior people.

Prevention of air pollution is not easy, I think, in this modern age. In fact, all the materials used for development are producing smokes. As a result, the environment is suffering badly. So, it appears to me that there are two types of preventive measures could be adopted for air pollution prevention. Firstly, the government should take measures from its end to control the pollution. In this case, the government can issue some rules and regulations and also formulate air pollution prevention acts. Conducting campaigns is a very good way to create awareness among everyone in the state. Besides, smoke control areas should be created in different important places which are responsible for producing huge smokes. On the other side, recycling and reusing things is a good way to prevent this type of pollution, and it should be initiated in individual or family level. If the plans are activated, air pollution will be minimised gradually.

Talk about a well-paid job that you think you would be good at.

You should say:

- what the job is
- what qualifications are required for this job
- how this job is different than other jobs

and say why you would be good at this job.

[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:

Having a job is really difficult in India as the number of educated youths is on the rise, and having a well-paid job is one of the toughest tasks of the world here. But the jobs of marketing are well-paid and I am good at it. In fact, I am currently executing the role of a marketing manager at a local company and I firmly believe that I am a suitable candidate for the post. Thank you for the smart question.

The job of marketing products and expansion of the product market in the local markets and stores is really a challenging one. But the rewards are able to make people forget about their torments and sufferings for the job. When someone reaches the top of this type of job, salary is not a problem for them. They are highly paid for their contributions to the development of the company. And I would be good at it for some specific reasons.

The job requires a higher academic certification on marketing and management, especially in business and marketing. An MBA major in Marketing is preferable. Besides, the position requires about 10 years of experience in the post. In fact, without any experience, you would not be able to create strategies. The thing you may get is only challenges. There would be no ways to get rid of the troubles. Managing the market is a big deal. If you fail to meet the demands of the consumers or you lack productions, certainly the product will be black listed by the consumers. Besides, you are to make people attracted to your product and for that, you need innovative ways to follow. If you are unable to attract mass attention, this is not your cup of coffee. Smartness, ready wit, sharp sense, instant decision-making ability, intelligence, public relations etc. are the key qualifications in line with your academic activities and experience.

This is a different job than the usual ones. In fact, the job of marketing is one of the toughest one. It requires a special set of skills and expertise. For instance, if you are responsible for promoting any product, you are to make sure that you follow the right strategy. If you fail to reach your target consumers, your products and company will experience losses at the same time. Most of the cases, people are reluctant to take any new product or service. So, it is up to the marketing manager to convince them in having the product or service. The most difficult part is to persuade them in getting the product or service from your outlet or company. But to survive in the competition, you are responsible for making the sales grow upwards. Thus this is notably different from the other jobs.

I would be good at this for many reasons. Actually, I have been working in this marketing arena for last five years. Thus I have come to know about many factors. I know how to analyse the market and needs of the people. Besides, I also have the experience to deal with some critical factor that helps to determine the success of the product I am dealing with. Furthermore, I know

how to set effective marketing strategies considering the needs of the potential consumers at any specific locality. Based on the grounds, I believe that I would be good at this job.

Sample Answer 2:

Everyone wants to have a good job and better salary to lead a standard life. Thus, they are in a race to get a good job. I am not an exception of the race. I have been trying to be a legal advisor here in Greece. But this is not an easy task to establish myself on the position. Thank you for the question.

The job of a legal advisor is one of the most prominent one across Greece. A notable number of people are after it because it provides a high return. Almost every organisation and business company and corporation at present require a legal advisor for many of their projects. In fact, they need legal assessments, legal bindings to start a new venture, procedures to move forwards with all legal process and more. As a result, all of them are in need of an expert legal advisor for smooth execution of their respective business.

Being a legal advisor requires a higher academic degree in legal affairs. Besides, you will need to apply your ready wits and common sense more than the other people. In fact, the jobs and responsibilities of a legal advisor are many and handling them together is really tough. So, if you do not have the smartness to deal with everything, you would be unable to be a legal advisor. Moreover, public relation is another important thing to consider. The more you have good public relations, the more the chances of your success increases. As a legal advisor, you will need to be intelligent and apply your analysing capacity to bring out the right solution to any legal problem. A higher level of knowledge on national legal issues and important laws and acts is a must for a legal advisor. Without knowing the legal rules and directives, it is impossible to provide the right solution to the clients.

Advising people and organisations in their legal issues is completely different than the other jobs. Most of the jobs require physical labour to perform the duties and get paid. But this one completely depends on your mental faculty. It works with your brain. Finding the loopholes or weak points is one the major tasks of the profession so that the client could get the job done in a legal manner. Most of the times, the state laws and acts forbid activities of various corporations with the charges of law violation while the legal advisors try to

bring a neutral, remarkable and favourable solution by representing documents and evidence in support of their respective clients. So, to bring the solutions, they need to work hard and analyse the available resources and documents. Undoubtedly, the mental labour is harder than the physical ones which make the job dissimilar than the usual ones.

Since my early childhood, I am blessed with a special sense of analysis. I can analyse anything critically and apply my ready wits and knowledge to get a proper solution. Besides, I am skilled in solving problems smoothly which benefits everyone. But the most important aspect that will make me good at this job is that I am having a post graduate degree in legal affairs. And I have completed my graduation in the similar discipline. So, I firmly believe that if I can keep practising for a couple of years, I could be able to be a very good lawyer or legal advisor by using my skills and expertise. Considering all the reasons, it appears that I really would be good at this job.

Describe a family picnic or tour you have had.

You should say:

- when it was
- where you went
- what you did

and explain if this was a memorable event or not.

[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:

Usually, my family makes an annual picnic at the end of the year. But it was a bit late this time for the sickness of my grandfather. So, we made it in the second week of January this year. My family went at the Philopappos Hill. Thank you for asking the question. I will describe the event here.

It was January 15 of 2017. I can remember the day very clearly. It was a not that much foggy day, instead, the sun was shining brightly above the head. But the environment was cold and we were enjoying the sunlight. We reached the

picnic spot within one hour and enjoyed the remaining day. Actually, everyone tried to hold the picnic just before or after the Christmas. But my grandfather became too sick and was hospitalised. Without his presence, we cannot make a picnic. So, we waited for his recovery. And thus made the delay.

I went with my family at the Philopappos Hill. This is a very pleasant place to have picnic and sightseeing. In fact, this was one of my preferred places across Athens. I came here a couple of years ago to have a picnic from my college. And I was in love of the natural scenarios of the location. Besides, the spot was not far from my residence. Hence, I suggested making the picnic in this spot this year. The other family members agreed with my proposal and finally, we made it here. They also loved the spot and praised me highly for selecting this one. Even, some of them have selected it as a regular visiting place. They had no idea that the place could be so beautiful.

I was one of the organisers of this picnic. So, I had to be very busy with the preoperational activities and others. Besides, I was also responsible for shopping foods and gift items for the family members based on their age and gender. I was accompanied by a cousin of my age. Both of us handled everything. Cooking meals were the part of another team and I had to help them as well in selecting the menu for the day. The day began with a light snack in the car. After reaching the spot, I distributed the responsibilities among the other young members. The females were ready to cook. They wanted to complete the cooking early to take part in the recreational activities. Finally, everything was done in the right manner.

This was a really memorable event. When I went at the spot for the first time, the feelings were different. I was with my friends and other mates. But this time, I went with my family. They are the beats of my life. So, I enjoyed every second at the picnic spot. Besides, I also enjoyed the natural scenes and especially the sunset scenes. The sunset view was splendid and the entire western part of the sky turned golden while the sea water appeared liquid gold. The night appeared gradually and we left the place. All the events -fun, songs, food, everything was enjoyable. So, this was a memorable event for me in all aspects.

Sample Answer 2:

Generally, my family does not make any picnic outside of the home. In fact, the family is a bit conservative. But this year, we made a great family gathering by a family picnic. We made it at the end of February this year and visited a nice place here in Mumbai. Thank you for the nice question and I will describe the entire event now in brief.

Actually, we had no plans to hold the picnic. It was my brother in law who convinced everyone one to be in a single place together. He wanted to make a blast. In fact, he wanted to arrange the picnic marking his first marriage anniversary with my older sister. He was son enthusiastic that anybody could not refuse him about the matter. So, the date was fixed at the last date of the month. Though it was a working day, everyone managed a leave from their workplaces to attend the picnic. We all went together to our private vehicles at the picnic sport and passed the day amid fun and festivities.

There is a good number of visiting places are available across Mumbai. But not all of them are suitable to pass a family gathering or picnic. So, it was a bit difficult for us to select the appropriate location. There were proposals about various places and how they were suitable to the purpose. And finally, the Elephanta Caves were selected as the picnic venue. This was a great location to spend the day. It is located on the Elephanta Island. In fact, this was the location some special caves. We selected the place because it was only 10 kilometres away from Mumbai city where we live in. There are two groups of caves are available on this island. The island holds both Hindu and Buddhist caves. Besides, the caves are sculptured in rock cut stones. They have a great look. The sculptures are dedicated to Shiva, one of the Lords of Hinduism.

None of the family members has been here before. So, it was a bit attractive place to them. Everyone was happy to be there. The kids of the family were extremely glad to have a chance to visit the caves. They had heard about the caves many times but this was the first time they are seeing them in person. So, their joys knew no bounds. Besides, the other members of the family were also glad. They enjoyed themselves. It was my first visit there and thus I moved to the places to see and know about the history of the sculptures. The meals were cooked in a corner and we took prior permission for the cooking. In fact, the brother in law is a government official and he managed everything. So, there were no worries about the fact. We reached there in the morning and returned right before the dusk. It was a nice day for all of us.

It was a memorable event for me and everyone else. And we are grateful to

the man who arranged everything. Actually, he sponsored every single cost of this event. He wanted to make his marriage anniversary memorable and he did so. We wished his success and a happy conjugal life ahead. Besides, the location was nice, calm and quiet. So, we had a wonderful day away from the city hustles. It helped us to be recharged. It will be an ever reminding experience to me.

Describe a letter you wrote to someone.

You should say:

- when it was
- who you wrote to
- what the letter was about

and explain how you felt about 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 1:

When I was a teenager, I used to write letters to a girl of my age. In fact, I was in love with her. So, to express my feelings, the letter was a great mode for me. Thank you for the question that reminds me the early part of my life.

I was born and brought up in a restrict Hindu family here in Gujrat. At that time, everything was restricted. Actually, the locality I used to live in with my family was more restricted and did not allow such issues. But I survived the days. Now the girl is my better half and we are having a peaceful life in the same place where our love began. I was just crossing the border of my teenage and she was 18 when I fell in love with her. Gradually, the time changed. The point of view of the people also was changed after we entered into this millennium. But I miss the days of letter writing.

I used to write the letter to Adeeti. She is now the proud mother of my kids and we are a happy family with the two babies. She was a teen at the time she received the letter from me. In fact, I saw her first in the street while returning

from my college. She was in the same college and lived nearby of my residence. Gradually, I came to know about her details and profile. She had two older brothers and one of them used to escort her to and from the college. So, it was difficult for me to talk with her in the streets. Finding no other ways, I wrote the letter to her. One of my friends used to deliver the letter to her. And the maximum level of secrecy was maintained lets I do not get caught. Besides, she was also in love with me and used to deliver her emotions in the form of a letter to my friend. But I had to pay a good price to use my friend as the courier.

I had sent a good number of letters to her. Initially, she did not agree to be in love with me. But gradually, she was in love. It happened as the letters contained emotional speeches. I used to convince her with a special type of attempt. The letters were also about the untold speeches of mine. In fact, I was unable to meet her in person until I left the college. Her brothers were the escorts and only females were allowed to talk with her or meet her at home. She became a bit relaxed when she crossed the college like me. So, I described my emotions on the letter and regrets for not being able meeting her. I also wanted to meet her secretly in the college canteen but she denied. In fact, I had to meet her at the university when she was able to come alone. Our love grew and matured after I completed my graduation.

It was the early part of my life and now I am near my 40s. So, remembering the days provide me with a special type of pleasure. The feelings were outstanding. I was always worried about the matter that if I get caught, Adeeti will be punished by her family. Luckily, nothing such happened even after I get caught. In fact, her mother came to know about the letter and read one of it. But she did not express her reaction and only for her cooperation, it has been possible for me to get married with Adeeti. I really miss the days of letter sending.

Sample Answer 2:

I do not usually write letters. It appears irritating in the present age to write letters using a real pen and paper. But recently, I have written a letter to one of my friends. He lives in a different state, away from my living place. Marking the death anniversary of his father, I wrote the letter.

It was the beginning of March when I wrote the letter. The death anniversary

was on the 9th of the month. So, I prepared a couple of days before to write the letter so that he could get the letter on the right date. In fact, the postal service is a bit slower here in Tanzania while my friend lives in England. I met him when I went to attend a conference in England as a representative of my university. I could have sent him condolence over the telephone but instead, I planned for writing the letter. I thought it would surprise him and it did really. It was an unexpected event for him.

I wrote the letter to David. He is now one of my close friends living outside of my country. Meeting with David was an interesting event for me. I went to attend the conference and forgot to take my cell phone charging adapter. Luckily, it was David who came to my support. He was also using the same types of mobile phone that I was using. It was Motorola phone set and a bit exceptional. So, getting the adapter was a bit difficult. However, gradually both of us developed a deep sense of friendship. I stayed in England for about two weeks and he was like my shadow till the last moment of my stay there. As I do not maintain a social networking account, I maintain telephone to contact with people inside the country. David was the only man whom I wrote the letter and it was for the first time.

The letter was about condoling him on the anniversary of his father. When I met him, I came to know about his father. He, in fact, was fascinated with the qualities of his father. And he wanted to be like his father – who was a police officer died on duty. So, I tried to advise him on some specific issues. He was too soft hearted. Thus he always remembered his deceased father in every time. Besides, it was a bit troublesome for him to forget the memories of his father because he adored him more than his mother. His father did a good number of things for David. But lastly, he died during a chase. The event was difficult for David and his family members to bear with. My letter was to console him about the issue. in fact, it was the first death anniversary of his father and the memories were vivid. So, I tried to heal his wounds a bit.

It was a bit difficult for me in the beginning to write a letter. I am not habituated with writing letters, rather I prefer communication with e-mail and other communication modes. But this was an exceptional case. Everyone becomes happy with the letter from the near and dear ones. Based on this ground, I had to take the trouble of composing a letter. But when I finished the letter, I became happy. I could imagine the smiling face of David and he is reading my handwritten letter. Such a beautiful view gave me immense

pleasure. David made a phone call after receiving the letter and told me how happy he was. Really it was a great return for me.

Describe an event you felt unhappy about.

You should say:

- when it was
- what happened
- where were you then

and explain why you felt unhappy about this event.

[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:

Everyone wants a very good score in the examination. But if they cannot get the desired score, they feel unhappy. It is quite natural. The similar thing happened with me. I was unhappy with my academic scores. In the last semester of my academic career, I could not get the desired score and it was really an unhappy event for me. Thank you for the question, and I will describe it now.

It was the end of 2015 when I appeared in the semester final examination of my undergraduate level at Texas State University. But the score was not up to the mark and it was unusual to me. I was unable to cross even the range of CGPA 3.00 in the final semester. As a business undergraduate, it was a shame for me. Though I had some troubles regarding the understanding of some of the courses and mathematics, I was really disappointed with me and my score. My parents were displeased with me as well for the score.

Actually, I was supposed to join at a marketing company as a marketing intern for their products. They asked me about a specific score against the post. Besides, achieving a higher score is also adorable for anyone. So, I wanted to have a good score for me. Accordingly, I studied but could not get the desired score. I do not know what happened with the scores and me. Some of my

friends told me that I might have done some mistakes. I admitted their opinions but still, I am confused about the semester result. I had spent a moderate amount of time behind my studies and thus expected a good result. But everything was out of my control. Later I remembered that it was my fault. I missed some of the questions of a course named Business Management. The questions were about some complex mathematical terms and their functions.

I was in Texas when the event took place. In fact, I lived alone near my university and worked as a part-time sales executive for a local shop to bear my educational and other expenses. My parents lived in another state. Despite being solvent enough to bear my expense from family, I choose to bear the expense by my own. But I had a close contact with them always. They had some idea that their son is spoilt and wastes time with buddies more than studying. But their ideas were not true. And it was a challenge for me to make them understand that I was not wasting my times after any unnecessary activities other than my job. Even I did not have any girlfriend to spare time with. But the undesired CGPA indicated everything against me. I was really in trouble then.

I felt unhappy about the event for many reasons. First of all, I had to miss that internship which I was almost selected for. Moreover, I had a communication gap with my parents for few weeks. It appeared that I could not make a good score due to my insincerity and sparing time with the bad boys of the university. But everything was clear to them after a certain time. They knew I had some weakness in Mathematics and only for the issue, my score slipped to a great extent. Besides, I had to retake the course for improvement but the similar thing happened again. However, the days are gone but the feelings are still inside. I felt very unhappy with the unwanted score. The memory is still vivid on my mind.

Describe an irritating person you know about.

You should say:

- who is he/she
- how you know him/ her
- what he/ she does

and say why you think he/she is an irritating person.

[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:

I work at a multinational computer hardware manufacturing company in Malaysia. Mr Andrew Peterson is my colleague and he appears the most irritating person to me for some reasons. In fact, I have never met a person like him before.

Mr Peterson is a man of less wisdom. He talks much and interferes in almost everything that he listens regardless of importance to him. Many of my colleagues are also irritated by him. As an individual, he is good but for his nosiness, he is disliked by everyone like me. But nobody can protest against him because he is also the manager of the company where we are working. To exercise his power and intelligence (!) he always is in search of seeking the faults of others and wants to revise the faults. Besides, he always interferes even into the personal matters of the employees which are extremely intolerable for us.

I met him first in the office. He was on the interview board. In fact, it was my bad luck to meet a person like him. Before joining this hardware manufacturing company, I used to work at another company that dealt with some specific parts of the computer. I had some problems with the office schedule. They asked me to join at the roaster duty. But it was not possible for me and I politely informed them about my inability to continue anymore with the company. So, I started seeking jobs, especially a suitable one for me. It was my regular task to seek the job until I get this one. I submitted my CV and they asked me for a formal interview. I attended accordingly and got selected for the post after a thorough interviewing process. Mr Peterson was the chair of the interview committee. I am grateful to him for selecting me but I had to prove my worth against the post.

He is the manager of the manufacturing company in Malaysia. In fact, he is the in-charge of the company that is headquartered in Canada. I admit that he is a competent employee to care for everything but his nosiness is the most irritating issue for the majority of the employee. There are some staffs who love to be with him and care for him for their own benefits, but I am unable to

be his shadow. I am also unable to nod at every of his statement and activities. In fact, he tries to dominate everyone at the office. Mr Peterson wants to know each and everything about the office. And most of the employees think this is not fair for him. He is responsible for some specific tasks. He is to care for the weekly and monthly production and sales issues. Besides, he is also responsible for taking care of the production house lest the production is up to the mark in line with the demands of the market and more other duties.

But despite his responsibilities, he tries to do something more. It proves his stupidity. For instance, if someone has any family issue, he tries to interfere there and provide a solution regardless of necessity. As a result, he has turned into an irritating character in the office. Nobody likes him anymore and only maintains a minimal relationship with him. He could have been an interesting person if he had avoided such snoopiness. He always tries to insult the employees- both in direct and indirect manners. Being his subordinate, nobody is able to protest fearing the ending of their jobs. The similar is with me. I am talking about him here but it is not possible for me to advise him to change his attitude. So, he will remain an irritating person to me until I quit the job.

Describe a time when you were forced to do something against your will.

You should say:

- what it was
- what/ who forced you to do it
- when it was

and explain why you were forced to do 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 1:

I usually do not do anything against my will. But sometimes, I need to do it to keep the honour of others. And at the end, I am to regret the actions I did. It used to happen to me before and now I do not need to do such things. Thank you for asking me the question.

I am an executive at a multinational corporation working in Singapore. When I was at my university, I used to experience such matters. It happened as I could not say ‘No’ directly to anyone. So, most of the time, the students and teachers asked me to help them. Such an event took place during the annual university festival. I was asked to host the last day of the event because the student who was selected to host became sick. So, they picked me as the host and it was so sudden that I could not manage enough time to prepare for the event.

The cultural association of the university organises the show every year. As part of its annual activity, it organised the cultural show of 2017 in the last part of January this year. Everything was in order. They appeared me, in the beginning, to host the event due to my witty statement and smart reactions. In fact, I also can handle the worst situations that none can do. In last year, I managed to resolve such a worst event which may lead to violence. So, a professor and the president of the association approached me to be the host. I humbly denied the request as my semester final was approaching near. But when the other student became sick, finding no other ways, the professor came to me along with some other teachers. A couple of my course teachers were also there to urge me in hosting this final event. I was unable to make them understand about my weakness in the course. So, I had to agree with them.

The event usually takes place in the beginning of January each year. But this was held in the last part of the month for some unwanted reasons. The authority finally organised the event and everything was in order. I also did not take part in any of the events considering my semester final. After this exam, I will be a graduate and my initial academic career will be over. I have decided to complete my post-graduation after a couple of years and at my own expense. Besides, I needed a better score. So, I was trying hard to focus on my studies. Actually, I am weak in some of the subjects and wanted to concentrate more on them. Hence, I resisted myself from every extracurricular activity.

I was forced to host the event for some reasons. Firstly, I was one of the most active boys in the university. I used to move in almost all the cultural functions. In fact, without my direct help, it was impossible to hold the events. Planning and implementation relied on me. Hosting the events was another important task that I needed to do. But this time, it was really tough for me to participate at any of the events. I was worried about my academic activities. I have missed many of the classes to organise many other events in the past. And so, I

wanted a break. But I was forced to be the host and I had to do so. They came to me as they had no other options left. Only for the sake of my university reputation, I agreed and hosted the event finally. However, it was a fantastic event.

Model Answer 2:

Recently I went for a vacation in Kauai, the oldest island in Hawaiian region. It was my annual family trip to the island but I was forced to do something that I did not want to. But I had no other options left. Thank you for the question and it reminds me of the awful experience of the trip. I will describe the event now.

I am not a photographer. But I was forced to click all the photos for my family members visiting the island. In fact, it was a kind of punishment for me. I know that they will punish me later for the ugly photo shots. They were well aware of my photographic sense. I am not a fit for this. Photography is not my cup of tea actually. Being forced by everyone, I had to click the photos. I turned the official photographer of my family.

One of my paternal uncles has got a new camera with some special functions. But he wanted to be in the photos. So, he asked me to click some photos of him. When he saw that the photos were nice, he asked me to click all the photos with his camera. In line with him, the other members with a smartphone came to ask the support. Hence, finding no other ways, I had to take photos for them. It was difficult for me to take the shots one after another and with various devices. Some of them had small digital cameras while the majority of the members had their smartphone. Finally, I could not take some photos of myself during the week-long trip to the island. Some of the photos were nice while the majority of the photos were burnt due to sunlight. It was not my fault. I tried my best to click the photos for them.

Generally, my family takes a week-long vacation at the end of the year. At this time, the weather is moderate in the places where we move for the trip. This year, we decided to move to this island and pass a few days in tranquillity. As part of the plan, we moved here and had spent a splendid week. Almost all the family members were present at the trip. I am glad to have such a family that meets together once in a year. And this trend is almost absent in the other European families. Family ties are disintegrated gradually for many reasons. But it was my grandfather who played a great role in the unification of the

family. Still today we live in the same place with my paternal uncles in Greece. And we have many benefits of such united living. Moving into places for the annual trip is one of them.

I am the youngest son of the family and studying undergraduate. The majority of the members are senior and less familiar with technology. So, they believe that I have a sharp sense about technology. Besides, I am skilled in internet operation and other technological tasks that the other family members cannot do. Hence, most of them rely on me for many reasons. I am a kind of reliable person to them who help them in their distressful moments regarding technological activities. As I took some photos and they were nice, they thought me as a quality photographer. But it was really difficult for me to perform the act. There is not a single photo of mine in this entire trip because I was extremely busy in photo capturing. It was an unpleasant experience for me indeed.

Describe a person who leads an exemplary life.

You should say:

- who is he/ she
- how old is he/she
- what he/ she does for a living.

And explain why you thinks he/she leads an exemplary life.

[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:

Leading a very simple life is not possible for everyone. It requires a lot of patience and mental strength. Sometimes such a life becomes an example to many. Mr. Peter Strauss is one of such man who leads an exemplary life. I will describe him here.

I live in a small apartment in the new part of Nafplio in Greece. Mr. Peter Strauss is my neighbour and lives in the opposite door of mine. He is a retired university professor and lives with his wife. In his early age, he joined the army

but could not adjust to the hard rules and regulations. So, he left the job and came to start his career as a teacher. He still looks younger than his actual age. He is a tall figure man with a wide vision. He loves to meet new people and socialise and his wife is also of similar character. In fact, both of them has a very good relation with the neighbours and other people of the apartment block.

Mr. Strauss is over his 65. But even in his age, he looks fit and fine. In fact, he takes a regular exercise with me. I go for a morning walk in the early hours of the day and he accompanies me in the walk. We together walk for around one hour. Sometimes, I run with him. He runs fast in this age. Besides, he also takes some other types of exercise. For his special diets and regular exercise, he is still fit today. He can use the staircase without any trouble. Moreover, he is also good at sports. His wife is not as much strong as he. She is a bit weak in her 50s and loves to stay at home. Mr. Strauss also loves to take part in adventurous activities. Often he moves for hiking and other outdoor activities with me and some other people of our locality. The spirit he owns is incredible.

At present, he is bearing his expenses from his business. He owns a small gift shop in line with a restaurant in the city and makes a smart profit to meet the needs for him and his wife. Both the businesses are located in the same place. He is the father of four daughters and sons. And all of them are grown up and have their own family. They live in the other parts of the city. They come to meet the parents in different occasions. It becomes really a happy event for them. Mr. Strauss moves for his shop in the afternoon and takes care for everything till the dusk. He then returns home. The staffs in his shop are trustworthy and they take care for the business in the remaining hours. So, he does not need to worry about the businesses at all. The staffs are honest and he pays them well. Hence, everything is in order and under control.

Mr. Strauss is not very rich but he has moderate wealth. But I have never seen him for showing off his belongings while the other people with such issues turn expressive much. Besides, he loves to meet and greet new people. When he is in the restaurant, he greets his visitors and offers special types of foods and discounts as well. I have never seen him in a gloomy state. His attires are moderate. He takes the traditional foods of the country and also drinks the traditional beverages. He is different than the other rich people with arrogance. He is accessible always even in the mid of night with any problems.

Considering all the issues, I think he leads an exemplary life and I appreciate that.

Model Answer 2:

Life is a continuous process of struggle. There are some people who can survive with the struggles and majority of them cannot. I know a man named Roberto Julius who has an enriched life. He leads an exemplary life. He began his life as a small businessman in Italy and now reached the peak. Thank you for the question. I will describe the matter now in brief.

Mr Roberto is a living example of patience and struggle. In fact, is a man to be followed. I know him from my early childhood when he used to live adjacent to us in Verona in Italy. He had a business of selling handicrafts to the tourists in different places of Italy. But now the scenario is altered. He owns a good number of such businesses which has brought him an enviable fame in the home and abroad. He is very simple in his way of life.

Mr Roberto is around 50 years. But he is extremely fit even in this age. Many of the people of his age are not as much young as him. He takes a regular exercise and a bit selective for his foods. I have never seen him to smoke cigarettes or drink alcoholic beverages. This is a secret of his stamina. Besides, he takes regular physical exercise daily with some other people of his forum. As a result, he is having a happy life. He also loves to socialise with people and deals his business perfectly. Mr Roberto is an example for many of his fellow people. They try for follow his lifestyle. On the other side, he never negotiates with any illogical activities. And he has never been seen to get engaged with any such activities. So, he is also loved by everyone for this matter.

He is a businessman. In fact, there are a good number of stories are available regarding his ups and downs in life. People adore the stories and often cite them to inspire someone. It is told that he struggled a lot in his early life. Selling small gift items, handicrafts and other knick-knacks for tourists and locals. Gradually, he developed into his business. Before taking a permanent shop in the city, he used to sell the things in a small temporary shop. Later, he grew a lot and now owns a good number of large permanent shops selling the similar items across Italy. Besides, he has also expanded his business in some other sectors. He now proudly owns a tourist and travel agency here which helps foreigners to make trips across Italy. The agency tries to provide the best possible service to the tourists from both home and abroad.

Mr Roberto Julius is the name of inspiration for the people who want to start entrepreneurship in Italy. He is a living legend in his locality for many reasons. He is the living example how the wheel of fortune could be changed. It should be acknowledged that his early part of life was thorny. But he had a firm determination in his mind to succeed. With his hard efforts and patience, he overcame the situations. He now owns a substantial number of properties and wealth. All the things he gained in several years and with hard works. In fact, he has an indomitable spirit to win. And he won his luck. So, his life is an example for many of the people.

Describe something your friends have but you don't.

You should say:

- what it is
- how many of your friends own it
- do you want to own it

And say what you would do once you own 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 1:

The necessity of a smartphone cannot be denied at present. Almost everyone is using the smartphones in my surrounding. Unluckily, I do not have a smartphone of my own while rest of my friends have it. My family is against the view for me to have a smartphone. Thank you for the question.

Presently we are at the peak of science and technology. Getting in touch with the latest updates, maintaining virtual social profiles, correspondence, capturing moments with phone cameras etc. are the most usual tasks of the day. With the support of a smartphone, an individual can perform such activities so easily. In fact, the individual does not need to carry a laptop today to meet his daily technological needs if s/ he has a smart phone. But I am lagging behind in the race. I am not allowed to use a smartphone unless I have crossed my undergraduate. This is an obligation that my father imposed on me.

Almost all of my friends have the smartphones. They use the latest models of the phones. Besides, they use the phones for various purposes. Most of them use the phones for browsing the internet and maintaining their social profiles. They also communicate electronically with phones. The smartphones, they use, come with the features of using communication applications to reach the people using the same apps. As a result, communication has become easier for them. They make calls using apps like Viber, imo, Skype etc. The apps are free while the communication costs only the megabytes, not the real money. In my class, everyone, except me, has the smartphone. A good number of them are fond of Apple phones known as iPhone, while the rest of them are relying on another brand names Samsung.

Definitely, I want to have a smart phone. Actually, it is really hard to expose my phone before everyone using a smartphone. Sometimes, my friends laugh at me for my old-fashioned mobile phone. I have an old mobile set from Nokia. It runs very well and has a strong battery even after five consecutive years. But the outlook of the phone is not so much attractive. And so, I cannot make or receive phone calls before the public. My father is on the view that a mobile phone should only be used for calling purposes. They should not come with such smart features. So, he himself also uses such a phone like me. I have the facility to get in touch with people through the internet at home. But it is not possible for me to carry the personal computer out of the home. So, I am badly in need a smartphone.

If I get it, I will use for multipurpose. Basically, the smartphones come with a high-resolution camera. I like to take photos and will use the phone as my personal camera. Besides, the smartphones come with different attractive applications and games. I will play video games on the phone to pass my leisure hours. Besides, when I am at the university, often I need to browse the internet. So, if my phone is connected to the internet, I could browse it hassle-free. I will not need to lend phones from my friends and others as I took before to meet my needs. Besides, it will provide a mobility. I would be able to communicate from any parts of the world. In fact, this is a need of time. So, I will get the best use of it if I could get it.

Sample Answer 2:

I am a student of a local college here in Peshawar and the college is far away from my residence. So, some of my friends use bicycles to move for the college while I have to use the public transports for the purpose. Thank you for asking the question. This is really a sad event for me that I do not have a bicycle. I will describe it.

A bicycle is a great mode of transportation inside the city. So, many of the people ride on the vehicle and reach their destinations safely. There are some other benefits as well to ride a bicycle. I live in a corner of the city while my college is located in the centre of Peshawar. It takes about 30 minutes to reach my college from my home. And it is a bit difficult to manage the transports regularly. Often they are crowded and get stuck in traffic congestion. Riding a bicycle is the best way to reach college safely.

Almost all of my friends have their bicycles. They use to ride it for the college. Sometimes, they get out of home to make some short trips in different parts of the city or to move in some other places. In fact, the bicycles have added mobility to them. They do not need to wait for the bus or other public transports like me. besides, they also can reach college before the exact time while I am just the opposite of them. I cannot maintain the class schedules. I have to wait for the bus ride which always makes late. On the other sides, the extensive traffic congestion on the streets also make me late for the class. So, I need to get out of home early for attending my college classes. Further, returning home has the similar scenario. I need to wait for a long time before riding on the bus. It takes more time than usual (around one hour) in the evening to return home.

Considering all the reasons, I think I should have a bicycle of my own. Sometimes, I use the bicycles of my friend living near my home, but it is not comfortable for me. In fact, I feel shy to ask for the bicycle. So, I think if I had my own, I would not have to ask him to lend me his bicycle. He never rejected my request but I think this is not fair always. Besides, the necessity of a bicycle is becoming acute every day. I feel bored to ride on the public transports for various reasons. Moreover, it is difficult for me to carry the college bags and other academic stuff with me in the narrow spaces of the buses. Hence, it would be better for me to have a bicycle.

If I could get a bicycle, I will use it for numerous purposes. First of all, I will use it for going to my college. My sufferings to ride on public buses will be over. On the other side, I could move to anywhere inside the city easily whenever I

want. There will be no time barrier like before when I lend my friend's bicycle. He told me to return the bicycle within a short time after lending. Moreover, riding a bicycle is a kind of physical exercise. So, it will help me to be healthy if I ride it early in the morning every day. These are my initial plans to do with a bicycle.

Describe a restaurant that has recently opened in your town.

You should say:

- where it is
- what types of food it offers
- how it looks

and explain what you think about this new restaurant.

[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:

Paris is a multicultural city. People of various nations live here in harmony. As a result, the number of cafes and eateries is on the rise in this city. I live in a corner of the city and a new Asian restaurant has opened its branch here. I will describe the event now.

The restaurant belongs a South Asian country named Bangladesh. The restaurant is titled as Sonar Bangla Restaurant. It sells various types of traditional Bangladeshi foods. The restaurant is located on the south corner of Paris. This is a residential and semi-commercial area, and there are potentials that the locality will be a commercial are someday. So, commercial institutions are settling up here. And as part of the activity, the restaurant is opened. The restaurant is run by a businessman of that country and has few other branches across Europe. To meet my curiosity, I visited the restaurant with my fiancé and had a nice experience there.

The restaurant offers a good number of Bangladeshi foods. Most of the foods are the traditional one. But they use too much spices on the foods to increase the taste. Some of the foods are extremely spicy. When I went there, I ordered for a beef kebab and traditional paratha. The kebab was delicious. In fact, the spices used in the preparation have raised the taste. On the other side, my fiancé ordered for plain rice with chicken curry. The preparation was exceptionally good. They brought the rice with smoke around while the curry was moderate. Besides, there were some other types of traditional foods of that country like polaw (a type of steamed rice of special grain), chicken curries, beef curries, mutton curries, beef and chicken kebabs, traditional drinks, vegetables, salads and more. Further, the prices of the foods were cheaper than the ordinary restaurants in Paris. The service they provided was adorable as well.

The restaurant has a grand look. The outer decoration is done according to the traditional style of Bangladesh. And the inner decoration has a classic look. The inner decoration is the combination of European and Asian designs. There is a classy look in everywhere of the restaurant. There is a grand entrance to welcome the visitors. An attendant welcomes the guest after their arrival and serves with the menu. Besides, I liked their seating arrangements. The restaurant authority knows about privacy and thus there are arrangements for cabins and open spaces. If need privacy, you can use the cabins and they are really comfortable. Serving the foods is a kind of art, and they are the best so far to me in this category. It appeared that they have a sense of fineness and they have expressed the fineness by their activities.

This is a splendid restaurant. Everything appeared very good and highly decorated. Besides, the quality of the foods is also superb. In fact, I have not experienced such a nice cooking before. Though the spices irritated me in the beginning, I was relaxed with them later. The traditional drink that they offered was also outstanding and beneficial for digestion. Furthermore, the location where the restaurant is situated is also excellent. I think the owner is a smart and intelligent individual and knows his business well. He takes care of each of his customers like an intimate friend. Considering all the aspects, it appears that the restaurant will shine in near future. It has already won the hearts of the local people.

Sample Answer 2:

Basically, the people of India have a fascination for foods. As a result, a substantial number of restaurants and eateries are available across the city

streets. I live in Chennai in Tamil Nadu. And a new Chinese restaurant has opened its branch in the city. Thank you for the question and allowing me to describe the matter before you.

The restaurant named – Xialing has opened a new branch in my locality, the northern part of Chennai city. The restaurant has two other branches across the city and this is a new one. The branch has been launched here for the extensive demands of foods in the locality. As the existing branches cannot comply with the pressure, the necessity of a new branch emerged. To be frank, it sells quality foods with a cheap rate than the other Chinese restaurants. On the other side, the service quality is also excellent.

The restaurant mostly offers traditional Chinese foods and beverages. The ingredients are ordinary but the cooking methods are special. They provide with a good number of dishes like Chow Mein, Fried Rice, Roasted Duck, Spring Rolls, Wontons, various types of vegetables and soups etc. The foods are delicious and I am in love with them. In fact, I have become a frequent visitor of the restaurant for the tasty foods. In line with me, some of my local friends have also started loving the restaurant and its foods. The foods are served hot. They do not sell any pre-cooked foods. They prepare the foods only after placing the orders. So, the visitors need to wait a bit for the food preparations. The starters are also inspiring for them. I love one feature of this restaurant that it does not have any liquor bar or any smokers' zone. As a result, it has attracted the attention of the locals randomly.

The outlook the restaurant is excellent. The entire set up is done with the traditional Chinese style. In fact, there are some Chinese waiters here to bring a sense that you are really in China. The inner decoration will make you amazed. There are concealed lights inside the restaurant and it has brought a magnificent look. The lights are of different colour. I was surprised at the seating arrangement. They organised the tables and chairs in an efficient manner that I have never seen before at any other restaurant. In fact, everything was organised in a professional manner that helps to provide a positive. I am charmed with the inner lighting. It appears that I am entering into a China. The entrance is illuminated with small lights and attracts attention from a long distance. The entrance is also occupied with a service man who helps the visitors to enter the restaurant.

The restaurant is a good one in all terms. You can have the foods you want to have for lunch or dinner. Besides, the environment helps you to relax. There

are no hurries for the visitors. They can stay as long as they want. Besides, the authority also provides some complimentary foods and drinks for the visitors which is another reason for visiting the restaurant. It has already established itself as a noted restaurant in the locality. And I think there are huge potentials for the restaurant to grow in future for its special services and food quality.

Describe an important historical event in your country.

You should say:

- when it happened
- what happened
- who the most important people involved were

and say why it is important to the history of 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 1:

India is one of the largest countries in the Southeast Asia and has been dominated by the British Empire for around 200 years. The country has gained independence in 1947 and by the same time got separated from Pakistan.

It was truly difficult to divide the countries based on the religious beliefs and the issue was a potential one during the independence period. At that time, people started killing each other based on their religious views which went beyond control. As a result, the necessity of two sovereign states appeared before the Congress and the creation of India and Pakistan was done. The Hindu people started living in India while the Muslims started living in Pakistan. A great dispute arose inside the continent only over the religious views and the followers of one religion could not tolerate the followers of the other religion. So, the higher authorities got worried over the issue and they started to ponder over the separation. The then British government finally separated the two states and the separation is also better known as the Independence Day for Pakistan and India. Now Pakistan observes the day on August 14 while India celebrates the day on the following day – August 15. Due to the separation, some of the parts have still been disputed and some of the parts of Kashmir have occupied space of both of the countries which also create conflicts

between the countries. There are no solutions have been found yet against the problem.

The entire region was ruled by the British Empire before the partition. When the British started exploiting the natives, a sense of deep dissatisfaction emerged among the locals and they started anti-British movements aiming to gain independence. But at the same time, there were some communal riots inside the country which killed a notable number of people following Hinduism and Islam. So, the issue turned into a concerning one for the British government and then it decided to wrap up its rule from the region. But when the decision was made, a demand came for tow independent states to reduce the communal riots. In the communal riots, it is estimated that around two million people were killed of different religions. As a result, the Congress decided to make to sovereign states named India and Pakistan. Later Pakistan was split into two states named Pakistan and Bangladesh while India was named as the Union of India (and later the name was changed to the Republic of India). Due to the partition, Bengal turned into the province of Pakistan and consequently gained independence from a bloody war in 1971. After the partition, many of the Muslims migrated in Pakistan while many members of following the other regions migrated in India.

The then entire Congress was behind the partition and the name of Mahatma Gandhi is a remarkable one with the name of Jawaharlal Nehru, Sarojini Naidu, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, and Maulana Azad among others is notable. Each of them has played important roles to achieve the independence and separation of the country. Though Mahatma Gandhi did not want to split the country based on religious conflicts and unstable situation, later he changed the mind. He agreed to the separation and thought that would be beneficial for all the people following different religious beliefs.

To be frank, the independence and separation of India and Pakistan are of great benefits for the both the Hindus and the Muslims. Due to communal beliefs, they got involved in riots which took away many innocent lives. By the same time, the situations inside the country turned worse for several reasons. The scenarios could have worsened if the necessary declarations would not come to separate the countries. Finally, the declaration of two sovereign states resolved the issue. After the separation, a mass migration took place between the countries and currently they are moving for progress. If the separation was not made at the right time, the communal killings would raise more than imagination. The Hindus were on the view that in the country they are the

majority and the Muslims should not get privilege like them. One the other side, the Muslims did not obey the directives and this got locked into disputes which caused the riots. So, for the separation there are no such riots are prevailing and people are living peacefully. Thereby, the independence and partition were important for the country.

Model Answer 2:

South Africa is a country with a huge number of histories ever since its existence. It has experienced many wars, conflicts and other issues. But the most prominent one was gaining the suffrage for the people, especially the participation of all races into the election was an important historical event here. I am happy to describe the event here. Thank you for asking the question.

The election was held on April 27, 1994. Before this day, it was not possible for all the races (particularly the blacks) to participate in the election. In fact, this was the day when all the South Africans achieved their right to vote. The racial segregation was over. Before this revolutionary step, it was hard for the other people to express their opinions about any issues. They were the subject of oppression. But the general election of 1994 has changed everything. Every one of the countries started enjoying the same rights.

Before the year of 1994, it was not possible for blacks to participate in the election or cast their votes to elect their candidates. In fact, they did not have any rights for them. They were the subjugated class of the society. Though the slave trade and tradition was abolished from the country long ago, racism existed in many extents. So, the inferior blacks were not allowed to participate in the election. But in this time, the scenario changed to some extent. The President was elected with the general election and he was a black. Millions of people voted in this time and elected Nelson Mandela as their President of the country. The general election held across the country and citizens of all strata took part in the election for the first time. It was a happy event for everyone. It was the ending of the domination to the black people of the country.

The election was held across the nation and a large number of people were involved here. So, it is impossible to mention any specific name against the achievement. Rather it was a collective gain for the people, especially the black people. My dad was also involved in this election process and played some important roles. I heard it from him that with the participation of the black

people in this process, the immense victory was possible. It was the elected President who suffered a lot for the emancipation of the black people of the country. Actually, Nelson Mandela was the man who planned and executed everything with the support of his people. The people supported him as he passed a notable part of his life in prison with the demand of emancipation of the black people. So, he became the first black President in the history of South Africa.

At present, the people of this country are living in peace and prosperity. But the scenario was different in the past days. People, especially the black people were dominated by the white people. Racism was prevailing everywhere. So, it was necessary to remove the chain of racism for the betterment of the country. It was the general election that helped greatly to break the shackle and freed the people. As a result, everyone in the country has their own rights and responsibilities and they are executing them. The nation is moving ahead with a great pace. So, this is considered as an important historical event for the country.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe an important historical event in your country" you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Talk about an important day in your country that you celebrate.
- Describe a national celebration or event in your country.
- Describe a historical event or person in your country.

Describe your favourite flower.

You should say:

- what it is
- where it is grown
- if it is common in your country

and explain why it is your favourite flower.

[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:

It is hard to find a man who does not love flowers. Everyone loves it for different reasons. I also love flowers and prefer sunflower most than the other flowers for some specific grounds. This is the flower that is highly beneficial for the humans and sunflower is my favourite flower.

Flowers have a special attraction to the humans. They are used to serve several other purposes as well. It is a kind of symbol of love, peace and happiness. So, people are attracted to flowers. They love to have flowers on different occasions. I am not an exception in this case but my preference is a bit dissimilar from many others, even my family members. Most of the people are fond of rose which is considered as the queen of flowers. But I like sunflower the most. This is a special flower for me and casts a different charm to the people. This is a photogenic flower and looks beautiful when blooms. The flowers are of different size and shapes and the naming as 'Sunflower' might have been done so as they face to the sun when bloomed.

The flower is grown around the world but France produces a large part of the global share. The flower was brought into the country and in the European continent by the Spaniards during the 16th century. They used to sunflower oil for cooking. Initially, the flowers were found in wild state and after a few centuries, the importance of the flower appeared. Then commercial production for the flower began in France. Now sunflower is one of the most important agricultural crops of France. The sunflower seeds are used for a wide number of purposes. Usually, the sunflowers grow over 10 feet in height and summer is the best time for the bloom. So, when the flower is grown commercially, the growers harvest the flowers by July each year. The vast fields look gorgeous with the bloomed sunflowers but the scene lasts for a short time. Such scenarios are now places in view cards. Mostly the village areas are used for massive sunflower production in France.

Sunflower is one of the major products of France and mostly the seeds are used to manufacture cooking oils. The sunflower oils are healthy and free of the other toxic issues that may cause physical disorder after consumption. Moreover, the seeds are also used for beauty products and cosmetic. The flower sticks look stunning when they are installed in or out of any house. Thereby, some people grow sunflower plants on their lawn or small garden beside or before the house. Sunflower oil is widely used here for its easy digestion feature and other health benefits like improving the brain, removing

physical disability or preventing cardiovascular diseases. Besides, the sunflower seeds are enriched with vitamin E which is essential for our daily needs. The use has become too common in France that the sunflower and its products are found almost everywhere across the country.

I firmly believe that I am a bit different from the ordinary people and my choices are not similar to the choice of others. Most of the people like to prefer some regular flowers but in this case, my choice is completely different. I love sunflower while many of the people will consider the flower as a commercial product for its random commercial use. The fully grown flowers face to the sun and swings in the air and this is adorable to look at. I also like the flower for its numerous benefits. Most of the other flowers do not have any usefulness except being used for decorations but sunflower is opposite to them. I like to think practically and do all the things which are beneficial for me. So, in preferring my favourite flower, I will pick the one which will be advantageous for me. Sunflower owns all the features I admire and find useful.

Sample Answer 2:

Lavender is one of most prominent flowers in my country. It comes with a gorgeous look. This is mostly an ornamental flower but has some other benefits as well. This is a pleasant question for me. Thank you for asking it. I will describe the flower in brief now.

Lavender is also known as Lavandula. This is flowering plant and belongs to the mint family. Thus the smell of the flower is completely different from the other flower plants. The flowers are grown both commercially and individual level. When it is cultivated in private level, it is aimed to use the flowers for decorative purposes only. But when it is on the commercial level, the purposes are dissimilar like extraction of oils etc.

Lavender is available around the world in various quantity. It mostly requires a temperate climate. And so the places with temperate weather are most suitable to grow the plants. Hence, it is mostly found in the European region. Besides, the plant is also available in some parts of Africa, Mediterranean regions, some places of Cape Verde, Canary Islands, some parts of Asia and India. The cultivation process is dissimilar than other flower plants. Growing lavender needs an open space and the right amount of sunlight.

Yes, this is a common plant in Australia. There are wide areas where the plant is grown. Most of the cases, the plants are cultivated for commercial purposes here. There are some other people who grow lavender on their private properties. In that case, the aim is just to use the flower plants as ornaments. They change the look of the house or of the place. But commercially this is used as a culinary herb. The application of lavender oil is highly beneficial for human health. So, it needs a huge production. Without massive planting, this is impossible to get the desired amount of oil that is used for various purposes like mosquito repellent, bathing materials etc.

Lavender is my preferred flower. I am attracted with the fragrance of the flower most. Besides, it provides a very pretty look. In fact, I love the large lavender garden before my residence which has increased the beauty of my house. The short-living nature of the plant is another feature that makes it more attractive to people. The flower hue brings a sense of peace inside my mind. Cooking with lavender helps to bring an exceptional test to the foods. The foods smell like lemon or citrus when lavender buds are applied on it. The lavender oil is also beneficial for removing sleep disturbances too. Most importantly, the lavender fields look really striking when the flowers are bloomed. For all such reasons, this is my preferable flower and I have a moderate garden where the plants are greatly taken care of.

Describe the person in your family who you most admire.

You should say:

- what his/her relationship is to you
- what s/he has done in your life
- what s/he does now

and explain why you admire this person so much.

[You will have to talk about the topic for 1 to 2 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:

'Family' is the most precious thing for everyone. One cannot live without a family, and even if we notice deeply, we could see that familial bonding is also

found among animals. Thus, the importance of having a family cannot be ignored to live on the planet. A family is a place where anyone could expect to get anything without the promise of return in exchange. In my family, I admire my father most. He is the key person in our family and maintains the family in a solid way. He is my hero in my life. My father is truly an admirable person for his outstanding qualities.

He has guided me to the right path so that I could shine in my career and personal life. When I was a kid, he helped me in all possible ways, when I turned a bit matured he showed me the ways to choose. The most important thing is that he never forced me in doing something or performing after his will. He always left the issues on me, showed the ways, and I decided the right road. With his advice, currently, I am an established photographer in the society. He bought me the first camera of my life by cutting his costs in half when he came to know that I would like to be a photographer.

My father has retired from his job and now passing his days with the family and friends. Most of his friends have also retired like him and together they pass their moments by recalling their olden days. Sometimes my father takes my mother for outing too. They spend all the day outside and return at night as they used to do in the first hours of their marriage. I like the romanticism between my parents. Moreover, my father loves gardening, and he takes care of the garden before our house. Frequently he buys flowers of different categories and asks me to get his photos with the plants.

I admire my father and will continue doing so for his honesty, his sincerity and the sense of responsibility. I have never seen him ignoring his responsibilities to my family. The most important feature of my father is sympathy to others regardless of relations. When someone of the family turned ill, he rushed to take care of the patient amid his thousands of responsibilities. He also used to help the destitute relations and also hide the events to us. I am truly lucky to have a father like him.

Alternative Cue Card Answer 2:

The person I admire most in my family is my mother. Why? She is always there for me and never turns her back on me. She gave birth of me and because of her, I came to this world. She loves me even when I disagree with her or do something wrong! Her love for me is unconditional and I have countless reasons to admire and love her the most.

She is the most loving person I could possibly meet in my life. She taught me the basic values of life and she put a great effort to teach me to distinguish the right from wrong. She is a virtuous and benevolent women and I have a great admiration for her. She took care of my elementary education and inspired me to read books outside of my academic book list. In my childhood, she was always near me. She took me to schools and playgrounds and waited patiently for a long so that she could look after me.

She never hesitates to inspire me whenever I do something good. She is the best critic I can possibly have and because of her, I have learned computer programming, art and other important skills. She is a hard working woman who has devoted her entire life for her family. I learned the importance and necessity of a close family from her. I have only a younger sister who is 12 years old and my mum was always my best friend.

In my teen ages she advised me about many things and always supported me and that helped me a lot to come out from the depression I had at that time. She inspired me to take part in the outdoor activities and motivated me to play cricket with other children of my age.

She took great care of me when I was ill and I can remember many sleepless nights she had spent to look after me. She still does that whenever I get sick. She inspired me to get admitted in the best university of our country and she is the one who contributed the most to help me become the man I am.

She was a school teacher for about 5 years but she left her career and became a full-time mum when I was born. Who else would make such great sacrifice for me except my mother? She is my inspiration and idol in my life. I admire her for everything she has done for me and everything she still does for me. Her sacrifices and love for me are unparalleled to anyone or anything in the whole world.

Other family members in your family you might describe:

- Your mother.
- Your elder brother or sister.
- If you are living in a joint family, you can also describe your grandfather, grandmother, uncle, aunt or any elder cousin.

Do not describe the whole family as the cue card asks you to talk about a single family member whom you admire the most.

Part 3: Details Discussion:

Attitudes to family:

Q. In what ways have families in your country changed in recent years?

A. The families have changed greatly in my country for different reasons and situations. Earlier the families were united but currently they have been shaped into nuclear families. When people used to live the in the country areas, the families were large but with the advancement of time, the families have broken and took their own shares and formed small families instead of the large ones with the excuse of extensive maintenance cost, misunderstanding and more other issues.

Q. Should husbands and wives have different roles within the family? Why / why not?

A. A husband and a wife should play different roles for different reasons. From time immemorial, males are considered as the bread earners while the females are the homemakers. But the ideas have changed massively in the current days. Now, both the husband and wives are seen engaged in money-earning activities. Moreover, they are sharing their responsibilities between them and thus they are playing different roles in the family.

Family or friends:

Q. Which are more important to you - your family or your friends?

A. My family is the most important thing to me than friends. A Family is a place where you will have everything. The family members will try to support you reasonably; both in good and bad situations and in return, they do not expect anything. It is the most important feature of a family. The family members will never leave you forever, but the scenario is just the opposite with the friends. When there are no benefits in helping you, the friends will be nowhere to be found! They will avoid you in every possible manner. So, my family is my top priority.

Q. What conflicts can arise between a person's family and a person's

friends?
A. There are different issues that can create trouble between you and your family or you and your friends. Regarding the familial issue, your family members may guide you to the right way but due to your lack of knowledge, you may get involved into arguments over the guidance. You may prefer following the one which appears better to you (although in reality that is not meant for you).

On the other hand, conflicts with friends may range from any trifling matter to a major issue like business loss or life or death situation. Family members are always with the well-wishers or try to make better but the friends are not always with the same thought to make you feel good unless they have any hidden benefit with the issue. The common conflict can arise when someone spends most of his/her time with friends and family members starts complaining about it.

Family responsibilities:

Q. What responsibilities do parents have towards their children?
A. Parents naturally love their kids. However, the parents are responsible for everything of their kids from rearing their kids well, educate them, and allow picking the right things for them or their career or even their marriage.

Q. What responsibilities do children have towards their parents?
A. The most important responsibility the children have towards their parents is to abide by all the directives they get from the parents. There are no parents who want to have their kids in distress. So, the children should pay attention to their parents, take care of them in their old age and overall they should respect the parents always.

Your ability to talk about this topic will enable you to answer the following IELTS cue card topics also:

- Describe someone in your family.
- Describe someone you really admire.
- Describe your childhood hero.
- Describe a person you like to work with.
- Describe someone who had a great influence in your life.

- Describe the person you most admire.
- Describe a family member who is similar to you.
- Describe a person who is a good cook.
- Describe a talented person you know about.
- Describe your favourite personality.
- Describe someone you know for a long.
- Describe a person who is a good mentor.
- Describe an honest person you know about.
- Describe a relative you really like.

Describe your favourite movie/film.

You should say:

- what it is
- when you watched it
- what it is about

and explain why this is your favourite movie.

[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:

I love to watch movies in my leisure hours and have watched a wide number of movies. It is a kind of addiction to me and usually, I watch at least one movie a day.

The Gods Must be Crazy is the best movie I have ever seen and I like it most for many reasons. I have watched the movie for many times and each of the time the pleasure was different to me. It never becomes old with me. The natural reactions against the modernization of the protagonist - Xi makes me amused. His reactions against the modern civilisations are quite natural and funny as well. But the other installments (part two and three) of the same movie appear as those are not up to the mark. Many of the events have been exaggerated which has damaged the real beauty of the movie. So, considering all the aspects, the first part of the series is my favourite movie and I think many of

the audiences will agree with my opinion.

I watched the movie first when I was a teen and it might be the 1990s when I watched that. My father brought the movie that was played on a VCR connected to our television. At that time, watching movies had two ways only. The first one is to go to the cinemas while the second one was to bring the video cassettes at home. My father also loved watching movies and he brought the video tape of the movie. But since I was a kid, I could not derive much pleasure in the beginning. When I grew up, I started understanding the inner meaning of the movie. Sometimes I have watched the movie alone and in some cases, I played the movie at home when someone came to visit us. In my 30s today, still I am fond of the movie as I was in my teenage.

The movie is all about a tribal population (bushman) who live in a remote part of Kalahari Desert in African continent. Life goes on for them but the trouble occurred when they received a piece of Coca-Cola bottle which was thrown by an airplane pilot. The bottle was received by Xi, the lead character of the movie. It brings a change in his family. The family members started quarrelling among themselves. The peace of life was broken for the bottle. So, Xi wants to return the bottle. He believed that since the bottle has fallen from above, it might be the Gods who have thrown it. He starts his epic journey to return the bottle to the Gods and experiences different strange events of his life.

The movie is the best movie to me for some specific reason. It was made in the 1980s and the plot concept is clear. It wants to give a message to the modern people that everything they are doing is not fair. This is a comedy movie but the message it provides in guise of comedy is strong. The movie shows that Xi is praying before killing an animal while the modern people do not perform so. Moreover, every blessing of the modern world was unfamiliar to him and he could not cope up with the complexities of life in the city. He knew how to survive in the desert and jungle but survival in the city becomes difficult for him. In fact, modernization has made life more complex than the uncivilised life. Besides, political turmoil (depicted in the movie) also shows the unstable situations of the modern era. Xi, now wants to go back in his tribe but due to the complicated system, he cannot get back easily. The movie actually shows the simplicity of life. So, like the movie best.

Model Answer 2:

I usually pass my leisure hours by participating in sports but recently I have started watching movies at home. Last month, I watched a movie named Life is

Beautiful and now this has become my favourite one. This is one of the special movies that I have ever seen.

The movie belongs to comedy-drama genre. It comes with different issues during the holocaust. Besides, the movie plot is outstanding and the performance of the characters are splendid. The movie was made in 1997 and was directed by Roberto Benigni. He also was the lead actor of the movie. Moreover, he also co-wrote the movie. The plot of this movie reminds people about the Second World War when the Nazi concentration camps were used to punish the opposition and the ordinary people. The movie also demonstrates the love of a father to his son and how he protects the son from dangers inside the concentration camp.

Usually, I take part in sport in the evening hours. But during the holidays, I spent my times at the home. And when I am at home, I watch movies or listen to music. This time, instead of listening music, I watched the movie. I was accompanied by my family members. In fact, my mother loves to watch movies and I developed the habit from her. She loves to watch drama movies and in line with her interest, I also grew a taste for drama movies. Actually, when I am inside the movie, it is hard indeed to detach me from the watching. The similar thing happened with this one. This is the movie, that comes with some comical and dramatic elements. So, I enjoyed the movie till the last moment. I started watching the movie at around 4.00 pm and finished it after nearly two hours. I was glued to the screen by this time and gained a different experience.

The movie is about a couple of things. It appeared to me that the movie has been made to make the viewers aware of the detrimental impacts of the holocaust -how the event destroyed families and people. On the other side, the movie is about the affection of a father to his son. The eternal love of the father to his son is demonstrated here. An ordinary Jewish father sacrifices his life to save his son from the Nazi occupation during the World War II. The father is taken to the concentration camp with his son. After reaching the camp, he meets with many other people. He also meets with his wife. Unluckily the meeting was short. But he uses his extraordinary imaginations to save the son from the Nazi forces. And finally, he becomes successful in protecting the son in exchange for his life.

This is my favourite movie for many reasons. This is one of the movies that has won several prestigious awards. The movie plot is outstanding while the movie making was excellent. The movie plot is the key attraction here. An open-

minded Jewish man is held without any charge and sent to the concentration camp. Finally, he lost his life – a soldier shot him before leaving the camp during the invasion by the allied forces. But he saved his son. He developed a story and played the role of a character in the story to let his son know that the events were a game. The events turned tragic finally. Life was beautiful to his son and wife. He could not taste the liberty. Considering the inner issues, I love this movie.

Model Answer 3:

I love to enjoy movies but my taste is a bit different. I love to watch the comedy movies only. They attract me in a different way. I have watched a good number of comedy movies but The Pink Panther (2006) appeared the best one to me. Thank you for describing the matter here.

Pink Panther is a series of movies and been being made from a long ago. So, the series have gained a huge popularity. The protagonist of the movie solves mysterious cases alone which is not possible for the other police officials to crack. So, the key character is always in trouble with the police chief. But investing his smartness and ready wit, he solves the mysteries in a simple manner. But his initial movement appears that he is a dull and unfit police official. The instalment of 2006 also deals with some such similar events. The central character has to solve a murder case and the story moves on.

I watched the movie on an evening. In fact, I had nothing to do at that time. Besides, nobody was at home. When everybody is at home, it is comfortable to spend time with them. But when alone, it is really hard to pass the moments. So, I planned something different. I started watching the movie. I downloaded the movie from the internet and watched it. Though I invited the neighbouring boy to accompany me, he did not come. Actually, he does not prefer to enjoy movies at all. So, I was all alone. I passed the entire evening by watching the movie. And enjoyed it greatly. The movie plot was highly attractive and does not make me feel bored. In some cases, the comedy movies come with less attractive plots and try to make the audiences laugh with some artificial mockery. But the matter was different here. I enjoyed the evening with this movie.

The Pink Panther (2006) is about the solving of a murder. This is the 10th instalment of the movie series. The earlier series were also wonderful and made some business. But this one is the best among the this is my personal

opinion. The movie was about to solve the murder and by the same time to rescue the Pink Panther diamond. The diamond was stolen during the murder. In fact, it was lost after the murder was committed. The main character of the movie, police inspector Jacques Clouseau was the case. He as officially assigned to bring the mysteries into light. On the other side, the chief of police tried to solve the case by himself. He wanted to make Inspector Jacques Clouseau as a shadow before the media and solve the case from behind. But pathetically, the chief inspector failed to solve the case while Jacques Clouseau solved it in his own way.

This is my favourite movie for several reasons. First of all, it shows some comical event that will make you laugh. The activities of the inspector Jacques Clouseau will make anyone laugh during the movie time. He did some foolish activities. He is always aware of everything but cannot apply his knowledge at the right moment. He tries to protect everyone but fails to do so for his foolishness. He wants to favour the distressed but in reality, he makes the situations worse for them. All such events are highly comical and will make the audiences laugh. But finally, he wins the race with his wit and intelligence. Considering the matters, I am in love with this movie.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe your favourite movie"** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a movie you have recently watched.
- Describe your favourite movie.
- Describe a foreign movie you have enjoyed.
- Describe a movie you would like to watch again.
- Describe a movie you watched with your friends.

Describe a shop near where you live that you sometimes go to.

You should say:

- where it is located
- what items it sells
- how often you go there

and explain why you go there.

[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:

Living in Singapore is really expensive as this is one of the commercial cities and a small country with a huge population. The residential areas are located in the corners of the city. I live near the Orchard Street and there is a large store just right beside of my place.

The store sells almost all sorts of necessary items required for daily life. The shop is located at one of the prime spots on the Street. It is located just right beside my apartment building. The shop looks like a large 'L' and has a parking space before it for the customers. Though this is not a chain shop, it looks like one of them for its special decorations and products. Almost all brands are available here and the numbers of consumers are increasing gradually as the crews and assistants provide a very good and cordial service to them. Besides, the prices of the sold products are also reasonable and the refund policy is acceptable as well for all the customers. The shop owner is known to me and often I go to visit the shop and get the necessary things for me and my family.

The shop sells a good number of items which are necessary for the daily life including groceries to clothing. The shop is famous as it sells all the types of groceries and since there are no local markets in this Street for food crops, the people mostly get in the shop for buying the food crops and grains. Often they are seen carrying live fishes from the store. Besides, it also sells all sorts of fresh meats, food crops and grains, powder and liquid milk, juices, fruits and vegetables, prepared foods, soaps, dairy products, pen, paper, scissors, adhesives, electronic equipment, mobile phone accessories, electronic gadgets and gears, toys for kids, clothing for men and women, perfumes of different brands, chocolates, sunglasses, wallets, wrist watches, leather goods, DVDs, books and novels, and much more.

I am a businessman in Singapore and deal with a clothing shop in a shopping mall. So, I do not have much time to visit the shop frequently. But I go there when I need something and in that case, I carry a list of my required things. Besides, when my family needs something, my wife makes a list for those and asks me to bring the enlisted things when I return home. There is a small restaurant on the above of the shop and the shoppers could take rest and have some snacks there. Sometimes during the holidays or whenever I could get

some leisure hours, I go to visit the shop and have some chats on the roof with the shop owners. In fact, the shop owner is a friend of mine and had struggled much in his life. For his strict determination and with the help of a local investing bank, he started the business. Now he is one of the most successful businessmen in the locality and he is planning to start a chain shop. Now like him, I am also planning to open a small-scale store like that.

I go to the shop mostly for meeting the daily shopping needs of my family. To cook food, we need to shop the ingredient. Since there are no local markets for the food crops, dairy products and fish or meat, I have to visit the shop at a regular interval. Almost all of the days, I have to go there and in some cases, my wife makes a phone call to me so that I should bring any specific product or element necessary for the family. Sometimes, I visit the shop for having some clothing for my family members. The sweetmeats sold at the shop are of the highest grade and they really are delicious. Besides, the coffee on the roof top restaurant also attracts me most. Being a small businessman in Singapore, I actually have not much leisure hours to spend. I have to keep my shop open round the week. When the staffs are on holidays, I have to play their roles as well. Considering all of my business, it appears that having a cup of coffee on the rooftop of the shop is the best leisure activity. So, if whenever I could manage time, I try to pay a visit there.

Sample Answer 2:

I am a student of graduate level living in Chhattisgarh with my family. I love shopping. It is more enjoyable for me as I do not need to go far as I have D-mart just beside my residence here.

D-mart is a superstore that sells almost all the necessary things under a single roof. Shopping here is fun. The store is located just opposite to my apartment. Actually, the store is on the opening of the road that leads to the main street of the city. Its physical location is on the ground floor of the City Mall in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Anyone can easily find it for its prime location. The store is accessible from anywhere in the town. But it is a walking distance for me.

This is a superstore and at the same time plays the role of departmental store. It sells almost all types of things required for living a decent life. There are different categories in the store and the customers take their necessaries based on their needs. The store sells the stuff like foods, vegetable, dairy products, frozen goods, fruits, toys for kids, bed covers, bathing tools and

accessories, crockeries, different games and gaming boards, plastic containers, numerous home appliances, luggage, suitcases, apparels, attractive footwear, ladies' garments, undergarments and dresses, attires for men, different daily essentials, grocery products, perfumes, body sprays, small electronic gadgets and much more. Interestingly, the prices of all the products are reasonable and within reach of everyone.

I have to visit the shop at least once in a day. My father often forgets to bring the daily necessaries and when he returns from office, he is reluctant to go market again. So, I have to play often his role. Fortunately, D-mart has saved my labour a lot. Since the store is adjacent to my residence, I do not need to go far and get the necessary products easily. But sometimes, I have to visit the shop for several times in case of my needs. It happens in the holidays actually. My mother sends me at the shop whenever she needs anything and it happens mostly when we have guests. Moreover, while returning home from college, I visit the shop and have some light snacks like potato chips to eat during my leisure periods. So, I have got a close tie with the store.

I have to go there for different reasons. We are at an advanced age and to keep pace with the world, we need to have things in our life which could be found only in stores. In fact, the superstores sell all the necessary things for our life ranging from foods to apparels. Almost all the stuff for our basic needs is available in the stores. So, I have to visit the store to get the desired things which are a must for our daily lives. Besides, visiting a store also helps to build up a good relation with the people and socialise. For all those reasons, I have to go to the store.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a shop near where you live that you sometimes go to." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a place you often go to.
- Describe a shop you often go to.
- Describe a shop/market near your living place.
- Describe a street market or shop you have seen.
- Describe your favourite shop.

Describe a type of clothes you like.

You should say:

- what it is
- what it looks like
- how often you wear it

And explain why you like it so much.

[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:

People around the world wear different sorts of dresses and due to geographical location and seasonal changes, the attires vary. I always prefer wearing jeans clothes, especially jeans pant and shirt.

Jeans are common clothing items and are available around the world and mostly popular among the youths who are of my age. I wear jeans pant and shirt always even when I attend in any formal occasion. The most important benefit of wearing jeans clothing is that they do not become dirty as easily as the other types of clothes do. Moreover, you can have the pant and shirt of all size and shape and are sold at a reasonable price. They are found in different colours and attractive designs too. It makes the look smarter in some cases than the formal attires.

Usually, the jeans cloth is like all the other available clothes, and produced from jean fabric but it is special in the sense that it lasts longer than the other clothes. Jeans is a bit heavier in weight and thus the attires made with the cloths are of higher quality. Besides, the colours are also attractive and able to get attentions of the surrounding people for the distinguished design. The pants and shirts made with jeans cloths are like usual shirt and pants but you can use them both for formal and informal purposes whereas the other clothes are not suitable to serve the same purpose simultaneously.

I frequently wear the cloths but when I have to attend my university classes, I wear a jeans pant and a polo shirt and when it is about attending any formal gathering or attending any invitation, I prefer a jeans shirt with a jeans pant. But sometimes I have to wear formal clothes to being forced by my parents as they are on the view that I look smarter with the formal attires. But I feel more confident being casual with my jeans clothing. But during the presentation days at my university, I have to be formal as the teachers do not allow students presenting their assigned presentations in informal attires. Except the issues of my parents and university functions, I always wear jeans and feel comfy in wearing jeans and light polo or t-shirts.

I prefer jeans for a good number of reasons. First of all, I am comfortable with jeans as it allows air circulation through the body. But the skinny jeans actually do not allow so and I also do not prefer those. Besides, jeans clothing is found in a variety of styles and designs which is not available for the formal clothing. Jeans is found in a ready-made state and you do not need to place an order to a tailoring shop to make you attires with jean fabric. When I put on a jeans pant with a polo shirt, I look dashing and feel confidence inside.

Model Answer 2:

Various types of clothing are available in Japan, and they are divided in to two parts – traditional Japanese garments and western clothing. Between the two, I like the traditional one and kimono is one of them. Basically, I wear kimono in seasons and feel a great sense of comfort. Thank you for the question. Here goes a brief description of the attire.

A wide variety of kimonos is available in Japan. They are made with different fabrics like silk, wool and even with the synthetic fabrics. The kimono is mostly used during the cooler seasons and months of the year because the fabrics are heavier than the usual garment fabrics and there are multiple layers. If someone puts them on during the ordinary days, it would be hard to manage the cloth. Sweating is a very usual phenomenon then. Basically, the darker colours are used during the cooler months of the year while the lighter colours are used in summer days.

Kimono is available in multiple styles. It, in fact, ranges, from formal to casual. But it comes with a basic T shape. Mostly people wear the casual type for their regular activities and the reserve the formal ones for attending any occasion.

Besides, the style of wearing the attires is also different and they are available in different colour and texture. Kimonos made with silk is the most desirable one among everyone. People prefer to wear the silk-made kimonos in special events and use the kimonos made with polyester or cotton fabrics for their casual use. The dress looks stunning when worn but there are some issues with wearing it. Everyone cannot wear the dress and needs external help. It becomes difficult for the modern women to assemble the kimono as it has over 10 pieces of parts. A prescribed way needed to be followed for the purpose.

Kimono is a traditional dress for females. So, I do not wear it frequently. Rather, I like to wear it marking any celebrations. In fact, kimono is mostly worn on the national days. When the women of Japan came out on the street wearing kimono, the view becomes gorgeous. The style of kimono wearing is different for the married and single women in Japan. Being a single, I use the furisode style for me and there are floor-length sleeves. I use the style for attending any special occasion. Kimono is also worn by men on special occasions like a marriage ceremony or any other formal occasions. But it is difficult for me to assemble the parts and thus I am in need of support from my mum. She helps me to assemble the separate parts together and make it look nice. When I need to attend any formal occasion, I seek help from professionals as well.

I like kimono so much for multiple reasons. In fact, this is a gorgeous outfit for both men and women. But movement becomes a bit slower with kimono. But the colours and patterns are attractive and also makes the people look beautiful. The colours are basically matched with seasons to reflect the seasonal environment. Besides, this is an expensive attire that everyone is unable to afford. So, when I wear it, I feel lucky than other people and brings a sense of gratitude to the Creator for allowing me to afford it. Based on the facts, I like to wear this attire so much.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a type of clothes you like.", you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards as well:

- Describe your favourite item of clothing.
- Describe a cloth item you often wear.
- Describe a common item of clothing in your country.
- Describe a dress you want to purchase.
- Talk about a traditional dress in your country.

- Describe a dress item you like to wear.

Describe a rainy day you can remember.

You should say:

- when it was
- what you did on that day
- how long it rained

and explain how you felt about the day being rainy.

[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:

In the mid of November last, I experienced a rainy day throughout the day. I cannot exactly remember the day but it began with dark clouds in the sky. It rained all the day long. In fact, it was an interesting day for. Thank you for asking the question. I am glad to have a chance of describing the day here.

Usually, it does not rain here in Mozambique. And this was unusual. But it rained. It rained cats and dogs. In November, we feel chill here and sometimes the cold is acute. So, nobody expects a rain at this time as it will boost the coldness of the season. Further, when it rains, the locality I live in becomes muddy. So, this is a bit difficult for the locals to move in places they need to go. The average climatic condition of Mozambique is moderate. But there has been an unexpected change in the climate in the last couple of decades. And this is the result of the change.

I am a university student. I am completing my undergraduate in Social Science. Hence, I need to remain busy with my academic events. In fact, I had to attend an important class on that day when it rained. I was unable to get out of my home. So, I missed the class. There was nothing much to do for me. Suddenly I remembered that I needed to complete an assignment for the next project of mine which was supposed to be closed by December. Accordingly, I started

working on the project. After a thorough research on the internet, I gathered necessary resources and made a project plan. It took around half of the day to complete the task. Then I planned to watch a movie. In fact, I was bored with the research. I had to brows a large number of websites, read their contents and gather the necessary resources. In the later part of the day, I enjoyed a drama movie. It was excellent.

It rained round the day. The rainfall began from the last part of the night. It was drizzling at first and then it started severely from the early hours of the day. It was an exceptional day for us. Later, I came to know that many of the people could not go to their workplaces and almost half of the institutions remained closed for the day. It was an excessive rain and unusual as well. I thought that I might go out in the evening to meet some of my friends but the rain did not stop. The weather reports said that the rain lasted for over 14 hours. It began in the early morning and stopped around 8.00 pm. So, it was too late for me to go out and meet with friends. Besides, the other members of my family were at home on that day for the excessive rain.

The feelings were food in some sense. But I had a regret the I missed my class. In fact, it was one of the most important classes of the semester and the teacher was supposed to provide some suggestions for the upcoming exams. But later, I came to know that the class did not take place at the scheduled time as none of the students was able to attend due to the rain. Hence, I felt a sense of relief. Further, it was a family gathering for my family. All the members are to remain busy round the week and cannot get meet together. Due to the rain, we all were at home and particularly enjoyed the meals. The last part of the day was great for me.

Sample Answer 2:

A rainy day is dull and gloomy. Usually, it rains around the day. A couple of days ago, I also experienced such a day but made it interesting with my ready plan and ideas. Thank you for the smart question. Now, I will describe the events what and how I did on that day.

It was the second week of March. In this Asian subcontinent, it does not rain in this time, rather the temperature starts to increase. But due to some sudden changes in the weather pattern, the climatic condition behaves strangely. So, the rainfall was completely unexpected to everyone. A similar feeling was with me. But I enjoyed the day till the last moment. It was a kind of refreshment to

me and some of my friends. In fact, I invited them to be my guest on this day so that each of us could enjoy the day form our heart.

I am a student of Allahabad university in India. To be frank, I love to take part in extracurricular activities than my studies. And most of the times, I am found outside of the class. I make close interaction with my books right before the exams and I have to suffer a lot for bunking the classes. I have some other intimate friends and they are the same like me. When I sensed that it was raining outside, I made a very special plan for the day. I made phone calls to the friends and invited them to be at my home. On the other side, I asked my mother to prepare some traditional meals for the day as my friends were coming. I showed an excuse of group study for the approaching exam. We studied indeed but the key purpose was to enjoy a couple of recently released Hindi movies. We passed the day with great fun.

It rained the entire day. Initially, there was a storm in the morning with a heavy shower. Gradually, the rain started to slow down. And it drizzled in the remaining part of the day. So, it was not possible for me to go out for attending my university class. Further, the storm had damaged the local roads while the drizzling made them muddy and slippery. People with emergencies only went to their respective places. Vehicle movement on the streets was reduced. My friends came with their bicycles and told me that it was troublesome for them to meet today. But they were glad when I told about my plan for the day. They stayed till the rain continued.

Though I do not like to get stranded at home, this time the experience was a bit different. I enjoyed the foods and movies. The company of my intimate friends gave me immense pleasure. Furthermore, we made some presentation ideas for the next class which we were assigned in the past month. After an enriched discussion, we started to watch a movie. By the time, it was lunch time and we had a delicious meal at noon. Then we enjoyed another movie for the rest of the evening and finally, the rain stopped. My friends left my place. But the memories of the day are still alive with me. I really felt a sense of satisfaction in my heart on that rainy day.

Describe an animated movie you recently enjoyed.

You should say:

- what it was

- when you watched it
- with whom you watched it

and explain why you liked this animated movie so much.

[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:

Watching movies is one of my hobbies. To be more specific, I enjoy the animated movies more than any other types of movies. The stories and plots of such movies are great and enjoyable. Besides, I also enjoy the making of such movies – they require more focus and attention from the makers. I am happy to discuss the movie that I have recently watched.

The movie I watched was Kung Fu Panda 3. This is the latest instalment of the series and the two earlier series were heavily successful. This instalment has a different plot than the earlier parts. This movie shows that Po meets with his own people – the other Pandas at the Panda village. But he experiences another problem with this meeting and has to play the role of rescuer against the problem. Accordingly, he teaches and forms his own soldiers to fight against the evil and finally, wins the battle.

I watched the movie a couple of days ago. On that day, I did not attend my college for physical illness. As I had to stay at home, I decided to pass some quality moments. I sit to enjoy some television shows. While browsing on the television channels, I found that one of the movie-showing channels is telecasting the movie. I missed the initial part of this movie but later guessed the events. It was almost noon when the movie began and continued for over two hours. Actually, the movie run time is less than two hours I think and it is the advertisement which makes the movies longer than they actually are. So, it was a bit distressing for me to sit around the advertising hours during the movie time.

I love to watch movies with my friends. But this time, I was alone. Though one of my friends was supposed to come to meet me, he could not keep the promise for some other reasons. I asked my younger sibling to be with me during the movie time. But he also denied showing some excuses. As a result, I

was all alone to enjoy the movie. In fact, I do not find it interesting to enjoy a movie alone. One should talk with the other viewers about different aspects of the movie, make comments on the movie making process, share relevant information with each other and more. When all the things are done, the movie becomes more enjoying. And for that, you will need at least another viewer with you. But I could not manage so, and hence, I had to watch the movie alone. But I discussed several aspects with myself and compared the events together.

I liked this animated movie for some particular motives. This appears as an educative movie to me. In fact, I have watched the earlier episodes of this series and got entertained. But this particular instalment was a bit different. The movie dealt with the issues like how Po trained up his own people and engaged them into fighting against Kai, another spirit warrior. He took lots of responsibilities and also the assistance of his martial art companions. Besides, the direction of the movie was wonderful. All the shots were perfect. I know that a good number of people had worked hard to make it a success and they are successful in every term of the movie. So it received positive criticisms all around.

Describe a day you stayed home all day.

You should say:

- when it was
- why you didn't go outside
- what you did at home

and explain how you felt about 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 1:

Staying at home is not an easy task. In fact, this is one of the toughest tasks so far I have encountered. The similar thing happened to me in the last week of December. I got stuck at home for the excessive snowfall.

Currently, I live in Montreal, Canada though my origin is in Columbia and my family lives there. I am an undergraduate student and execute the expenses by working at a local computer selling and servicing shop as a part-timer. Working as a part-time sales executive, I have to maintain a notable number of responsibilities. I have to attend office almost every day but it was the morning of the day after the Christmas Day when I had to stay at home all the day. This was the beginning of the week. But I could manage to attend neither my office nor my university class. I had a long tiring day on that date. Staying at home is really unpleasant if you do not have anything interesting to do.

I could not go outside for a heavy snowfall. It snowed all around the city I live in. Though this is the time of snowing here, there was a sudden change in the weather pattern. It started to snow heavily. In fact, the snow started from the middle of the previous night and continued to fall heavily during the next day. So, it was hard to get out of the home. The snowfall was so heavy that the vehicles were not plying on the streets. Some of the parked private vehicles got jammed with the snow. Without removing the snows, it was impossible to move the cars from the parked spaces. Some snow ploughs started working to get rid of the snow but they could not move ahead for the heavy snowfall all around. They had to wait for the weather condition to be stabled. It was one of the greatest snowfall of the year. A good number of people like me had to stay at home and pass the boring moments.

Usually, I do not stay at home for so long. Hence, there is no tool or equipment with me for my recreation except my laptop. But the laptop is also filled with the academic documents. So, I watched some video songs and tried to enjoy a movie. But none of them was enjoying to me. In fact, I was worried about the class and the work. An important class was scheduled on that day while the shop manager asked me to attend the shop early on the very day. So, it was an important day to me. But I had to stay at home. I informed the issue to my manager and a classmate. The shop manager was considerate and managed the issue while the thing was not similar in the university. The teacher came to take the class and took it with only three students who lived in the university dormitory.

Staying at home is really uncomfortable when someone does not have any specific way to pass the moments. I got bored around the day. The feelings

were irritating to me. my surrounding locality turned white. Some of the kids started playing with snow outside but I gave up the idea to move with them. Besides, there was none with me that I will have some chats. So, the entire day was ineffective for me. I also tried to focus on my studies, but could not do so. All the feelings were numb on this day. It was one of the roughest days of my life.

Describe a time when you played with a child.

You should say:

- when it was
- who the child was
- how long you played

and explain how you felt about 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 1:

I like to play with children but in most of the cases, the chances are not available. In fact, I cannot manage time to play with them. But I can remember an event when I passed an entire day with a child and played various smart games with the baby.

I had to attend a birthday party last month. Luckily the date was on a weekend. So it was convenient for me to move at the home of the baby early in the day. The child belonged to my colleague Mr Robert Perera. I loved the child very much as its activities reminded me of my own childhood days. The child was about four years old but the attitudes and acts it showed were matured. In fact, I felt the conversation interesting with this baby. I passed the entire day with the child and at the end of the day, I turned his fan. It was sad to leave the boy at his home.

The child, Robert Junior, was a boy of extreme intelligence. Actually, I have never met such a child before. The child entered into its fifth year after

successfully completing four years on this planet. Its parents had admitted the baby in a local elementary school. Passing the entire day, I came to know about lots of interesting facts about the child from its parents. But I was amazed at the calm nature of this kid. In fact, the kids of this age are so much naughty and take part is various types of mischievous activities. Junior is opposite to them. Rather, he loves to read books of varied interests (though he does not know the meaning of the texts he goes through, he loves reading). Besides, he is creative in some other senses. He loves to play strategic video games. He is a genius in achieving a good score in such games.

I played around the day with the child. The birthday event was in the evening but I went in the morning to take part in the preparatory activities. So, I had the entire day before me to pass in that house. I got the solution when Mr Perera told me that I can play with the Junior. He asked the child to play with me. So, I started to paly different games and it began with the chess. I, actually, had no idea how intelligent the child was. It played the chess with me like an adult and tried to defeat me with some special attempts. Besides, when I started playing a strategic game with it on the computer, I found that the child is far better than me. Junior showed me several ways to win a battle in the strategic games while he built his empire with some charismatic ways. We passed the day with such activities and enjoyed a lot.

I was happy to have a chance to spend the day with this child. Meeting with children always gives me pleasure. They are free of complexities. They will grant you as their friend if you can win their heart with your simplicity. Besides, I was glad when I found that the child was able to behave gently and different from the other kids of his age. Passing an entire day with this kids had refreshed me. On the other side, the child also enjoyed my company and invited me to visit him regularly and I promised him to do so. We are now good friends indeed.

Describe an interesting song you like.

You should say:

- what it is
- which country the song comes from
- what story the song tells

and explain why you think it is interesting.

[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:

Last month I heard a song about the 'language'. It was composed marking the language day of a South Asian country named Bangladesh. The song is titled as "Amar Bhiayer Rokte Rangano Ekushey February, Ami Ki Bhulite Pari". In fact, I heard the song for the first time and is in love with it.

The song is about the martyrs of language movement. As far as I came to know that there had been a language movement in Bangladesh in 1952. The majority of the people spoke Bengali as the first language while the then government tried to impose another language upon them. The government wanted to impose the Urdu language as the mother tongue of the local people of the country. But the agitated people protested against the decision and police opened fire on them. As a result, some of the protestors were killed in that event. To commemorate the event, the day is observed across the country and the world as well.

The song originates in Bangladesh. This is a country that has a long history to tell. The people of this state are extremely industrious and had struggled a lot since after the birth of the nation. Before its liberation in 1971, it was enslaved by the Pakistani rulers. In fact, the spirit of the liberation movement began in 1952. It was the time of language movement. The rulers of Pakistan tried to oppress the people of this country, but they failed due to the brave attempts of the local people. They started oppression with the language. They wanted to impose the Urdu language as the state langue of Bangladesh. The state was known as East Pakistan then. Since the majority of the people spoke in the Bengali language, they protested severely against the government decision. Some protestors were killed and then the song was composed to show respect to the martyrs of the movement.

The song tells the story of the martyrs who lost lives in the language movement. The song is also about the griefs of mothers, their families about the loss of lives. It tells that the day, 21st February, has been achieved by the contributions of the sons and their mothers are weeping for the children they have lost. The song begins with the statement that a brother is sacrificed for

achieving the day while the singer is unable to forget about the day. Everyone is mourning the deaths. They will not forget the day. Each year they remember the day by singing the song.

This song appears really interesting to me for some reasons. The people who sing the song visit the martyrs' memorial known as Shaheed Minar where the people were martyred on that day. Besides, they sing the song and move for the memorial with a black dress – which refers they are mourning and on barefoot. They pay tribute to the martyrs by placing wreaths on the memorial. The entire nation observes the day and the song is on the air. In line with the country, the song has also reached in my nation, Somalia. We also observe the day like the other global nations. I like the song much. It has a very different tone, lyric and creates a sense of sadness inside. It appears that I have lost someone near and dear to. In this sense, this is a really great song. It is interesting indeed to me.

Describe a time you needed to use your imagination.

You should say:

- what the situation was
- why you needed to use imagination
- what the difficulties were

and explain how you felt about 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 1:

When I was in my school, I had to attend literature class. The class was filled with enjoyment. But I had to experience trouble as I was told to narrate a story. In fact, I had to imagine the entire story and it was extremely difficult for me as a young boy to imagine a good number of stories.

It was the class of literature. The teacher was supposed to tell us stories, poems and discuss other literary works of different times. So, when she

finished each of her lessons, she used to hear from us. So, all of the students had to tell a story by own. In fact, the attempt was made to make us creative. It was aimed to expand the creative faculty of the student. But the students of the class, including me, were too young to be that much creative. As a result, the stories were immature. I also had to tell stories and use my imagination to develop them.

I needed to use the imagination for creating a fictional story plot. Most of the times, I used to tell stories about aliens and their activities. Actually, at that time I did not have any clear idea about aliens. But I took a pose that I knew a lot of information about the aliens. I generated the ideas from the other story books about the aliens that my dad bought me marking my birthday. But I could not directly tell the stories from the book that I read before. Hence, I applied my imagination. I created some newer characters and formulated new stories that were almost unbelievable. But with the tone of my story telling, that I used to tell the stories in the class, everyone present there believed the incident. But the teacher could have understood about my fictions and thus she smiled at me.

It was really difficult to tell a story by my own. I think almost all the students of the class had to experience the same trouble as like me. Most of them were unable to complete the story and wasted time unnecessarily. On the other side, I was bit dissimilar than them. Before the literature class, I read some stories at home and generated an exceptional plot. It was hard to make a new plot and by the same time, I had to make it credible to everyone. I used my imagination that knew no bounds at that time. I actually understood how difficult it was to develop a story and felt a deep sense of respect for the writers who provide us with a good number of stories and other literary works.

But at the end of the class, I felt very good. The teacher praised me highly. Though she knew that my plot was not unique rather a mixture of many other stories and their plots, she inspired me. In the beginning of this class, it was hard for each of the students to come up with a unique story but gradually they had a sharp sense to form an attractive and appealing story. Sometimes, I tried to bring tragic events in the story of aliens and on that day, everyone seemed unhappy for the story ending. I felt a sense of joy inside that I was able to make people happy and sad with mu imaginary power. Unluckily, I lost the ability to tell stories due to lack of practice. But the feelings were great for me

then, and I am proud of it.

Model Answer 2:

Making a blind presentation is really tougher for those who does not have the slightest idea about the projects. Being a junior employee, I recently had to undergo such a situation in my office. I am a fresh sales analyst for a reputed table fan making corporation in Bolivia. Thank you for the smart question and I will describe the situation when I had to apply my imagination here.

Though I have to remain busy with my usual official tasks at the office, last week my immediate boss asked me to prepare presentations for him. He was unable to prepare the presentation and only informed me about the presentation theme. So, I had to use my imagination and prepare that for him. It was extremely difficult for me to create a presentation where I did not have any idea what to do or how to do. Moreover, my boss forgot to describe the detail but wanted the presentation within the shortest possible time.

I was unaware of situations, and my boss could not describe anything except the presentation theme owing his extreme business. In fact, he was moving to a business tour in an Asian country that day. So, he had to take care of the other things by the same time. As a result, he relied on me. He knew about my skills of storytelling and exploited that. So, finding no other ways, I had to complete the presentation and applied my skills to make it more realistic. Besides, based on the theme, I added some of my own ideas. Moreover, it was a hefty task for me as there was a time-frame to complete the task. My boss was supposed to leave by noon while he asked me to complete and show it around one hour before his departure from office.

It was difficult indeed to complete the presentation. In fact, I did not have the slightest idea about the markets and target groups of the Asian region. So, it was challenging to prepare the presentation. I used the internet to generate ideas and analysis of appliance using behaviour of the Asian people. My boss was moving to have some business deals on behalf of the company. It was known from various reliable sources that the market of tablet fans in the Asian region is wider and if any corporation could gain the trust of consumers, there will be chances of a sustainable business in those countries. I was not informed about the meeting agendas or other issues. But I prepared a presentation that covers almost all the available aspects. It was made in such a manner that the

audience will get some new insight into my office and products we manufacture.

Making the presentation made me feel happy. In fact, I took it as a challenge for me and if I failed to complete it, I would have lost to myself. But it was difficult and my boss also admitted that. He was glad about the presentation style and resources inserted there. I added the usual behaves of using electronic equipment in the region and how many of them use table fans (data gathered from different internet sources). Moreover, I described the quality and sustainability of our products and other relevant issues. Finally, it was an enriched powerpoint presentation that was made entirely based on my imagination. And it was one of the nicest one I made ever.

Describe a short journey that you disliked.

You should say:

- where you went
- who you went with
- what you did

and explain why you disliked this journey.

[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:

Journey inside a city like Mumbai is really troublesome if you do not have any private vehicle. On the other side, the traffic congestion also make the journeys boring and dull. So, I always have an unpleasant experience while movement in this city. I am happy that I could describe one of such events here.

I went to my university located in the central part of Mumbai city. My residence is a bit far away from the university. So, I need to ride on the public transport every day to reach the university in time. But in most of the days, I make late for the class. Though this is a short trip, often it becomes longer for the delays on the road. Like the other days, I went to the university and the

trip was short. But I could not like the journey for some reasons. The bus I rode on was crowded and I could not manage a seat to sit.

Usually, I move for the university alone. I do not have any classmates or friends living near me. In fact, my residence is at one corner of the city and it is a 15-minute journey from the nearest bus stop to the university. So, I move there alone. Sometimes, my younger brother comes with me (who is also a college student) to attend his college classes. But this is not a routine for us. If he has to attend classes early in the morning, he accompanies me or I accompany him. But on regular days, I have to make a solo trip towards my university. On this day, I was alone and started to catch a class before 9.00 am. Though I was able to reach at the university before the class hour, the experience was unpleasant for me.

Moving alone, particularly for females is really hard in this city of Mumbai. So, as a female, it is the same for me every day. I have to face various types of discrimination while I am on the street. Riding on public transports is also harassing for me. On the day, I waited for the bus at the local bus stop. The bus arrived late. It was supposed to arrive by 7.45 am. But it was late. The bus made 20 minutes late. So, I had to wait while the waiting queue increased. There were some people before me on the line and they rushed when the bus arrived. So, I was unable to manage my seat in the desired place. I had to take the seat at a corner and it was a great trouble for me to get down from the bus be passing a large crowd of men.

I did not like the journey for some reasons. Firstly, the bus was late. I planned to complete an assignment after reaching the university. But I could not complete that. Further, some of the passengers on the bus tried to occupy my seat. They failed as I protested against them loudly inside the bus. It was out of my nature to shout loudly and I had to do that only to arrange my seat in the bus. Besides, I moved hurriedly for the university with the aim to attend the class. But the class did not take place at the time. The teacher shifted the class to another date for his physical illness. In fact, I had to struggle a lot to reach the university but everything was in vain. I had obstacles from the beginning of the journey and thus I could not like the journey at all on that day.

Describe an important skill you learned when you were a child.

You should say:

- what this skill was
- when you learned it
- how you learned it

and explain why you think it was important.

[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:

I learnt to cook various types of meals from my childhood. It was my mother who inspired me to learn and in fact, this is a real-life skill that everyone needs to know. Thank you for asking the question and I am also pleased to describe my skill here.

Cooking is considered as an art form but not everyone is the artist here. I am proud to inform you that I can cook different dishes very well, especially the local dishes of India. But this is a bit unusual for a boy like me to be an expert cook. The credits are for my mother. She was my mentor in this case and I learnt a good number of cooking lessons from her. She loved to cook and it turned in to her passion. She luckily transmitted the passion to me as well. Now I am a perfect male cook in my family in line with my mother.

I learn it when I was a child of 10 years old. In fact, I used to be with my mother always. I tried to imitate her in everything. Whenever she was in the kitchen, I used to follow her there. I also tried to cook foods as she did. But alas! I was unable to do that. My knowledge of cooking was immature. Once I tried to cook a curry and had burnt the entire ingredients. Besides, I could not make roti or paratha as well. So, when my mother discovered my interest in cooking, she started teaching me about the matter. Gradually, I developed a sense of cooking. Moreover, being a quick learner, I was able to learn the processes very fast. But it was a bit difficult to appear in the practical exam where my mother evaluated my cooking skill.

I had to struggle a lot to learn cooking. This is a real-life skill but if you do not have the knowledge and the sense of applying the ingredients, you cannot be a

good cook. Actually, sensing the necessity is the best way to learn cooking. The taste of the foods depends on either you are pouring the water in the right time or placing the spices in the right amount. Only the slightest difference can ruin the entire cooking process. For instance, I had to experience difficulties regarding the salt. I was unable to provide the right amount of salts in the curries. Most of the times, I used to give excessive salts and the curry tastes changed. They turned inedible. Gradually, I learnt the matter and now there are no issues regarding salt on the curries. Besides, it took time for me to learn about the preparation of the meals.

This is really important to know cooking. In fact, this is more important for the males to learn about the cooking process. When they will know to cook, they can cook for themselves. By the same time, they will provide a sense of relief to the other family members, especially mother and sisters from this task. By cooking different types of meals, they can also pass their leisure hours (as I do now). Furthermore, when a man will learn to cook foods, he will need to depend on others. he can cook for himself and be self-reliant in this case. In conjugal life, it would be a surprise for the wife when he will cook for her. Not only for this reason, I think this is important for many other cases as well.

Describe an item that you received and became happy about.

You should say:

- when you received it
- what the item was
- who gave it to you

and explain why you felt happy upon receiving 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 1:

I have crossed my 20 last week and had a fabulous birthday party where I received the most desired item in my life. My father presented me the item and it was a great event for me. Since the party was arranged on a smaller scale, I was unable to invite everyone related to me. Here is a brief description

of the event. And thank you so much for asking me about the matter.

I am now 21 and having my post-graduation at a local university in Malaysia. I live with my family which consists of only four members. So, when the event was organised there were only a few people other than my family members. The event was held in the evening and I was completely unaware of this. In fact, it was a surprise for me marking my outstanding score in my graduation that I completed a couple of months ago. In the evening father returned home with a package which he gave me later on the day.

I was trying to get an iPhone 7. But it was difficult for me to manage the sufficient money to get the device. Usually, I am an iOS user and been using the device since 2013. So, my phone became older and the performance slowed down to a great extent. Getting the phone set as a gift item was the best ever present I received so far. As a student, it is troublesome for me to arrange such a huge amount of money to purchase the iPhone. Despite being an expensive device, this is a great one and provides a continuous service without any trouble. I was planning to upgrade but could not make everything in order. So, it was a pleasing matter for me to get the piece as a gift item.

My father gave it to me. He actually does not show his affection to me frequently but when shows, it is really pleasant. He is the man who knows what to do and when to do. I told him earlier that I am saving money to get a new iPhone during our usual conversations. He noted the point but did not express his intention to present me with the device. It was around one year ago when I informed about my plan. Time passed by naturally, I completed my graduation and got admission for my post-graduation. By this time, I was unable to save all the money I needed to buy a new iPhone. I had only one-third of the total amount. So, I was waiting to save all the money need to get a new device. But my father completed my dream.

I was extremely happy with the present after I received it. In fact, it was kind of unexpected event for me. My father has comprehended the necessity and accordingly managed that for me. He did not tell anyone about the item before and surprised us all. My mother was also happy to see me happy with the iPhone. But it was the happiest moment for me. I was not so glad about this iPhone when I scored the highest CGPA in graduation ceremony among the other students. In fact, my joys knew no bounds after receiving the device. My

father told me that the iPhone was the reward for me from him on my birthday. I thanked him wholeheartedly for it.

Describe a sports stadium which is important in your city.

You should say:

- where it is
- how often you go there
- what people do there

and explain why you think it is important.

[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:

Kathmandu is a smaller city than the other modern cities of Asia and rest of the world but it comes with some of the special facilities that are adorable. It has a very special sports stadium and used for several purposes. I have been at the stadium for several times and will describe the structure of my national pride.

This is the largest stadium in the country, and the stadium is named as the Dasarath Stadium. The stadium is located in Kathmandu. It can accommodate over 17, 000 spectators at a time. The naming of the stadium is a historic issue. In fact, the name of the stadium was done after one of the great martyrs of Nepal, Dashrath Chand. To commemorate the sacrifice of this great hero, the government had named the stadium after him. This is a nice looking stadium and also has increased the beauty of the city.

I am a sales executive and thus I cannot manage much time to visit the stadium owing my professional engagement. On the other side, the stadium is not opened for all and round the week. The stadium opens marking any occasion or any special event. This place is largely used for holding various football matches and other completions. Sometimes, few of the international tournaments take place in this stadium which attracts a huge number of local and international crowd. The surrounding area takes a festive look. The entire

city becomes illuminated. The stadium comes with special features and the lighting system is adorable indeed. The stadium is also used as the ground for the national football team of the country. It also holds some other leagues and events at different times of the year. So, when I can manage time and any special event takes place at the stadium, I visit it.

This is a multipurpose stadium. And so, it is used for various purposes other than holding only sports competitions. The stadium has held a good number of local and international cultural events. And the spectators enjoyed the events live inside the stadium. Besides, the stadium is a gathering place for the commoners. When any event is organised, they come with groups. The group members contain their relatives, friends and family members. It becomes a happy event for them to be here with the group and enjoy themselves. Besides, the events held here are exciting and enjoyable. It brings a sense of relief among the local people. By the same time, based on the stadium, economic activities also get a boost. It brings some luck for the local people as well. But most of the people come here to enjoy the cultural shows and sporting events that are held annually or on the occasional basis.

This is an important place for the city dwellers for many reasons. Firstly, this is the common ground for entertainment for the local people. They have to remain busy round the week or month. In fact, it is almost impossible for them to be relived without any external source of entertainment. The stadium plays the role of the external source of entertainment. Besides, this is a beauty for the nation and the city of Kathmandu. The place holds many national and international event and people of all strata join here. The entire locality becomes a festival ground which brings a sense of joy and happiness among everyone. So, this place bears a great significance.

Describe a creative inventor or scientist you know about.

You should say:

- who this person is/was
- what this person does/did
- how he know this person

and explain why you think this person is a creative scientist or inventor.

[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:

Mr Yushuki Kawatara is an emerging scientist in Honk Kong. He is reputed for inventing alternative energy for using for various purposes. He is not famous like the other scientist of the world as he does not want to be celebrated. I will describe him now and thank you for asking me the question.

We need energy in our everyday life. On the other side, we need to pay for the energy we are consuming. Often the bills are more than our expectation. So, an alternative source of energy is the best solution which will reduce the cost and at the same time will provide a continuous support to the users. The invention of Mr Yushuki Kawatara is able to provide a long and continuous support and at the same time, the technology is less expensive. His experiments are in initial level but have become successful. As a result, we are expecting something special from his side.

Mr Yushuki Kawatara mostly researches on renewable energy. The concept is nothing new but has many aspects to explore. Solar energy is one of the renewable sources. It could be used for many times and in fact, it will not finish soon. So, this is a potential source of energy that humans can utilise for their daily use. But the issue is a bit complex and not accessible for all. So, he is trying to invent something different than the usual methods. Using sunlight for the source of energy has become older in the present days. So, he tried to invent the methods of creating energy using water. Water is available everywhere and accessible for all. Besides, if he becomes completely successful, everyone could be able to set an energy depot at their home for a minimal cost.

I came to know about him as he lives in the same locality where I live in the city. I love to live in a calm atmosphere and so my residence is in a corner. Mr Yushuki Kawatara is also a peace loving man. He does not like to live in crowd and noise. So, he also selected the same area for his residence. Besides, it is a must to have a quiet place or deep research and invention. However, I met him one day when a friend of mine took me to his home for some purposes. It was my first meeting with him. Then gradually I came to know that he was a

scientist and trying to invent something for the people. Initially, he did not want to disclose his invention but later, being confirmed about my identity, not as a journalist, he told about the invention.

I think he is a creative person. There are many logics to support my thought. He is creative in the sense that he is trying to invent something very special from the usual elements available in nature. Besides, he is not like the other scientists who want to expose themselves by inventing minor issues. He always wants to hide himself and avoids confronting media. As a result, he is not that much celebrated except his familiar people. His intelligence level is higher than any other ordinary people. I had no doubt about his creativeness when I had talks with him for the first time. In inquired about a lot of things and he answered smartly against all of the questions.

Model Answer 2:

This is the age of invention and a good number of the inventors are around us. Many of them are famous for their extraordinary contribution to science and technological advancement. Mr. Richmond Travolta is one of them and you might have heard his name. He is a scientist who is conducting research on solar energy to make it more affordable to ordinary people. Thank you for your question and I will describe it now in brief.

Mr. Richmond is half British and half American. He was born in the USA and now has shifted to the UK. In fact, he was not feeling comfortable in the USA and wanted to be with his maternal family residing in the UK. So, he is now a professor of science at a reputed UK university and by the same time is conducting his research with government funds. It is expected that he will soon invent something newer which would prove beneficial for the world population.

Actually, he is a professor and a man of letters. He had an enriched career and now living in London. Now he is having a very busy time with the academic activities at the university and research at his home. He lives in a large house near Greenwich and has set his laboratory at the underground level of the house. But the house is architecturally a beauty and represents the Victorian Era. Besides, he also loves to take part in social and cultural activities. Sometimes he is made as the chief guest in some of the local events. He is engaged in the research in most of the times and sleeps less than the ordinary people. In fact, inventing the intended thing is his goal in life now.

Mr. Richmond is a very familiar figure in this locality I live in. He is a living legend. He has a large list of contribution in the field of science and technology. Moreover, he is also known for his maternal heritage. The most important thing that has played a role for his familiarity in the area is his international reputation. Often he is cited in various television channels and media which has brought a fame for him and the area he is living in. I had some experience to meet with him personally. In fact, I went to meet him with some of other group members. We run a cultural group here and work with the school-going kids. This is a platform for them to express their latent talents. We went to meet Mr. Richmond to make him as chief guest at the annual function of the group.

It should be admitted that Mr. Richmond is a born genius. He is skilled in mathematical issues. Besides, he is humble and never takes the slightest pride for his skills and expertise. He leads a very simple life but he has developed a strong personality. He is kind and tries to support his local sociocultural organisations. It is expected that he would complete the existing project of solar energy by June of this year. A lot of expectations are on the wind with the completion of this project. This would be another milestone for this genius scientist cum researcher. He has some other plans to execute once he is done with the solar energy project. Actually, he has succeeded in almost all the projects he launched and people got benefitted with them greatly. So, everyone is wishing him success.

Describe a tall building in your hometown you like or dislike.

You should say:

- where this building is
- what it looks like
- what it is used for

and explain why you like or dislike this building.

[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:

The number of high rising buildings is on the rise in my town, Choa Chu Kang in Singapore. This is a residential town in the West Region of the country. It shares its border with some other cities and has a moderate population. But the recent rising trend is a bit troublesome, and I will describe the matter now.

Singapore is a country where people of all cultures and ethnicities live in harmony. The majority of them are tourists while the remaining others are native and immigrant from different other countries. To accommodate the huge population, a large number of buildings are underway and the builders are expanding on the upper sides. So, the number of high-rise structures is on the rise in my city as well. The building that I am talking about is located in the residential area where I live in. This is a 20-storied building for multipurpose use. The building is the tallest structure on the locality.

The building comes with a wide and spacious structure. The inside of the building is well decorated and there are ample spaces for several purposes. The structure looks like a giant building standing surpassing everything around. In fact, this is the only high-rise structure in the locality. The remaining other buildings are not so tall as this one. Most of them are around four-storied residential buildings. They are only used for residential purposes in the area. But this one is different from them. The interior of the building is made with attractive design. I think a lot of labour and money have been invested in the preparation of this building. Construction of the building began around three years ago and the entire task is done now.

The building is meant for multipurpose use. Actually, this is a completely residential area. There are no commercial buildings in the entire locality. But this is the first one here. So far I came to know that the building will be used for commercial and residential purposes. The residential section will begin from the sixth floor while commercial space is available till the fourth floor. The spaces will be sold or rented to as shopping centre, food court, gymnasium, mini theatre and others. It is also known that there will be a recreational park for the kids on the ground floor. The remaining floors are planned for a residential complex that will come with several lifts and alleviators, wide staircase and apartments. Moreover, there will an underground parking facility for the tenants of the building.

I am not in favour of the building for some specific purposes. First of all, this is a multipurpose building. It comes with various types of use. When the building will come in full-fledged operation, it will be crowded and noisy. As a result, the existing peace of the locality will be gone. On the other side, some of the local inhabitants are experiencing some troubles. Even, I am also having some like I cannot the cellular network signal properly. Besides, I use the modem for the internet and the modem signal is also hampered to a great extent. The residential status of this portion of the city will be removed soon. I think this is the beginning of the commercialization of the area and in the near future, there will be many other buildings like this. The landlords will sell their properties to make more profit in exchange of sacrificing the existing serenity.

Talk about any childhood activity that you used to do after your school hours.

You should say:

- what it was
- how long you did that
- how often you did this

and explain why you no longer do 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 1:

Childhood is the best part of life. Everyone wants to get back in the early days of life for many reasons, and I also own the similar opinion with the statement. I can remember, when I was a kid of 10 or 11 years old, I used to play regularly with my school mates after the school hours. We played a wide number of outdoor sports. I am glad to recall the days.

I used to take part in some outdoor sporting activities after the school. Most of the times, I used to play cricket in the local school playground. The number of players was more than the spectators. So, it was a bit troublesome for me to handle everything as I was the captain of the class. I also used to take part in some other usual activities of children in Pakistan. Therefore, I had a very enjoyable childhood in that time.

I used to participate in different types of games and sports for over two or three hours. In fact, our school began in the noon and ended at 4.30 pm. I used to play or take part in the activities till the sunset. So, I got around two or sometimes three hours. When the school was closed, the routine was changed to some extent and my parents allowed me to get out for only one hour in the evening. But on the other days, they did not forbid me about the outdoor sports and games. My father told me to be home by dusk and if I disobeyed him, I had to be punished. So, there were no chances at all to be out of home after the dusk hours.

I used to participate in the activities around the school days. But the weekly holidays were the most boring period for me. I could not go out on that day and had to attend in some familial events. When the weekend was over, I used to get back again in the acts with my friends and mates. The events and feelings were similar to my friends as well. They all waited eagerly for the weekends to be over. Once we met in the school, all of us were happy and shout out loud in joy. In fact, those were the days when we all wanted a freedom and only the hours after the school gave us that desired thing. Sometimes, the children of some other classes also attended the sports, especially when it was cricket or any exciting inter-class football matches.

I no longer participate in such activities for many reasons. Firstly, I have left my school for many years. In fact, I am a grown up male now and seeking my post-graduation admission in some foreign universities. Besides, I am trying to manage a job for me to support my expenses. Considering all the issues, it is impossible for me to participate in the activities. On the other side, being a grown up, my mental faculty has developed. Now I no longer find any pleasure in playing cricket, football or other outdoor activities. The games and sports have lost their appeal to me as they had in the days of my childhood. This is the change of time and I think the changes are natural too. This is my age to develop career and make a family instead of participating in childish activities.

Describe your favourite location for swimming.

You should say:

- what and where it is
- how often you visit this place

- who do you go there with

and explain why this is your favourite location for swimming.

[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:

Swimming is really a very good exercise and essential for keeping a good health. So, I regularly swim at the local swimming club here in France. The club comes up with some special facilities to its swimmers. It is a great opportunity indeed to share the experience.

This is an outdoor and public pool and provides with the required facilities for the local swimmers. But to practice swimming at this pool, one needs to follow some strict rules and regulations. The pool 'Piscine Municipale' is located at the Avenue Jules Grec in Antibes in France. This is a spacious swimming pool. It is a few minutes' walk from my place. So, I usually visit this pool at different times of the day. A notable number of people use the swimming pool regularly, and this remains crowded round the day. The changing rooms and showers also appear admiring to me.

Being a public swimming pool, it is always crowded. If you want to use the pool perfectly, you will need to move in some specific time of the day. Early morning is the best time to move for the swimming pool. Earlier, I used to go in the evening and experienced some unusual situations. I have found a large group of people in the pool and they are passionate about swimming. The accommodation was really difficult despite the pool being a spacious one. After that, I go swimming early in the morning. It is convenient for me. I swim for around one hour. But when I have to attend my class at the university, I swim in the late evening hours – though it is difficult for me to occupy a swimming space at the pool at that time.

Usually, I go alone for swimming. But sometimes my younger accompanies me. He is also a great swimmer and swims well than me. I, in fact, has taken swimming as a way to keep myself fit. I have to remain busy round the day with my academic studies and projects. So, I cannot manage time for other physical activities. We all know that health is wealth. It is wise to do some

physical movements for a better health. Besides, physical exercises also help to keep the mind fresh. Hence, I decided to swim. Sometimes, during the evening hours, I ask some of my friends to accompany me on the pool. They also come with me but cannot continue swimming for long as they have not practised like me. I took my dad one morning to swim, and he was happy after the event. But he also is unable to manage time for his occupational engagements. As a result, I move for swimming by my own and I welcome if someone accompanies me.

This is a favourite location for me for some reasons. First of all, this is a very spacious swimming pool. I also do not need to pay any charges for using the pool which is another advantage for me (certainly I would have paid if they asked for). Besides, this is the nearest swimming pool from my residence. Hence, I do not need to use my car to reach the location. Parking is a bit troublesome here, and I am not to bother for that. Another advantage of this location is that I can be here at any time of the day. Based on all such reasons, I prefer this location too much though there are many other options left for me.

Describe a special meal you would like to have.

You should say:

- where you would like to have it
- who you would like to have it with
- what you would like to eat

and explain how you would feel about the meal.

[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:

In Pakistan, the majority of the people take ruti and soup or vegetables as their daily meal. But there are some other specials meals which are mostly cooked during any occasion. I will not describe such a meal that I want to have.

I want the meal to be cooked at my home. In fact, my ammijaan (mother) can cook the meal very well. Some say that she is an expert for making kebab. I

want to have the kebab with paratha at my home. Due to my outbound nature, I have moved in many parts of the country and tested the kebabs. But none of them appeared as appealing as the one made by my mother. She can prepare various types of kebabs. So, I want to have this meal at my home so that I could test the most delicious kebab pieces of the world.

In my entire life, I have always shared my foods and gives me a priceless pleasure. So, I think taking the meal alone would not be wise. Rather if I arrange for a small party at my home that would be much interesting. Hence, I should invite some of my relatives or friends. I think none of them will deny the invitation as they are well informed about the delicious foods prepared by my mother. My abbajaan (father) may also invite some of his close associates from his service (he is in the police force) marking the event. It may turn in to a family gathering. But in that case, the cooking should be done in large scale. My mum has to cook for at least 30 to 35 people at this time. This is not a big deal for her and she is accustomed to this tradition.

I am planning to have the traditional food items but the addition of kebab and paratha will increase the taste. Besides, I have another plan to implement in that day. I will ask mum to arrange for some desserts like cake or pudding. In fact, she also can make special pudding. The pudding will be served at the later stage. I am also planning to make mutton kebab. Many of the invited will love it. In line with the mutton, I would like to have some beef kebab. Actually, I love beef most despite it being red meat. Occasional taking will not damage my health. The parathas will be soft and perfectly baked so that everyone present there could eat with their content.

Taking a special meal is always pleasant for me. I love to eat different types foods and have tried so many. But kebab appears the best one to me. whenever I take kebab, I feel a special feeling inside me. The mouthwatering spicy kebabs are the best for me and if they come with paratha, it appears that I am in heaven. They appear to be the heavenly food to me. My feelings will be uncontrollable in that case. I will take the foods as much as I can. I love to eat does not mean that I always care to the meals I take. I am specific regarding the selection of my foods but when it is about kebab, it becomes difficult to control my hunger. I usually take more than the average when I am with the kebabs. Thereby, undoubtedly it would be a happy event and exciting experience for me.

Describe a place in another country where you would like to work.

You should say:

- where you would like to work
- what kind of work/job you would like to have there
- when you would like to go

and explain why you want to work in that place.

[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:

At present, I am undergoing my graduation at Allahabad University in India. After the completion of my graduation, I am planning to get a job in China for some specific reasons. Now I will describe my entire plan here.

China is a leading country in the world in terms of everything ranging from agriculture to technology. Shanghai is its capital and so, I am planning to set career of a musician and actor of performing arts in that country. I know very well that at present it is really difficult to get a job after the academic discipline in my country, and hence I have adopted the plan. China is a great country with ample opportunities to expand my career in my desired arena. Moreover, the country has some special incentives for the entrepreneurs and the government provides almost all types of services required for the growth of the business as far as I know but such options are not much available in India.

I prefer to start a musical café as the first phase of my work. In fact, I am planning to start a musical shop where I will teach technical issues of music to students and at the same time, I would serve people in their needs to learn and listen music. My workshop will deal with different types of musical issues. A part of the shop will be dedicated to the training of my students, while the other part will be used to serve the clients. In fact, my plan is to open the musical workshop that will deal with different types of issues including the teaching of musical instruments like guitar, flute, piano, drum and others. Music has a huge potential in China and thus I am planning to do it there.

My graduation will be completed by next semester. After the completion, I will try to arrange the necessary preparations for my job. If everything goes right with me, I will go there by the next year. In fact, the preparations may take over six months. By this time, I have to arrange permission from the relevant authorities to shift in the country. But achieving the visa is really tough and when it is a long term, the issues become more difficult. The embassy authority does not want to provide a visa for a long time in the other countries and when they will come to know about my plan, there are chances that they will deny my application. But I will keep trying unless I get the permission.

I am skilled in playing different musical instruments and have completed some courses on music from a reputed institution in India. After a varied number of observations, I realised that the chances of shining with music in the local industry of India are really tough. There are a wide number of musicians are available and competing with them is impossible for me. I do not want to be famous rather want to practice my music. I have been studying Music and Performing Arts at the university for last three and a half years. But the scopes for implementing my academic knowledge and skills are limited for many reasons. And hence, I have decided to move in the foreign land where the opportunities are ample.

Talk about a moment when you had to make a decision to go against your manager at work.

You should say:

- what your decision was about
- why you had to make the decision
- how you felt after that

and explain what the outcome of this was.

[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:

I am an undergraduate student and a part-time worker at a local coffee shop. I always try to abide by the rules and regulations of the shop but recently I

disobeyed the order from my manager. I am happy to have a chance of describing the event here.

I decided not to take the bill from a customer based on some special circumstances. But it was against the norms of the shop. Each of the clients had to pay their own bills and we took cash only. I decided not to take the bill as the customer had no money with him. He told me that he had left his wallet at home. So, he asked me if there are any chances to pay the bill later. Though there are no such practices, I decided to allow him. In fact, I knew him for long and wanted to do him this favour as he was really in distress.

When I went him with his bill, he searched his pocket and found the wallet was missing. Later, he made a phone call to his home and became assured that it was not a pickpocket rather he left the wallet at home amid his rush. So, he benevolently asked me to do this favour. Initially, I was perplexed what to do in such situation. I never experienced such situations before. So, I could not decide what to do. But later, I thought that this was really a troublesome situation for the gentleman. I had chances to create a scene there and I would have done that if the man was someone else other than him. He was a regular customer and often came at the shop to take coffee and snacks. So, I decided to allow him the chance of paying later though credit is not allowed by the authority.

When the man was told that it was okay to pay later, he felt relieved. In fact, it was a kind of relief from getting disgraced by the authority. So, I felt a sense of deep satisfaction inside my mind. He was also grateful and pledged to pay the bill as soon as possible for him. But the positive feelings that I felt inside was priceless. I have never felt so good before. It was a kind of good deed for me. So, I praised myself highly marking this event. The man also showed his gratitude to me later when he came back to pay the bill. But it was the manager who could not feel good at this. In fact, he was the man of a cruel nature. And he took every cent from the clients and did not allow any credits to them.

This was an exciting event for me. But I was worried inside lest I lose my job for disobeying the manager. The manager asked the man to deposit something valuable with him and the deposited item will be returned when he pays the money. I interfered in the issue as the amount was a small one. I politely asked the manager to let the man go and not to create any trouble. Also, I said that

we should believe people and it was a kind of investment that will increase our reputation in the market. Finally, everything went fine. The man paid the due amount and praised me. On the other side, the manager was also happy with the event when he got paid.

Talk about a science subject that you studied and liked.

You should say:

- what is was
- why you chose it
- how can you use it in your life

and explain what you liked the best about this subject.

[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:

In my school days, I studied chemistry as a subject of science. I liked the subject much than any other subjects for some special reasons. In fact, I was fascinated with chemistry. It provided me with a great pleasure amid the other science subjects.

Chemistry mostly deals with some specific scientific issues like the composition and properties of matters, molecules, atoms and crystals, how they change in different situations, how chemical reactions take place or what the combinations of the matters are and more other related issues. The subject also deals with some very special theories and concepts as well. Though it may sound simple, the applications are really tough in real-life situations. Besides, a student or a researcher needs to struggle a lot over solving the equations and bring out a new result. The subject is broad and connected with the other fields of science as well.

When I was asked to take three core courses of science, I picked this one as my first choice. In fact, I had some idea about chemistry and accordingly wanted to apply the ideas to my activities. Besides, I also wanted to know about the chemistry facts. The term despite being simple requires hard efforts to come to

a solution of the problem. Chemistry is considered as the science of matter. And I also wanted to know about the formation of matters. There is another reason behind preferring the subject. Once a teacher of mine told me that chemistry is everywhere. He suggested me to study chemistry carefully and it will reveal the inner mysteries of the world to me. As a result, I became more curious than before and wanted to learn the subject. I also wanted to know about the matters, energy and how they interacted with each other in different situations.

The application of chemistry is interesting in real-life situations. But to comprehend the things, one needs to understand the formation of matters, atoms, molecules and others. The subject shows the interaction of each matter with the others. it also shows how energy emits from its sources and how can we get benefitted from the emitted energy in our life in positive aspects. This is a fascinating subject and shows the relation of the natural world. The subject provides the answers for the things to be odd and unusual. Chemistry explains the inner secrets of nature. It tells us why the colours are different, why the things are not similar, how an insect can fly or can walk on the water and more other questions. When people are aware of such issues, they can take necessary steps to get advantage from the situations if they are in need.

Chemistry has a vast area to study. It deals with numerous issues. Hence, it is difficult to prefer any specific part of the subject. But I had a preference while studying the subject and I found the organic chemistry as the most attractive part to me. The organic chemistry dealt with the natural matters. It dealt with the living things. In fact, it tells the source of life. How life is created and how it is destroyed again. Biochemistry is the other interesting area to me as it deals with the chemical process inside the living things. Besides, there are some subcategories are also found on the subject but I did not have that much interest in those.

Describe a time when you were very busy.

You should say:

- when it was
- what you had to do during that time
- how you managed it

and explain how you felt about being much busy.

[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:

I am a part-time sales executive at a multinational computer hardware selling showroom. I had to remain busy last month, on 24th to be more specific, as there was a huge pressure on sales. In fact, it was the greatest sale of the year as the company declared a 50 percent off with all of its products marking its 50th anniversary.

The sale began from the morning after the shop was opened. People rushed into the showroom. As I am a part-timer, I came in the afternoon and the sales pressure began. I have never seen such a rush in the shop before. A wide number of people arrived in the outlet and purchased their necessary items. They were happy with the reduced amount of the products. And it was really a happy event for them that they are having the pricy products within half of the price. Even some of the customers have bought a pair of products and gadgets.

I had to serve the clients and provide them with the necessary guidance. Besides, I was responsible for checking the stealing. Last year, the shop authority had experienced the events of stealing and thus they are aware of the issue this year. They asked me to be much careful. Besides, I was also responsible for welcoming the customers and clients at the shop and show them the necessary things they are in need of. But I also had to do some other tasks simultaneously. I had to organise the disorderly products, keep the inventory neat and clean and the other relevant tasks. So, to complete all the required tasks, I had to remain busy always. Further, I had to move from here and there inside the shop to take care of the entire responsibilities.

It was hard for me to manage the entire activities. In fact, I became tired of performing the duties one after another. But, I had no ways left except doing the duties until my duty hours were over. I had passed a hefty day indeed. I followed a structure to manage the activities. Firstly, I checked the monitors of CCTV to check if everything was going right. When I found no suspicious activities, then I came out of the monitoring room. Meeting and greeting the clients was the second step of my responsibility. So, I had to wait beside the main entrance to greet the potential clients. When someone entered the shop,

I welcomed them and asked to assist them by showing the products and appliances available at the shop. When they selected their necessary product or appliance, my duty was over and I handed them to another sales executive.

Initially, I felt that I want a relief. But being a busy person has some interesting benefits. When someone becomes busy with any activity, time passes smoothly. It appears that time flies away in those moments. I was unable to track the time yesterday. I entered the shop at 4.00pm and my duty ended at 10.00pm. In other days, time does not want to pass but the experience was completely different last night. Besides, meeting with newer people and describing them about the advantages and features of the products was really interesting and enjoyable. In the other ordinary days, there is no such rush of sales and working hours appear dull. I really enjoyed the busy working hours and want to remain busy always like that day.

Describe an incident from history that has influenced you.

You should say:

- when and where it happened
- how you heard about this incident
- what it was

and say how this event influenced you.

[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:

I was overwhelmed by the news that my country, Sri Lanka, has become free of Malaria. Earlier, it was one of the most prevalent health issues that claimed lots of lives. But now the declaration of the state being free from the disease was a historical event for the nation.

The declaration came in September of 2016 that Sir Lanka is free from Malaria. This was the certification from the World Health Organization. This was really a remarkable achievement for the nation. In the mid of 20th century, Sri Lanka

was one of the most malaria-affected nations in the world. Studies found that the disease was caused not only by mosquito rather some mosquito-borne parasite. Anti-malaria campaign in the country was successful. Mobile malaria clinics played a great role in this case and those were deployed in the Malaria prone areas. Immediate treatment and destruction of the mosquito hotbeds mostly reduced the prevalence of the disease in Sri Lanka.

I was not much aware of the incident. But later the issue was highlighted in mass media and thus I came to know about the matter. Most importantly the campaign was conducted under the public health category and the people were made aware of the disease and its prevention. But it took the time to reach the goal of reducing the disease. In fact, the island nation has long been affected by this disease and experienced some detrimental impacts. So, when the declaration came from the WHO, it was a matter of joy for everyone including me (though I came to know about the event a couple of days later). The news was telecasted on almost all the television channels and appeared on the newspaper front pages because it was an amazing achievement for the entire nation.

Malaria elimination was one of the greatest achievements for Sri Lanka after battling with the political crises. So, everyone was happy with this event. Being an island nation, Sri Lanka suffered a lot from malaria. A good number of her people got affected while many of them lost their lives for the disease. But the nation has prevented the disease with bravery. This is really a matter of courage and sincerity. Though this is a small country surrounded by water, the inhabitants are brave enough to deal with the most serious conditions. The matter was a dramatic gain for the nation. The achievement did not come overnight. Formulating policy for eliminating the disease was the key obstacle and its implementation was also tougher. Working in line with the strategy was almost impossible.

I was greatly influenced by this news. In fact, I am also a victim of malaria. A couple of years ago, I got affected with this disease. Since I was sick, I could not attend to my academic activities. As a result, I had to retake the semester at my graduate college. Besides, my health declined to a great extent. I became too weak to walk. It took about two consecutive months for me to recover from the illness. Hence, the news was of great importance to me. I know how exactly it feels to struggle with the disease. I was overwhelmed with joy that

nobody has to fall ill like me. Actually, everybody wants a healthy life and elimination of malaria has made it possible to a great extent.

Describe a piece of clothing you have that was given by someone.

You should say:

- what it was
- who gave it to you
- when you got that

and say whether you liked this piece of clothing or not.

[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:

This is a great topic to discuss. I have recently received a special gift and it was a Kashmiri shaal. The shaal was brought for me from India.

This is a local shaal produced in the region of Kashmir which has a border both in India and Pakistan. Actually, shaal is a kind of chador which is used to cover up the body in winters. The Kashmiri shaal is very useful during winter as it provides a mild heat that is required to protect people from the cold. I am glad that the shaal is comfortable and comes with a unique and attractive design. The length of the shaal is moderate and it is easy to use. I like its design – coloured in white a bluish shed which makes it look uncommon. I am very happy that this was given to me as a gift. This is one of the best gifts for me.

My maternal uncle, Xzhao Xing went to India last month for some of his business purposes and he brought the shaal from there. In fact, the Kashmiri shaals are not available in Thailand. Some of the clothing stores sell them on a limited scale but with a higher price. Since the sellers are to import the shaal from India, the prices become higher. As a result, everyone cannot afford them. Once I asked for such a shaal to uncle as he visits different countries for his business and if India is in his trip plan. But it was really a wonder to me when he gave me the shaal on. In fact, he loves me much and brought the

shaal for me as promised. Now I use it for different purposes and do not need any other warm clothes when I am out at night.

I got the shaal on last Monday. We had a family gathering at our home where my parents invited almost all the relatives living near us. My mum prepared a dinner and everyone attended on the preset time. My uncle was a bit late. He attended in the last moment. When I opened the door for him, he just wrapped me with the shaal. I was surprised with such behaviour as he never did before. But suddenly I realised that I am wrapped by the shaal that I dreamt for. He made the dream come true. I hugged him tight. Everyone in the room praised the shaal for its colour and uniqueness. They have also never seen such an eye-catchy shaal before.

Definitely, I like the shaal. Being a student, I am unable to pay the price to have this shaal for me. Even I was unable to save baths to buy this shaal. So, I was highly happy having the shaal. The colour, the design, the length and width everything was perfect for me. I thanked uncle for such a wonderful gift to me. But he warned me to sue the shaal in the right manner. He also said that the shaal should be cleaned carefully and if it gets damaged, the beauty will get shattered. So, I am careful about it.

Describe a special trip you would like to go in the future.

You should say:

- where would you go
- who would be with you
- when are you planning to take this trip

and explain why you want to take this trip and why this is special to you.

[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:

I am a girl of 18 and just have crossed my higher secondary. Now it is time for me to get a graduate admission. I am planning for a very special trip outside of Pakistan once I am done with the admission.

I am planning to visit the neighbouring countries like India, Nepal and Bangladesh. There is a good number of visiting places for the tourists. Besides, the natural views are also priceless in those places. Always I have heard that travelling expands the outlook and broadens our mind. I had chances to visit the entire country of mine but never have had the chance to visit the other countries. I Hope this would be a great trip for me and help me enriching my knowledge and real-life skills.

I have been brought up in a liberal environment but my parents were always with me. They have behaved me like my friends and I have also shared everything with them. Whenever I went to any external trip out of the city, I was accompanied by either my father or by my mother. So, I expect this time I will be accompanied by one of them. But I want both of them to be with me on this special trip. In fact, they have not visited the neighbouring countries. My father remains busy with his teaching (he is a university professor) while my mother cares for the home. They have passed their life in this monotonous way and now I think this is their time to relax.

I think the admission process will be done within the next summer. The admission process is really difficult and I am planning to get admitted in the University of Punjab. This is one of the best and prominent universities in the country and adjacent to my home. After having the admission, I will start the trip. But by the same time, I have planed for the other necessary tasks. I do not have my own passport and planning to get one within next two months. Besides, getting visas for the countries is another important tasks, especially getting the visa for India since there are some political disturbances between the two countries. Managing visa for Bangladesh and Nepal would be easier, I think. When all the things will be done, I will need to wait to start the journey.

This is a very special trip for me in some aspects. The most important thing is that I have never board on an airplane. This will bring a chance for me to ride on the plane. Besides, I have read histories of the colonial periods but have not seen the places where the British domination took place in India. This will also meet my thirst to visit the places and get to know them personally. Additionally, my parents will be with me and it will also increase the joy of the trip. So, considering all the issues, I think this is a very special trip for me.

Describe a traditional meal that you prepare in your country on special occasions.

You should say:

- what it is
- how you prepare it
- what ingredients are used to prepare it

and explain why you enjoy 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 1:

South Africa is a country enriched with a good number of beautiful landscapes and most importantly the foods of the country are adorable. Cape Malay Curry is one of the favourite food items in the country and served on different occasions.

In fact, this is a distinctive curry that mostly depends on spices for aroma and taste. Some colourful fruits and vegetables are also used with the curry to make it more attractive and sometimes it is served with yellow rice instead of plain rice. The curry is less hot than the other curries of the country. The entire curry is filled with fruity flavour and the spice aromas help to increase the tastes as well which is the key reason for the curry to be served during occasions.

The preparation process of the curry is similar to the preparation of the other curries but it is different in this sense that it requires some extra spices to increase the aromas. In the beginning of the cooking, you need to heat the oil in a cooking pot or pan. Then you are to add the sliced onions in the oil and fry them till they are softened. But you need to steer the fry so that they do not get stuck with the pan. Then add the other ingredients such as ginger, cloves, garlic together and stir them for sometimes. When the mixture will be softened, it is the time to add the remaining ingredients and add water sufficiently. Then place the chicken thighs on the cooking pot and cover the pan. Leave the pan on the stove for around half an hour. Then you need to stir the mixtures very well so that they do not get stick with the pan. Add potatoes and keep cooking for around 15 minutes more and keep the pan uncovered.

You need to stop the stove when the ingredients are tendered. You can also prepare the rice before serving them.

This traditional South African food item requires more spices than ingredients. The most used ingredients are – sunflower oil, chopped onion, cloves, garlic, turmeric, cumin, cinnamon, red chilli, ground white pepper, coriander, cumin seeds, chopped tomatoes, chunked potatoes, chicken thighs with bones etc. All the ingredients should be used with the right quantity and the cooking time also needs to be perfect. If you cook the chicken with the spices for over 30 minutes, there are chances that the chicken pieces will be softened more than expected and will lose the taste. Serving plays an important role here. the curry needs to be served with the hot rice.

I always enjoy the curry as this is different from the other food items of South Africa. When the curry is served with the yellow or plain rice, there comes an exceptional aroma from the curry. The tickling aromas help to imagine that I am having the best food of the world. Moreover, the curry is prepared with different spices but none of them is too hot or salty. So, the taste becomes very special. The curry has been being served for years as a traditional food item in the country and throughout the years, and only for the special aroma, the curry soared to the top of popularity. For all such reasons, I enjoy the curry very much.

Cue Card Answer 2:

Thank you very much for this wonderful topic. I currently live in Hanoi city, which is the capital of Vietnam. However, I have spent my childhood and teenage years in a village where true reflections of traditions and culture of our country were quite prominent. Traditional meals were parts of our life and we could not think any festival or celebration without it. Today the traditional meals are being replaced by many western and foreign food, but the appeal of the traditional meals are still intact among the true Vietnamese. For this cue card topic, I would love to talk about a traditional meal which most of the people, including me, prepare and enjoy on special occasions in Vietnam.

This traditional meal, which we often call ‘the family meal’, is actually a combination of four types of recipes and items. These items are served in combination and enjoyed throughout the country in different occasions like Tết (Lunar New Year), National Day, Midyear Festival, Kitchen guardians and so on.

The first item is the rice- probably the most important item in any traditional

Vietnamese meal. The rice is boiled in water for several minutes in a pot and it becomes sticky and tasty when properly cooked. The smell is quite good and it is a good item for a balanced diet. The Second one is - a salt dish which primarily contains items which are rich in protein. The main ingredients of this item are commonly found protein items in Vietnam. Then comes the bland dish- that contains vegetables and traditional soups and finally fruits- which is taken after the main meal, quite similar to the dessert of a western meal. This is, in fact, a very popular meal in our country and many foreigners enjoy it when they visit our country. The custom of eating this meal is far rooted to our ancient traditions and we use chopsticks to eat this meal.

Why we enjoy this meal? Well, that's basically we love this meal and this meal represents our traditions and history. The meal contains common items found in our country and rich in protein, vitamin and other food values that are vital to our well-being. Vietnamese people have a unique identity and this meal reflects our true tradition. This is a widely accepted menu that does not require a lot of effort of money to prepare. People from all economic class can afford this meal.

Your preparation for this cue card topic will help you to talk about the following topics as well:

- Describe a traditional mean in your country.
- Describe a food item famous in your country.
- Describe a food you can cook.
- Describe a meal or food you eat on a special occasion.
- Describe your favourite food item.

Describe a stressful day at school/ university/ work.

You should say:

- how the day started
- how things went wrong
- what you did to reduce the stress

and explain why it was a stressful day.

[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:

Working as a school teacher is really troublesome if you are to take the class of the small kids. I am a Mathematics teacher of a local school here in Chiang Mai in Thailand. Being a teacher, I have to undergo several other responsibilities as well. Yesterday was a really hefty day for me.

Usually, my day begins with taking the class in the school and since I am not that much experienced, I have to take the class of the elementary level. But the school principals asked me to meet him before entering to the class. When I met him, he ordered me to play the role of an invigilator in the exam of the sixth-grade students. I had to abide the order and accordingly went to be the invigilator for the sixth-grade kids. But the experience I gained was awful.

I have joined at the school around five months ago after I completed my graduation. The authority took some tests and formal interviews and then allowed me to take classes. They, in fact, did not inform me that I have to be invigilator for the exams and thus I had no preparation at all about the issue. Besides, it was highly difficult for me to control all the examinees alone. Moreover, some of the kids were performing some illegal acts – they brought their books and used them to write down the answers. Some of them were talking to each other to know the answers and they seemingly ignored the female invigilator present at the exam hall.

When I had to control all the students, alone, I was greatly stressed. I had to shout with the students so that they remain silent during the exam. Besides, I had to walk continuously for two hours until the exam hours were finished. So, everything made me feel stressed. When I get back into the teachers' room, I washed my face, then took a break for 10 minutes. Sitting in my chair, I closed my eyes and tried for a short relaxation with breathing control. Then when I got up, I took some homemade snacks and went for taking the remaining class assigned to me.

Generally, I take three or four classes in a day. But I had to work for extra two and a half hours on that day to complete all the activities. It took two hours to perform invigilation in the exam hall and half hour for preparing the exam

scripts and question papers. After the exam was done, then I had to take all the regular classes. This is not easy to take classes of underage children and the teacher is supposed to talk in the class more than performing any other things. Besides, I also have to remain aware of the activities of the kids since they are minor, they always get engaged in mischievous acts. Hence, I was stressed of executing all my responsibilities yesterday and the day turned into a stressful one.

Sample Answer 2:

That's an interesting topic to talk about, I would say. As an employee in a software industry, I often have to take challenges, work extra hours even on holidays to meet the deadlines and participate in lengthy and exhaustive meetings. Some days are more stressful than others and thus this topic reminds me a day which was not only a stressful but also a very tiresome for me.

It was early November last year but I can't recall the exact date. Usually, we do not have extra pressure on a usual workday except in some occasions. This was one such occasion and unfortunately, everything went wrong on that day. I slept at around 2.30 am and could not sleep more than 4 hours to reach office in time. The road traffic was very bad and the journey was quite fatiguing. After I reached office I heard that one of our server computers had crashed and some of the projects were gone with the crash of the server. Our project manager invited us to an immediate meeting and distributed tasks among us so that we could deliver our work to the client in time even if the server computer is not repaired. This was a very bad news for us. We were allowed only 5 days to complete the three weeks' tasks in case the data is not recovered. We wished and prayed for the recovery of the data along with the server. The server administrator informed us that he, along with his team members, is working hard to recover the data. We were however engaged in work and had a very little time to spare or relax. I took my lunch at around 4.00 pm and had a severe headache in the evening. I could neither leave the office as it would give a wrong impression to my team members that I left them in a crisis time nor could concentrate on my work. That was quite a burden that was more than I could actually take.

I was quite frustrated that we did not have proper backup facilities to prevent such incidents and was overwhelmed with my work pressure. I drank water very frequently to reduce my stress and headache. I also went for a walk in the

evening for about 20 minutes to release some of the pressures I was feeling. Finally, I tried to remind myself not to worry too much as it would be over soon and if luck is with us, the server administrator team would be able to recover the data without any loss or hiccup within few hours.

I left office at around 11.40 pm and could not manage a taxi to reach my home. I had to walk for a few minutes and wait more than an hour to get a taxi. That was indeed a bad day.

Ideas for this cue card topic will help you to talk about the following cue card topics as well:

- Describe a bad experience you have had.
- Describe a tiring day at your school or workplace.
- Describe a day you had to work relly hard.
- Describe a memorable day.
- Describe a negative experience you have had at your work or class.

Describe a life changing experience you have had.

You should say:

- where it took place
- who was with you
- what happened & how you feel about it

and explain how it changed your life.
[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:

Telling a lie is always considered as an evildoing that only brings disasters in life and when it begins, it does not stop until the man who told the lie is ruined completely. Thereby, it is imperative to get rid of the habit.

I had the experience on my college and I was the student of the beginning year. In fact, I used to tell lies and have survived the situations but this was the greatest learning of my life and has changed the directions of my life as well. I did not bring the homework and falsified the information with the teacher. But I was unable to understand that the teacher would be so strict that he would take me home to check if I have done the work or not.

We had a group who used to bunk classes and homework as well. When one of us was in trouble, everyone came forward to help the troubled one. But at this moment, I was helpless and nobody could come to my help. Usually, the teacher asks the questions and we are to answer the questions from our homework copies. But on that day, the teacher checked if everyone had brought the copies or not. Unfortunately, I did not do the homework and when the teacher asked about the answer copy, I simply replied that I left the exercise book at home as I was in a rush to come in the college.

I did the biggest mistake of my life by telling the lie with the teacher. Generally, I got rid of such situations by telling lies and it turned into a habit for me. I thought I would get rid this time as well. But the things were different. The teacher asked me twice about the homework and I replied the same. Then he asked me to take him to my home. I was thundered because none of the teachers has offered such proposal to me. I know that I have not done the homework and if I take the teacher my home, my parents would be shocked and most importantly they would stop talking with me. So, I felt sorry inside and acknowledged that I lied to the teacher.

The teacher was a great man. He did not rebuke me but simply advised me to be honest with everything. He told me that honesty was the best thing that anyone could achieve in life. Without being honest, we are to fail in every attempt, he added. I realised the importance of honesty and promised to myself that I shall never tell a lie again in my entire life. I felt ashamed before the entire class but the teacher handled everything smoothly. He explained that issue to the class and his speech encouraged everyone to become honest and avoid telling lies, especially. I am really grateful to the teacher for his advice that has changed my life indeed. Now I never lie to anyone even if telling the truth invites serious risks for me.

Sample Answer 2:

This is a very important issue to talk about. I had a life-changing experience recently when a very intimate friend of mine died. I understood the preciousness of life and overall the value of relationships among the people.

Chan Mow and I are close friends since our early childhood and were studying in the same educational institution in Vietnam. Our bonding was stronger and we were like brothers. Besides, our families were also in good terms with each other. But everything became gloomy with the death of Mow. He, unfortunately, died from a road accident and it was a great shock for all of us, especially for me. I was present at the accident spot.

Generally, Mow and I used to go to college by bicycle every day. We also had some other friends who had their bicycle and drove to the college. Sometimes, we used to go distant places for travel and refreshment, especially out of the city. We did the trips in the holidays and usually started in the early morning while returned in the evening. On the day of the accident, we were on such a trip. We planned to return early as one of our college friends had invited us to take part in a tea party in the evening. But everything turned pale with the accident.

Mow's bicycle had some troubles that he did not notice before the journey. We wanted to go the outskirts of the city and thus had to cross the intercity highway. The highway was always busy with speedy vehicles. We started the journey as a group but since there was a rush of vehicles, we got split. The breaking mechanism of Mow's bicycle was not working properly and he was unable to stop the bicycle immediately. As a result, he became a victim of the accident and a speedy car ran over him. We hurried to the spot and took him to the nearest hospital. But he left the earth before reaching the hospital. I felt a sense of shock that cannot be expressed in words. He was the closest friend of mine and his death traumatised me for next few days.

The incident changed my life in some specific aspects. Before losing my friend, I did not have the sense of deep friendship. But Mow's death showed me how friendships are and how to deal with them. In fact, in our childhood, both of us had done many quarrels and got engaged in fights over petty matters and often got injured badly. But those events did not break the friendship rather made the bond stronger. We grew up together. I regret for the lost time. It will never be back again. Moreover, I would be unable to create such a friendship with someone else. It is impossible to make such a deep bonding that we

fostered since childhood. The death Mow taught me the value of life, it pointed out the meaning of relationship and importance of time as well.

The idea presented in this cue card topic would enable you to describe the following topics as well:

- Describe a positive experience you have had.
- Describe a memorable event in your life.
- Describe an event that has affected you.
- Describe a valuable lesson you have learned in your life.
- Describe a lesson that has changed you for good.

Describe a worth enjoying theatrical performance.

You should say:

- what the performance was about
- where it took place
- how fine the acting and plot were

and explain why it was a worth watching and enjoying theatrical performance. [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:

The annual drama festival of my colleges is worth enjoying and every year, different classes stage their productions in the annual drama festival of the college. Hamlet by Shakespeare was the theatrical performance of my class this year.

The plot of the drama is known to everyone and thus it was the widely accepted one this year and for the extraordinary performance, it got the first prize in the theatrical performance category. The entire performance was enjoyed by the audiences present at the venue and there was pin-drop silence on the venue while the performance was on (under my direction). To make the drama more enjoyable, some minor changes were made and the background was set in the setting of India.

The theatrical performance took place at the college auditorium and it was

evening when the audiences started to arrive to enjoy the performance. Though the performance was set to begin at 7.30 pm we got a bit late and it began around 8 o'clock. Two of the leading artists were blocked in traffic and thus made late to arrive in the college. The auditorium was filled with audiences and we were glad to have so many of them present on the performance day. Usually, the annual show is performed under the open sky but due to stormy climate, we had to shift the show inside the auditorium so that rain or other natural calamities could not hamper the performance.

The performance created a blend of reactions from the audiences' side. Most of the audiences adored the performance while some others were on the view that the local setting of the drama has degraded the entire play. A third part of the audiences was neutral over the plot making and overall performance. Before staging the performance, we declared that this is an experimental performance for us and we also acknowledged that Shakespeare was the greatest dramatist of the world and undoubtedly all of his plots are masterpieces and hence, no criticisms would be entertained against this performance.

This performance gained the title of the best theatrical performance ever made in the college history and almost everyone including the haters of the show had to admit that the performance was impressive. The show was enjoyable as we made some changes in the actual plot and added some characters to bring more fun. However, the other plot elements were the same and the audiences laughed at the additional characters and their performances. In fact, the scriptwriter had to spend lots of hours to tweak the plot and character additions. By the same time, the artists of the play had depicted the characters in perfect manners. So, the entire performance turned worth enjoying and the audience did enjoy the theatrical performance.

Cue Card Answer 2:

This a great issue to discuss and I will share the very recent experience of mine on enjoying a theatrical performance at my college. It was about the story of the Selfish Giant.

The story was written by renowned Irish playwright, Oscar Wilde. The story was published in 1888 in the form of a book with four other stories for children. The book was named as The Happy Prince and Other Stories. The

college students performed the play and the plot was almost the same. In fact, the play was staged in the annual cultural function of my college that took place last week. Everyone present at the function praised this specific theatrical performance most than the other performances and cultural events.

The performance took place at the college compound. This is a small college for women and located in the corner of the city. So, the college compound being smaller, there were no auditorium or indoor capacities to hold the function. As a result, the entire function took place at the small field under the open sky inside the college boundary. Only the students and their guardians were invited to attend the event while some distinguished guests were also invited to join with the event. But finally, the crowd was more than of expectation and it became difficult for the authority to accommodate the entire population.

The performance by the students was quite excellent. They adopted the plot perfectly. Often it happens that the directors usually change the original plot to make the production more effective or interesting. They bring in some new characters or twist the plots. But here the plot was unchanged. It was about the selfish giant who went meeting his friend for seven years. After his return, he found his garden occupied with children playing here and there. But he did not want the children to play in his garden. He forbade them and placed a notice. As a result, the entire garden was frosted and Spring did not appear there for long. Finally, one day the giant discovered that the children were capable of inviting the spring. So, he allowed them playing in his garden again. The spring arrived in the garden and filled the air with a pleasant smell and it made the giant pleased. He kept playing with the children until he grew old.

This was one of the most impressive theatrical performance that I have ever enjoyed. The performers have tactfully represented the entire events and I was sad at the death of the giant. But by the same time felt a sense of pleasure that he had a very good connection with the kids. When he missed a child that kissed him but could not meet him right before his death was unclear to me. It might happen that the little child that kissed the giant had died and came on the earth before the final departure of the giant to heaven. It made me feel very sad. The performers have had their roles perfectly which made it a great theatrical performance indeed.

Your preparation for this cue card topic will help you to talk about the following cue card topics as well:

- Describe a live performance you have enjoyed.
- Describe something new or exciting you have done.
- Describe an event when you enjoyed a public function.
- Describe something you enjoyed recently.
- Describe a theatrical performance you enjoyed with your friends.
- Describe an event you would recommend to someone new in your town.

Describe a recent sporting event you have attended.

You should say:

- what kind of sporting event it was
- when you attended it
- what you did there & who was with you

and explain whether you consider this event to be interesting.
[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:

Sports always attract me since my childhood and I always try to participate in the events available within my range. Last Monday, I attended the annual sporting event of my college here in Pakistan.

I am an intermediate student of Ghazali Inter College in Pakistan and have been studying here since my early childhood. In fact, I got my elementary education from the school and now attending the colleges of the same institution. I took part in the annual sporting event of the colleges and enjoyed participating in several competitions. The college organises for such sporting competitions annually to inspire the extracurricular activities among the students.

The sporting event began in the morning at the college playground. The entire playground was decorated nicely marking the event. Gradually the participants and the audiences started to arrive at the college premise and took their seat. The competitions held around noon and once the competitions were over, the audiences and the competitors waited eagerly for the prize giving ceremony that held in the evening. Since I was a participant of a couple of events, I also waited with the other competitors. Interestingly, I was so excited that I forgot to take my lunch until my parents came to meet me and know about my status. Fortunately, they had brought lunch for me as they knew I would be under pressure and might not have the chance to take the meal.

I took part in three competitions. Firstly, I attended a 500-meter race and won the second prize. As I like riding on trees, I took part in the tree climbing competition and defeated everyone by achieving the top position. But my luck did not favour me on axe throwing event and I could not achieve any notable success here. I was accompanied with some of my intimate classmates and they tried to defeat me in the other events but they could not be successful except on the axe throwing event. In fact, I am not skilled at all in axe throwing but enlisted myself to participate here for peer pressure. However, I am not unhappy with the scores and I think it was my best success as I took part here without any prior preparations.

The annual sporting event is one of the most interesting events and I have been participating in the events for last five or six years. When I was a small kid, I could not participate in the events as those were meant for the seniors but now I have become a senior and enjoying the freedom. Almost all the events are interesting to me and the enjoyment doubles when I could take part in any of those – no matter if I could win any medal or not. Thereby, I think this is an outstanding event for me.

Cue Card Answer 2:

It may sound weird that I do not like to play or enjoy any sports but recently I had to go at the Pleiku Stadium, in Vietnam, to attend a football match between to national rival groups with my cousins. Though I had no intention to go there, I enjoyed the match till the last second.

This was the final match between the Hà Nội F.C. and Vicem Hai Phong F.C. Both the teams were spirited and performed very well in the early stages and this was the time to battle in the final match of the competition. A large

number of crowds gathered in the stadium to enjoy the match and some of the national leaders were also present at the event while some of them were invited for participating in the prize giving ceremony. The entire stadium premise was buzzing with life and people of all walks of life attended there.

The game was set to be started by 4.30 pm. But a majority of the audiences entered the stadium around one hour before the game began. In fact, a large number of the crowds started gathering from the noon so that they could have the seat near the playground to watch the match closely. It was a kind of struggle to have the right seat for them. Though there were tickets and seat numbers, it appeared that the audiences were unaware of the matter. Some of the fans were injured badly while scuffling with the rival team fans. In such a situation, we arrived at the stadium and took our seats. Fortunately, our seats were located in the upper part of the gallery and thus remained untouched by the curious audiences. We had binoculars which made enjoying the math easier.

We had bought eight tickets from the ticket counter a day before the match. But it was troublesome. One of my cousins, who got the tickets, had to stand in a long queue for around half a day. So, we all thanked him heartedly. Before entering the stadium, I bought some snacks and beverages as I know the habit of my cousins. They love to eat amid such matches at home and they have not changed their habits yet. They became glad when they saw me purchasing the snacks for them (a bit expensive inside the stadium). When the match began with the whistle, all the noises stopped and everyone started watching the match with a pin drop silence.

I am not a game or sports lover yet I enjoyed the match. In fact, it was a blind show for me and I did not have the least ideas about watching any match in the stadium. I have watched cricket and football matches at home on television but this was the first time at a stadium. So, I enjoyed the sporting event and hope to enjoy such other sporting events in stadiums.

This Candidate Task Card topic is similar to the following topics and your preparation would help you to talk about those as well:

- Describe a sporting event you enjoyed in a stadium.
- Describe a famous sporting event you watch on TV.
- Describe something you have enjoyed recently.

- Describe a football or cricket competition you have enjoyed.
- Describe a competition you have been a part of.
- Describe a sport you took part in recently.
- Describe an international sporting competition you have witnessed.

Describe a river or a sea you have visited.

You should say:

- where the river/ sea is located
- who was with you
- what you did there

and explain whether this was a good experience or not.
[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:

I love to travel and as a German student, I have travelled some parts of Asia as part of my academic activities. In fact, I am a student of geography and to earn practical knowledge, I need to travel in different countries. So, I met with the Ganges in last month.

The River is located in Asia and commonly known as the Ganga. This is a trans-boundary river and covers both India and Bangladesh. The Ganges originated from the Himalayas and flows through different direction covering the boundaries of India and some points of Bangladesh. Actually, the rise of the river begins from Uttarakhand where the western part of the Himalayas is located.

In this journey, I was accompanied by a group of my college mates and in fact, this was like an excursion out of the country. So, when the teacher asked us to come in India to have look on the Ganges, everyone agreed instantly. But it took sometimes to get prepared for the journey and the teacher had to convinces almost all the parents to allow their children for this foreign excursion. However, my best mate, Edel accompanied me during this journey.

Besides, some of the other close mates of my college were also there and all of us made fun during the entire trip. Additionally, the teacher also joined us with the fun and in fact, he appeared to be the funniest person ever we have seen in our life.

Primarily, the trip has taught numerous things to me and everyone else who was present there. Earlier, I used to read the descriptions of rivers, jungles, mountains and other places and depicted images of them inside of my mind. But my imagination could not satisfy my desire to learn about places and this trip has filled my thirst for knowledge. After reaching the Ganges, some of us took a bath in the river like the other people present there and I also accompanied them. The water was somewhat dirty as the 'ghat' was being used by everyone. Besides, we also took the traditional Indian foods from the adjacent restaurants.

Of course, this was a great experience for me. Previously, I have never seen such a huge river in my life though I travelled in different countries for various purposes. But I never had encountered such a river before and thus the journey will be in memory for long. I have come to know about important information on the river and saw how the Hindus respect it. For the geographical location of the river, I came to know that, it served important roles in different periods and also met the daily needs of the local people. In fact, the ordinary role of the river in undeniable to the people living by the river bank. Even many of them depend on the river for living as well. All such information was interesting to me and thus the journey became a good experience to me.

Sample Answer 2:

Travelling is interesting to me and I love to discuss my experience of travelling different places it. Last month I went to Bangladesh for some business purpose and visited Cox's Bazar sea beach. Now I will describe the entire event and specifically how interesting it was to see the beauty of the Bay of Bengal.

The sea is known as the Bay of Bengal and in Bangladesh, it is located in Cox's Bazar district. The locality has become a tourist area now but earlier it was mainly a fishing port. The beach is one of the longest ones in the world with a length of 125 kilometres at a stretch. A large number of crowd from different parts of the world come here to enjoy the natural beauty and simultaneously the locals also love to wander by the sea beach. The sunrise and sunset scenes

are adorable and make the day of the tourists.

I am a senior staff at a multinational corporation here in Vietnam. Since this was a business trip in Chittagong, Bangladesh, I was accompanied with my boss, Mr. Haruki Nigami, an influential member of the corporation. He is a specialist in marketing and took me with him on the journey to teach me how to apply the marketing theories in real life situation. We went to Chittagong to have some business deals at the Chittagong branch with another corporation in the region, headquartered in Myanmar. It was a pleasant journey and both of us enjoyed it. The deals were also successful for both the parties. In fact, I learnt a great number of things from my boss during the meetings.

When the official duties were done, we went to the Cox's Bazar sea beach. The beach was a bit far from the place where we stayed in Chittagong. However, we reached there after around two and a half hours. I have never seen sea beaches before and thus it was a special experience for me. The large waves were breaking down on the shore. The view was excellent. Many of the visitors there were bathing in the sea. So, I sought permission from the boss to take a bath, and to my utter surprise he agreed and asked me to take him with me (actually he is a very reserved person in office). So, both of us bathed in the sea water.

Of course, this was a good experience for me, in fact, one of the greatest. Taking a bath on the sea is outstanding. The dancing waves took me forwards and sometimes backwards. I tried to swim on water (though I do not know swimming rather just used my limbs to keep me floated) but failed and drank some of the saline waters. But I felt enjoyed when the waves pushed me forward and I sank on the wave. Interestingly, when I got up from the water, I found sands inside my pant pockets. It was difficult to clean out the entire sands from the dresses. I wanted to see the sunrise and sunset on the next day the boss did not allow me considering the return schedule. Later, we returned Vietnam on a flight at the same day.

If you can talk about this cue card topic, you should be able to describe the following Candidate Task Cards as well:

- Describe a naturally beautiful place in your city/ hometown.
- Describe a river or lake you have visited.
- Describe a place you like to visit.

- Describe an open space that you witnessed recently.
- Describe a vacation you have had near a sea.
- Describe a worth visiting place in your area.
- Describe a river near your hometown.

Describe a pet or an animal common in your country.

You should say:

- what it is
- describe it briefly
- why you like/ dislike the pet or animal

and describe something interesting about this pet or animal you know about.

[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:

Almost every Russian has his/her own pet inside the home and they take a great care of those animals. Most of the times wild animals are preferred as pets but there are some exceptions as well. Russian Blue Cat is one of the preferred pets in the country.

The cat is different from the other cats available in the country and considered as a robust breed for their outstanding muscular structure. They usually look good than the other breeds and thus have gained popularity among the people to be adopted as their favourite pets. The thick furs hide their muscles and bring a silky glow on the body while the eyes are bold and attractive.

Among the other cats, the Blue in Russia is distinctive for their features and most of the cases the Russians prefer the breed for their eye-catching characteristics. The cats look good than the other cats and muscular in size and shape. Usually, the Blue Cats in Russia are of middle size but they have a long and graceful neck. The shoulder blades look majestic when they seat and look bigger than their actual size. The fur colour is bright blue which is the cause of

naming the cats as Blue Cat. The eye colour changes with the development of their physical structures and there is a bright green ring inside the pupil. With the

I like the Russian Blue cat for a couple of reasons. Firstly, they are soft in nature and do not make noise inside the home. Most of the cats create anarchies in the home and it becomes impossible to tolerate them. But the Blue cats are different and they love to live alone. When it is the time of taking their meals, they take the meals from the designated pots and they do not waste any milk or other food items. Moreover, their looks are different and when they mature, they get a very attractive eye that brings a sweet expression in their face. Another feature of the cat is its smile and often many compare the smile with the Mona Lisa smile for its enigmatic expression.

This is a very well-behaved cat found in the country and it learns smoothly. So, training of the cat is not a problem at all. Since the cat is a bit shy, it easily gets hurt when someone treats imperfectly with the cat such as someone is playing with the cat and suddenly stops the play. The reserved cat loves to play with toys while the other cats are interested in playing with humans or kids. So, a good care of the cat is needed when it is adopted as a pet. Although the other cats have some sort of health disorders, the Blue cat does not have so and it remains healthy until its death. Based on such issues, the Blue cat is favoured by all types of people who prefer to have this specific breed.

Sample Answer 2:

Nepal is a beautiful country in the world and enriched with a large number of natural resources. A majority of the people like here to have their own pets and they prefer dogs more than the other animals.

Dog is a very common animal in the country and lives both at home and street. But when they are at home, they get the right amount of services they need to grow up. When they are on roads, they do not get the proper care and live a miserable life. Sometimes, they are killed by the state authorities to keep the city safe from their troubles. But there are some other organisations who try taking care of the street dogs. So, the pet dogs at home live a happy life than the street dogs.

The dog is a four-footed animal. In Nepal, it is found everywhere. The dogs are

found in different colours, sizes and shapes. Their tails are curvy and the teeth are sharp. Dogs are known as the trustworthy animal for it tries to prevent dangers of the owner. It makes friendship with people within a short time. The expectation level of a dog is less than the other pet animals, and it requires facilities and less care to live on. The senses of the dogs are highly sharp and often used for security purposes. Most of the cases the law enforcers use dogs to find out any clue or prevent any potential crime with their exceptional power of senses. Moreover, the domestic dogs are able to communicate with their surrounding people or owner. The most interesting issue about the dogs is that they wake up at night to secure the house of their owners.

Though a dog is a pet animal in my country, Nepal, I do not like to have a pet. It appears to me that having a pet mean you are to take some extra responsibilities. I think one cannot move freely if there is a pet at home. Always they are in a hurry to get back home and take care of the pet. Besides, the dogs are troublesome in this case that they do not use toilet facilities to attend the call of nature and in that case, the owner is to clean the trash. I consider this as one of the most complicated tasks for pets and this is applicable for all types of dogs. So, I do not prefer this particular animal as a pet for me.

Though I do not like dogs for so many reasons, I admit that this a beneficial pet animal. Usually, dogs bark when they see something unusual and it makes the people aware of the presence of the unwanted people or things. Besides, they do need plenty of food and hardly any care unless they fall sick or seriously injured. So, a notable number of Nepalese have their own dogs as pet.

Your preparation for the Cue Card topic **"Describe a pet or an animal common in your country."** will help you to talk about the following topics as well:

- Describe a pet you or someone you know has.
- Describe your favourite animal.
- Describe the national animal in your country.
- Describe a pet or animal you really like.
- Describe a pet or animal you would like to own.
- Describe something you enjoy doing in your leisure time.
- Describe a hobby you have.
- Describe a pet or animal that looks very beautiful to you.

- Describe a useful animal you know about.

Describe a famous library in your country.

You should say:

- what it is
- where it is
- how large it is

and explain why it is a famous library 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 1:

People say that a library is the storehouse of knowledge and the saying is perfect. Libraries are the places to earn knowledge and I frequently visit the National Library of Malaysia to get knowledge over different issues. I read different types of books for one hour in the working days in the library.

The National Library of Malaysia is a public library and anyone can enter here to read books. The library is enriched with a large number of books on varied interests. The library has been set to provide knowledge to the present and the upcoming generations on diversified issues of the country especially its history and achievements. Presently the library is enriched with reading materials over 4 million units and a substantial number of the materials have been digitalized.

The library is located in a prime location in the city and the physical address of the library is 232 in Jalan Tun Razak, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. As the location is in the middle of the city, the library is accessible from every part of the city and remains open for the visitors and readers from 10 am to 7 pm. The library does not require any entry fee for its visitors. Besides, the seating arrangements are up to the mark and ample spaces allow the visitors and readers to read books comfortably. But as this is an area where people come to read, silence must be maintained here.

This is one of the largest libraries of the country and the building itself reflects the symbols of Malaysian identity. The library is also the symbol of the enriched cultural heritage of the country. The interior of the structure is also wonderful and contains thousands of shelves which are filled with numerous books. The library proudly owns books and other documents around 4.78 million units and among them, 4.52 million units are printed materials. Besides, the library also contains some Malay Manuscripts which are old enough to be treated sincerely. The library has some digital materials as well to serve the purposes for its online users.

The library is famous for numerous reasons and MS ISO 9001:2008 certified library in Malaysia. First of all, the library contains almost all the available histories of the country. Besides, there are some special, rare and serial collections are also available here. Anyone can have magazines, newspapers or any journals which are published by serial. By the same time, they would be able to use the handwritten documents of the 14th century. The rare collections are the combinations of documents which are no longer available in any of the available forms. The private collection of the library also attracts the visitors and different works on literature, religion, culture, architecture, history etc. are notable.

Model Answer 2:

Libraries are not always used to gain knowledge rather they have some other business as well. Often they are used to play role in the development country by assisting the members of the parliament and legislating bodies. The National Diet Library of Japan is famous for such a role in the country.

Commonly known as the NDL, the National Diet Library of Japan is the only national library in the country and plays different roles in line with the roles of a moderate modern library. The library was established in 1948 and the key aim was to aid the policy makers of the country. So the library is kind of similar with the Library of Congress in the United States of America which is used for research and analysis before making any law or policy for that state.

The library was formulated under the National Diet Library Law while the Law was formulated based on the Article 130 of Diet Law of the country. This is a separate law and been formulated to help the Diet members in taking decisions. Thereby, the library has been built on a large scale. The National Diet Library of Japan is located in Tokyo and Kyoto. The main building of the

NDL is located in Nagata-Cho, Chiyoda-ku, in Tokyo and the other one is in Kyoto. But in the beginning, the main library, in Tokyo, was not in its current place rather it was housed in the State Guest House which was known as the Akasaka Detacher Palace. The initial construction of the main building was done in 1961 and the complete construction was done in phases that took several years to complete.

This is one of the largest libraries of Japan and the total area of the main building alone is 148,000 square meters and able to contain over 10 million books. The library is well spacious and ventilated. Since the library was intended to be used by the policy makers, politicians and the people related to the legislative body, the features and facilities have been extended up to the mark. Most of the materials, books and volumes have been brought here considering the needs of the policy makers. But some other library facilities are also available in both of the buildings of the library which could be used by both the government executives and the commoners of Japan.

This is a very famous library in Japan as it provides the necessary services to the government members, executives, members of judicial wings and the people of Japan. The two main buildings are located in Kyoto and in Tokyo but considering the public interest, some other branches have been set across the country. The library contains almost all the copies of publications that have been published in Japan. Besides, the foreign language collection is also extensive and enriched and the special collections are adorable. The library has a huge collection of books and documents on the history of Japan, science and technology, law, maps and so on. The easy accessibility has made the library popular to the people of Japan.

If you can talk about this cue card topic, you will be able to describe the following topics as well:

- Describe a place you love to visit frequently.
- Describe a place you like to spend time in.
- Describe a large library you have visited.
- Describe a quiet place you like.
- Describe a famous library you know about.

Describe a musical event in your country.

You should say:

- what it is
- when and where it takes place
- what kind of music is played

and say what type of people participate this musical event mostly.
[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:

Musical events are one of the most impressive things and I never miss chances to attend in such event. Recently my college arranged for a musical event here in India and I joined there as an audience.

This event was organised marking the fresher's reception of the college and it annually does the same thing. The event goes on round the day and since this is aimed to entertain the youths, the participants are from local band groups who perform some special music on the day. In fact, this is one of the most important musical events that many of the students wait around the year only to enjoy this musical event.

After the secondary examination is over and the result is published, students apply to get admit into colleges. Once all the other formalities and necessary activities are done, the colleges welcome their students and each of the colleges has its own respective traditions to welcome the newly admitted pupils. My college is also welcoming the fresher's with an exceptional way and it organises for a musical concert on the 'welcome-day'. Moreover, the college authority also tries to entertain the new students with different other ways like providing light snacks and drinks and any other small present like pens and folders etc.

The event is organised aiming to welcome the students of the eleventh grade and considering their preferences, the college authority arranges for the musical event and mostly rock music is played here. The college authority has decided to play rock music as the youths of the present age are almost unfamiliar with the other types of music except, the rock genre. So, according to their choice, a band is invited to perform on the stage. Sometimes, the

authority invites an entire band and in some cases, solo rock singers are invited. Besides, it also depends on the availability of the singers or bands.

The event is participated mostly by the students and sometimes some of the curious parents also come to enjoy the events. Besides, when the event begins, some of the local people are also found here to enjoy the event. Usually, there are no restrictions for the outsiders unless they are creating any forms of troubles like teasing the female students or others. In such cases, the violators are handed over to the law enforcers. However, the musicians perform their bests and the students and the audiences present in the ground become gradually excited with the performances and even some of them are seen dancing as well. The musical event becomes a great place for enjoyment for the students and the locals too.

Sample Answer 2:

I am a student of the second year at a local in China and I love music, especially rock music. I have enjoyed the recently finished Rock the Nation music festival of China, and truly enjoyed the performances from different bands of home and abroad.

This is an occasional music festival in China where a large number of bands take part and perform their own songs using modern and traditional instruments. Most of the band groups are from underground and thus they are not familiar with the mainstream music industry. The majority of the bands have been formed with private initiative but the performers belong to the top class. When they played the musical instruments, they looked like experts. Besides, the songs were splendid as well.

The musical event took place at Beijing concert hall. Though it was supposed to begin in the evening (by 5pm) the programme began at around 7pm for some technical difficulties. The entire hall was filled with audiences and most of them were college going students as they love this specific genre most than any other genres in music. The crowds started gathering even before the scheduled time and by the same time the band groups arrived at the venue. But the programme was unfortunately delayed and all the audiences waited patiently till the show begins. Some of the audiences were impatient and blamed the incompetence of the organising authority.

The show began finally and the tunes drove the audience crazy. All of the

songs belonged to the heavy metal genre and the performers played the songs skillfully. The entire hall burst into music with the performances. The most impressive part of the event was the jamming by the performers in the beginning of the performance by each of the groups. Besides, the show was illuminated with tremendous lighting that also played important roles while the loudspeakers delivered the blazing music which made the event more enjoyable for us. But a different situation was created when one of the participants played an instrumental music of a popular love song of China. The entire hall turned silent and after the performance was over, some of the audiences jumped on the stage to embrace the performers in joys which was really troublesome for the security people to manage.

Such musical events are enjoyed by the young people ranging from teenage and especially organised to promote the underground bands. In fact, this is a platform for the underground bands to rise up while it also increases the love for music among the youths. The arrangement of such musical events is a great idea which will help the youths to get involved in musical activities more. The performances that we observed on the day were great and actually the performers can do far better if such events are regularly organised. Besides, it would be a great source of entertainment to the young people if the country. Instead of wasting their times unnecessarily, it could be an effective way to help them be citizens loving music.

Your ability to talk about this cue card topic will help you to talk about the following topics as well:

- Describe a festival or event in your country.
- Describe a traditional event in your country.
- Describe a concert or music event you have enjoyed recently.
- Describe an event you have enjoyed recently.

Describe a part-time job you have ever done.

You should say:

- what it was
- when it was
- where you have worked

and explain why you have worked there.

[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 have returned my native land, India after completing my graduation in Malaysia. Despite being the boy of a wealthy family, I had to bear my own expenses there and for that, I participated in some part-time jobs.

I was engaged in a data entry job and that suited me best among the other jobs. In fact, it was easier than the other available part-time jobs in Malaysia and I used to perform the tasks sitting at the dormitory with my laptop. The payment was standard and the regular payment helped me greatly to live in the country.

I went to Malaysia in 2012 with a scholarship from one of the local universities of that country. But the scholarship was not enough for me to live there as my lifestyle was a bit extraordinary than the other student. I managed to live there for a few months with the scholarship funds but when the living cost increased for me, it became difficult. I sought for a suitable job and found many of my classmates and friends are doing so. But it was difficult for me to get involved in a job which does not suit me like helping in some superstores or in some eateries. So, I was in search of a perfect job for me and with the help of a senior mate of the university, I managed the data entry job.

Since it was based on computer, I used to perform the job in my room in the dormitory where I lived in Malaysia. The other students who got involved with part-time activities had to go out for their job. But I was too lucky to manage the job and I needed not to go out of my room. The tasks were about filling up some data on some specific format over different issues. The most important task was to sort out the data before filing them on the prescribed format and I did that perfectly. The most important issue was that I could save time and earn more than the other foreign students there with this job.

I have worked as a data entry operator with a multinational company working in Malaysia and there were several benefits for me to pick the job. Firstly, the payment was enough for me and I did not have to downgrade my living standard. Even, I was able to save some money and used that for shopping

when I came back home. The authority was very regular in paying the bills while the other students had to wait for several days to receive their remunerations. Moreover, the data entry job has saved my time and I had enough times to study. I used to work in the evening after my classes were over, and there were flexibilities to complete the job. If it was a deadline oriented job, certainly I would have suffered. But everything went smoothly with this job.

Cue Card Answer 2:

Part-time jobs are the best ways to manage oneself in abroad and I also had the chance to get involved in such a part-time job at a restaurant in France. I went there to complete my graduation in arts.

I left my country, South Africa to have a higher degree on arts and paintings. France was the best place to learn the things. So, after having spent may times and searching for the right institution, I got admitted at Paris College of Arts. But it was impossible for my family to maintain my expenses abroad and thus I took a part-time job at the nearby LE DÔME restaurant in Paris. I had to work for four hours in a day and the payment was smart to arrange all my expenses including the living cost and academic fees.

It was in the early part of 2014 when I got admitted to the college for my studies and took the job as a waitress at the LE DÔME restaurant. In fact, I was fond of paintings and have done some notable paintings at home. So, my parents wanted me to learn painting and the subjects related with painting perfectly. But unfortunately, my father incurred some business loss back there in South Africa in the middle of 2013 which made decide to earn my own livelihood at Paris and informed the matter to my parents. Initially, they did not agree to allow me working there but they were defeated with my arguments. I was matured enough to earn and that will also increase my real-life skills.

When I came in Paris, it was really difficult for me to get a job and in fact, getting a job was the matter of real luck that I did not have with me then. I have waited for jobs and attended many interviews but none of the employers was agreed to allow a student to work as a part-timer in their offices. Finally, with the help of one of my classmates, I got the job at LE DÔME. She went there to have her lunch and found that they were set to recruit a female waitress. Though it was not suitable for me, I did not mind in having the job

and started working there as a waitress. I attended the interview and got the job.

When my father had the business loss, he got in debt and could not pay them properly. So, the creditors used to come frequently at home and threatened him to pay the debts by selling the luxurious home he had, and in fact, some of them were too greedy to have the house in exchange of their debts to dad which they invested (in their terms). In such situations, it was impossible for me to ask help to my dad rather I started earning for my own. The job later helped me learning about the value of life, work and money which lend a hand me to be a struggling woman. The wages I earned from LE DÔME was enough for me to manage my expenses in Paris and I also used to send some small gifts to my parents as well.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a part-time job you have ever done." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards as well:

- Describe a job you have enjoyed.
- Describe a part-time job you or someone you know has done.
- Describe a paid job you have done.

A speech that somebody gave and you liked.

You should say:

- when it was
- who gave the speech and what it was about
- who were present there

and explain why it was the best gift/ present you have ever received.

[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:

Speeches are often intolerable though aimed for betterment but my point of view about the speech is dissimilar. I am never bored with speeches and if that

aimed at improving skills, I gladly accept that. Last day I had to experience such a speech from our college sports instructor.

I am a student of D K Govt. College in Andhra Pradesh in India and love taking part in sports. It was just after the handball practice inside the college playground when the sports teacher delivered the speech to me and my team. Actually, my college was a participant in an inter-college handball championship but the team performance was not in a satisfactory state. Thereby, the teacher advised us in his speech.

The speech was given by Mr Gaurav Pandey, the sports teacher and instructor of the college. He is really a nice man and everyone praises him for his benevolent behaves. So, when he started to use some rebuking words to us, we realised that we had made a great mistake with the performance. Usually, he does not speak even in a loud voice and his sudden change in manners and attitudes with us proved our inefficiency with the sport. But on the later stage, he turned back to his real face – the gentle one. He then politely made us understood that we need to be better with the handball and he was on the view that we were neglecting the competition. In fact, he was true. He pointed out the pitfalls of the team and also suggested to improve.

When the delivered the speech, he asked almost all the teachers to be present at the college playground. Since it was the very first participation of D K Govt. College in an inter-college championship, everyone was excited. But Mr Pandey did not want us to be excited rather he stressed on the practice – the thing we did least. So, he wanted everyone teachers related to the academic activities to be present there and inspire us so that we could win the matches or at least try our bests to win.

I liked the speech from several aspects. Firstly, the speeches were inspiring (though he rebuked us seriously for being inattentive on the practices) for me and the team members. Besides, being the captain of the team, I also ignored the practices often showing some excuses. But his speeches worked as an eye-opener for me. Before the speech, I used to make delay on arrival on the ground, and even missed some of the practice sessions. So, naturally, he was angry to me and advised me to be more regular on the practice sessions. His positive attitudes and motivational speech worked on me well and thus I liked the speech much.

Cue Card Answer 2:

Anger is my greatest enemy. Often I am unable to control my anger. So, I recently had attended at an anger management class where the counsellor provided a speech about the detrimental impacts of anger. I liked the speech very much.

I got myself admitted at a local anger management course class here in Cà Mau, a provincial city in Vietnam. In fact, I have been attending the course for past two weeks. And have been trying to get control on my short temper. I get angry without any specific reason and it happens when anything is not up to my required mark. Even I cannot control my temper before my teachers in the college. But this is unnatural for a teenager girl like me. So, based on my father's recommendation.

The speech was delivered by the anger management counsellor, Mr Eleanor Rodrick, a British national. He usually takes the classes of anger management and a certified professional of this track. With a smart look and ready wit, he has earned a great reputation among his students. He discussed different issues in the class and explained why people lose their temper on different issues. Mr Rodrick also explained how the anger develops them inside us. He demonstrated some of the real-life events that take place in our regular life. All the demonstrations were exact and all the students present there admitted the issues in their real life. He also explained how to avoid them and keep the head cool. He stressed on keeping patience and never to bother about the matters that bother us. In fact, he asked us to be proactive instead of expressing reactions. He said that reaction was the key to arousing anger inside the human mind.

The lecture was attended by around 20 students like me who were suffering the same problem. All of the students were unfamiliar to me. But after attending some classes in the past four weeks, I have built an intimate relation with some of the students. Mr Rodrick was a popular counsellor in the course and when it was his lecturing day, none of the students missed the class. So, the class was filled by all the students enrolled for anger management of this session. Besides, some of the guardians also attended the lecture as they heard about him. So, they wanted to know how or what he teaches and in fact, they came to justify his reputation as an anger management professional.

It was the best lecture so far in my life. The lecture helped me greatly to get control on my short temper. Actually, before attending the lecture, it was very

easy for me to lose control on my temper and after attending the lectures of Mr Rodrick, it worked well. Now I do not lose temper as like before and my parents are glad to me. Besides, I am enjoying my life. It was difficult for me to socialise earlier for my anger and now I do not mind in mixing up with people of all levels. So, I liked the classes of anger management, particularly the classes and speeches of Mr Rodrick.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "A speech that somebody gave and you liked." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards as well:

- Describe an event from your school.
- Describe someone who has influenced you a lot.
- Describe an advice someone gave to you.

Describe the best gift or present you have received.

You should say:

- what the gift was
- who gave it to you
- when you received it

and explain why it was the best gift/ present you have ever received.

[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:

Last week I turned 19 and my parents celebrated my birthday. I got some of the best gifts of my life on this birthday and I think the books were the best of the bests.

I have received two books by my maternal uncle naming – 'The Chocolate War' by Robert Cormier and 'Life As We Knew It' by Susan Beth Pfeffer. Both the writers have beautifully illustrated some of the issues on the books which were unknown to me before reading them. In fact, the books have opened my eyes

and I have learnt to think in some newer perspective.

Mr. Chinh is my maternal uncle and in fact, he is the elder brother of my mother. He is also our neighbour in the apartment block we are living in now. In his youth, he was too much desperate and did many adventures. Even in the current days, my dad frequently meets him before taking any decision about his business as uncle Chinh is considered as the wise man in the family. He also takes care of the other members of the family and often arranges for getting together in his residence. He is single and did not marry showing some personal excuses, but so far it is known that a lady rejected him in his olden days. Now he is middle aged and involved with his own travelling business.

Last week, I turned 19 and since this is the last birthday of my teenage, my parents wanted to have a blast on the day. Accordingly, they arranged for a large birthday party and invited almost all the family members, relatives, neighbours and friends. Unfortunately, some of the invited guests could not attend the event as they could not manage time on the day. However, a majority of them arrived in time and presented me different gifts. The event being over, I opened the gifts one after another and was amazed at the selection of the presents for me. It was really amazing to have so many attractive gifts but the books appeared the best to me.

I love to read books but the habit only a few chosen people are aware of this. The other people think me of a traditional Vietnamese young girl who loves to pass moments with friends by gossiping round the day or by shopping on the streets. But, I am not like them rather in some cases, I am restricted to perform certain acts. Hence, I have made book reading as my hobby and have a large collection of books written by both local and international writers. But due to my academic pressure, I could not manage time to get some new books and uncle Chinh has done that for me. Being a book lover, I always prefer books than any other things and thus the presented books have turned best to me.

Cue Card Answer 2:

My dad promised me to present me something special if I could attain the desired grades in the year ending exam of my college. Accordingly, I received the present and this is the best gift so far for me.

I was presented with a laptop and it was the greatest gift for me. It was a MacBook Pro for me which really was exceptional. I was extremely glad about the present and remembered the hard struggling days before the exam. In fact,

I was not a very good student and the results were average. So, the present was planned for me as a surprise from my parents for my success in the year ending exam of the college.

My dad bought the laptop for me. I was expecting something different, in fact, I was dreaming of a smartphone of a renowned brand. But I was surprised when I saw the MacBook box on my reading table. I am the only daughter of my parents and they were very happy with my special success. I got the highest score among the other students in the college. Before the exam, my dad advised me to study hard so that I could bring an unexpected result. I followed his advice and studied hard indeed. Usually, students do not follow any schedule before the exam, but I was unlike to them. I followed the daily routine strictly and attended the exam. The success was mine.

I received the laptop in the middle of the year, immediately after the first year ending exam of my college here in Pakistan. It was a surprise for me. My father is a businessman and remains always busy with his factory that produces ceiling fans. Initially, I thought that my father had forgotten about the present when the result was published. He promised me for the present but he was almost inactive to bring the present at home. Moreover, I was unaware of the present that what it would be. At night I returned to my room after supper and found an intact box of MacBook pro lying on my reading table. I realised that my parents did not say anything about the present to surprise me. I was too happy and hugged my parents with extreme excitement.

I have been brought up in restriction. Pakistan being a Muslim majority country follows the rules of Islam strictly. So, the scope of a liberal life, particularly for girls, is a bit unusual than the other countries. But I have no issues with those restrictions and I follow the rules and regulations perfectly. But, I have never received such valuable gifts before. Usually, people receive presents in different occasions, but we have fewer chances to observe such occasions like birthdays or any other anniversaries. As a result, there are no such attractive gifts for us. So, when I got the MacBook Pro, it was really bewildering for me. In fact, I have never received such a huge gift in my life. Hence I think it was the best gift of my life.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe the best gift or present you have received." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue

cards as well:

- Describe a gift or present that someone gave to you.
- Describe a present you gave someone.
- Describe a gift item that was important to you.
- Describe something you gave to a friend recently.
- Describe a gift item that took you a lot to buy.
- Describe something valuable you own.

Describe your study room.

You should say:

- how large it is
- how much time you spend there daily
- what things this room has

and give details of your study room.

[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:

I have a study room of my own at my home and I like it most for several reasons. This is the room that is filled with different books and reading materials. Everyone who comes to my home likes my study room.

I am a student of Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya in Haryana in India and live in a traditional house with my other family members. My university is only for the females and the environment is good enough for us. There are plenty of options to study at the university but I prefer to study at home as most of the places in the university are crowded. So, I have made a study room of my own at home. The room is around 12 feet by 10 feet. There are two windows inside the room faces the garden outside of the house.

I usually spend around four to five hours in the room daily and complete my necessary tasks like studying, assignment preparation, reading books etc.

Sometimes I gossip with my friends who come to visit me and often I take my meals at this room. Generally, I enter the room in the evening and come out before sleeping. But if I have any emergency, I do not follow any routine to get into the room and complete the works. Moreover, sometimes I use the room for entertainment as well and this happens on the holidays and there are no time limits for that.

The room is well decorated with a medium reading table made with the finest wood. Besides, there is a desktop computer with an active internet connection. The room is well ventilated with two large windows. Often I complete my study by sitting on the wooden chair that was made with the table. Besides, there are two small pieces of sofas are set on the corner of the room for the guests. According to my plan, my dad has made a small cot for me so that I could use that at night times for relaxation as sitting on a wooden chair may make me feel uncomfortable. My study room is also well decorated with some small pot plants and they have raised the beauty of my room as well.

I love this room very much and have made it comfortable for my needs. Often I need to use the room for longer hours and accordingly I have set all the things. Sometimes I sleep in the room as well on the small bed set on a corner. The lighting system is very well and there are some hidden lights that I use when I watch movies on computer or chat with my guests. A great environment is created that makes all feel comfortable.

Sample Answer 2:

I am a student of A-level in a local English medium school in Vietnam. My academic activities are huge and thus my parents have made a study room complete my academic works. The room is located beside the living room.

The room is not too much large and I think the measurement of the room would be around ten feet in length and eight feet in width. But this is enough for me. I have set a reading table there along with a bookshelf that contains all the necessary books and documents for my academic studies. Since the room is not much large, I have accommodated all the other things in my bedroom except the most important and necessary things for my academic activities.

I spend almost all the times of the day when I am at home. Usually, my school begins early in the morning and I return home by noon. Getting refreshed, I go to study in the study room. As I will appear in the A-level exam next month, I have been taking preparations for a long time. As part of the preparations, I

have to spend around seven to eight hours in the study room. Most of the time I concentrate on my studies and sometimes I listen to light music as well to remove the boredom of study. I leave the room only when I need to take my meals and attend to the call of natures.

The room is not too much decorated due to lack of space. My dad has set a table along with a chair. Besides, there is a medium bookshelf to hold all my necessary stuff and other academic materials. I have placed my laptop on the corner of my table and have placed the sound systems in the corners. So, when I play any music, it appears that the sounds are coming from every part of the room. I have decorated my table nicely and there are two shelves on the table where I place my books and other things. Moreover, there is a small stand where I put my clothes and that is attached to the back side of the door of the room.

This is a favourite place for me at my home and I like to spend most of the times of the day here. Sometimes I use this place as my group study place as well and it is mostly done before the semester finals. Some of the intimate friends come here before the exam day and we get engaged in the study. Besides, when I feel lonely, I come to the room and keep looking at the sky with the small window. Often I spend my leisure hours in the room by playing some soft music on my iPod. This is a great place for me indeed.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe your study room." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards as well:

- Describe a place where you like to spend your time.
- Describe the room you live in.
- Describe a room in your house where you spend your time the most.
- Describe an ideal room for a student.
- Describe a room you once lived in.

Describe a childhood memory you have.

You should say:

- what it is

- how old you were then
- what happened

and explain what effect this has in your life.

[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:

Childhood is the best part of life and often people regret for the days that they have left in their childhood. I also miss the days and remember the day when I was taken to school for getting admission in the beginners' class.

The first day of my school is still vivid in my memories and I can recall the day exactly. I had started my education at the Delhi Public School in Faridabad, Haryana in India. This was an excellent place for me and I had formed the friendship with the other mates of my class. But on the first day, the experience was something different and in this present days, I realise how special the day was for me.

I was a boy of six years old when I entered at the school premise. Everything inside the school campus was new to me and I also was a bit concerned about the issues as this was a different experience for me. It broke the regular routine of my childhood life. Earlier I used to get up late in the morning but on this day, I had to wake up earlier and get dressed for the school. I also had to take breakfast earlier than the other days and my parents advised me in different ways while the top most important advice I heard on that day that I have to behave nice with everyone and I was not allowed to move here and there in the school.

When I entered the principal's room, I saw a man of middle age was sitting behind a large desk and his face was smiling when he noticed me. But I was feeling nervous for some unknown reasons. Then the principal (I came to know later that he was the principal of the school) asked me about my name and family. Then he also asked about some simple mathematical issues and I replied perfectly as my parents have trained me over the issues. The Principal also asked me about the names of the weekdays and the name of months in a year. Finally, he had some other talks with my parents and permitted them to admit me at the school.

The effect of the first day was great for me in rest of my life. I was interviewed by the principal and passed with success. In fact, this was the seedling of success in my life and gradually it made me confident. Though it was smaller interview for me and I was entirely ignorant of the issue that I am being interviewed. This has made me stronger and whenever I am in any test, I am not afraid those anymore. The first test of my life has built confidence in me.

Sample Answer 2:

No other parts of life are as good as childhood and thus everyone long for it always. Even I also want to go back in my past days when I made lots of fun. The days are vivid in my memory and especially the day when I went at the Sozo Water Park in Lahore.

Sozo Water Park is one the most popular amusement and the largest water park in Lahore, Pakistan and the modern city dwellers are highly entertained by it. This is, in fact, the brainchild of three friends who got the idea to establish such a park when they went into a visit in another country. Now, this is a complete amusement park with different facilities for the visitors. They enjoy sliding on water and the other thrilling adventures.

I was a boy of eight or nine years old when I first went at the Sozo Water Park. It was a family trip to the park as one of my maternal uncles had arrived home from abroad. So, he took us all at the park to get some adventures and thrills on water and other rides. Thereby, as part of the family, I also went to the park and had some fun with the other family members including my cousins. Being a small child, I almost enjoyed all the water slides and dry rides.

Since some of our family members had the chance to visit the park earlier, it was nothing new for them rather they enjoyed the most than the others. But it was the very first visit for me. So, I tried to understand about the rides and then rode on them. I enjoyed most the water slides and got highly thrilled. Sliding down from a higher level is really enjoying but when the sliding began, I was a bit afraid. I could not believe that I would go down with water. Moreover, when the fall began, I clinched the piece of board that took me to the downstairs. Once the fall was done I felt that I should go again as I could not enjoy the first ride due to fear of falling out of the track.

Though the rides were only for fun, they had some positive impacts on my life. They have made me adventurous and now I am not afraid anymore to

participate in any adventures or activities that may make me feel afraid. Besides, when it is about participating in any newer activities, I become thrilled. Actually, the fear that I had in my mind of being a failure had vanished forever. The rides and water slides have made me bold enough to face any such apparently fearsome real-life situations.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a childhood memory you have." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards as well:

- Describe a memorable event in your life.
- Describe a funny childhood event.
- Describe something you can recall from your childhood.
- Describe an event you remember clearly.
- Describe an interesting event you still remember.

Describe an accident you have seen or heard about.

You should say:

- where it occurred
- what harm it caused
- how you felt about the accident

and explain how dangerous this accident was.

[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:

Accidents are always unwanted and cause several damages to the lives and properties. There are different types of accidents and all of them are unwanted. In the past week, I heard about a road accident which took place right before my college.

I heard from the witnesses that a small boy was crossing the road after his school. He was alone and his parents might have forgotten about his pick up

from the school. It was a busy road of New Delhi and everyone is rushing to their respective places and thus they are driving in speed. As a result, it becomes impossible for almost all of the drivers to stop their vehicles amid in the rush. But fortunately, the bus driver somehow managed to stop his car and the little boy was slightly hit by the front part of the bus.

The little boy was shocked at this event, after the witnesses' statements. They also said that the little boy tried to cross the road but since he was alone, he could not. Besides, there were none other to help him crossing the road. So, whenever he found a gap, he started the run and unfortunately he could not reach on the road divider. He had to stop in the middle of the road when he saw a large bus was approaching to him from his right direction. So, when the bus managed to stop, the bumper of the bus hit the boy that took about two or three yards away from his position. Luckily the boy did not get hurt except some scratches on his hands and feet. His water bottle, made with glass, was broken and his books were scattered on the road.

I was deeply shocked hearing about the accident. Something serious could have happened if the bus driver would not have stopped his bus at the right moment. The boy could have got killed as well or also might have got some serious injury like breaking bones of the body . But nothing has happened like that. Thanks to God. But I was surprised to hear the nobody helped the boy t cross the road which he told to the people who rescued him. The boy asked for help to people standing near his school as his parents were making late to take him home. So, being confused that his parents will not come to take him, he himself started the journey to home and became the accident victim.

The accident was not that much dangerous but it could have been. The little boy has been saved for the expertise of the bus driver. Usually, it is really difficult to stop a bus with a great speed on the road and in that case, the bus may fall victim of any accident.

Model Answer 2:

Recently, in my neighbourhood, a new and large apartment complex has been being built but unfortunately, there was an accident which claimed two workers' lives. The workers fell from the crane and died on the spot.

I live in a rented apartment complex in Alwar, Delhi. A construction company has started its new project that will build an apartment complex that will be 15

storied. Accordingly, they started their activities and it becomes difficult for us to sleep, particularly in the morning hours. The noise from the downstairs was really horrible. But one day, the noise increased more than ever and I rushed to my window and saw that a crane got derailed and speedily headed to the downstairs. There were two workers on the crane and when it fell on the ground, the workers got serious injuries.

The workers' injuries were too serious and they were bleeding. Blood was coming out from their mouths while one of them sustained a serious head injury. The people present there called for emergency medical service and ambulance. By the same time, some of them were trying to provide them with the first aid service. Unfortunately, they broke some bones of their bodies and were heavily bleeding from different other parts of their body. Before reaching the ambulance, unfortunately, the injured workers passed away.

The accident was so shocking for me that even I cannot forget the scenes from my mind. I am unable to erase my memory and they haunt me every moment. Two of the men working in the construction company had to sacrifice their lives for the construction of the apartment complex. The event was a clean accident. The cable that was pulling them up with the crane could not bear the load got torn apart. As a result, the crane came down with the workers and some other construction materials. A large thump was heard when the crane got apart from its cable and everyone started shouting loudly. So, when I heard the shouts, I came to know about the accident and also rushed to the spot and participated in the rescue of the other workers. Actually, almost everyone in the surrounding apartments also came out for help as they supposed that there might be some other consequences following this accident.

This was a very dangerous accident and in fact, the damages could have been more but due to the preventive measures adopted by the construction authority, the damage radius has been minimised. If there were unplanned construction, the accident could have taken lives of more other workers at the project. But fortunately, nothing such things happened. The remaining workers were safe and sound. The construction authority checked the cable and it was proved that the cable has torn due to the heavy load and regular use. They took other measures to prevent further accidents.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe an accident you have seen or heard about." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards as well:

- Describe a horrible accident you have witnessed.
- Describe a road accident you have seen or heard about.
- Describe a news that was sad for you.
- Describe a bad experience you have had in your life.
- Describe a negative experience you have had in your life.
- Describe an accident you have seen.

Describe your favourite Restaurant.

You should say:

- where it is located
- what the restaurant looks like
- what kinds of foods and beverages it offers

and explain what makes this restaurant so special to you.

[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:

Mistral is a restaurant located in Ibn Battuta Gate in Dubai and this is one of the finest places for dining in the country. The restaurant is located on the side of a busy marketplace and always is crowded by the visitors from home and abroad. The restaurant staffs are welcoming all the visitors and guests cordially. The entire atmosphere is filled with the smells of spices which are alluring for all. People could have their breakfast, lunch, brunch or dinner and the meals are prepared with the local cuisine of Arabia. Besides, the restaurant also allows the visitors to taste the fresh foods from the seafood fare.

The restaurant looks like a mini market place beside a large market for its crowd inside the big place. The place inside is a bit dark yet, the restaurant is preferred by almost all types of visitors here only for the delicious foods and drinks. The seating arrangements are admirable while the serving techniques are also praiseworthy. Amid the crowd, the visitors do not feel alienated rather all of them enjoy their respective meals and drinks. This is a very good place for dining with family members and taste the traditional tastes of Arabia. The restaurant offers different types of foods and drinks to the visitors like the

sumptuous breakfast buffet, lunch buffet centering Arabic cuisine, hot and cold Arabic mezzeh, seafood buffet for dinner etc. Besides, there are plenty of entertainment areas for the kids during the stay at the restaurant.

The foods and drinks at the restaurant are up to the mark and satisfactory. The serving quality is splendid. The restaurant serves the clients with different sorts of local and traditional foods in line with seafood. Besides, there are different sorts of drinks are also available here. The all-day dining station is filled with extraordinary foods and fruits. The seafood collection is adorable while the meats are cooked very well that they almost melt in the mouth. The desserts made in the restaurant is considered as the best one in the country. Moreover, the children section is also wonderful and enriched with attractive toys and attentive staff. The visitors can order their foods after a great variety of foods and they need to wait for few moments for the food to be prepared.

This is a special restaurant to me for some special reasons. I like the sea foods and drinks here most and they are really praiseworthy. Often I take my buffet seafood dinner here and the price is also reasonable for me. When I am with my kids, I allow them to play inside the children's room and I do not need to worry about them at all.

Model Answer 2:

Black Sesame Kitchen is one of the most impressive restaurants in Beijing and serves mostly Asian foods which are of great taste indeed. The restaurant is located in the Dongcheng District in Beijing in China. The restaurant now has shifted to this new location as the former one was a bit difficult to access from different parts of the city. So, the authority planned the move here and it is more convenient to reach at 28 Zhong Lao Hutong than the previous location. Dining at the restaurant is a pleasure for everyone as the foods are yummy and drinks are up to the standard.

The restaurant remains busy to deal with the customers and thus the entire ambience is a bit different from the contemporary restaurants. The accommodation system for the clients is also adorable and it becomes a joyful experience once you are in. The staffs and other members are friendly and you will be able to differentiate either you are your home or at a restaurant. The skilled staffs take care of everything and the chefs know what you want. So, the foods are prepared accordingly your taste. Though the foods are simply, they are cooked very well to be the perfect one and the cooks are expert in this case.

Black Sesame Kitchen offers a wide variety of foods. Most of the foods are traditional Chinese foods and sometimes the customers could also have some other cuisines except China. So, the customers have the options to taste different sorts of food in a single place. The most popular dishes cooked in the restaurant are - Pan-Fried Dumplings with Seasonal Filling, Beef with Hangzhou Peepers, Chongqing Spicy Chicken, Three Mushroom Stir-Fry, Red Braised Pork Belly, Kung Pao Shrimp (Spicy), Wild Rice Stem with Chinese Bacon, Five-Flavored Eggplant, Home Made Black Sesame Ice Cream, Seasonal Fruits etc. The desserts of the restaurants are also adorable and most of the cases the desserts come with the fruits and sweet-flavored items.

The restaurant is special to me for some particular reasons. Firstly, I like the courses served here and they are extremely delicious. The surrounding environment is brilliant. I like the Beef with Hangzhou Peepers, Chongqing Spicy Chicken more than any other items as those have a different way to cook and the taste is also spicy. The most important thing is that when the dishes are served, someone of the restaurant comes and describes the history, ingredients and cooking methods of the courses. The accommodation system is greatly decorated and it appears that you are waiting for someone at your home's dining table. In fact, this special measure has been adopted to make the customers feel at home and enjoy their foods.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe your favourite Restaurant." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards as well:

- Describe a restaurant that you often go to.
- Describe a popular restaurant you know about.
- Describe the most popular restaurant in your area.
- Describe a place you often meet your friends.
- Describe a recent feast of meal you have had in a restaurant.

Describe a leader in your country whom you like.

You should say:

- who is he/she
- what he/she does for others
- what leadership quality he/she has

and explain why you like him/her.

[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:

Narendra Damodardas Modi (aka Narendra Modi) is one of the most popular leaders in India and he is the current Prime Minister of the state who took office since May of 2014. He is from Bharatiya Janata Party also known as BJP and earlier was the Chief Minister of Gujarat. Under his leadership in 2014, the BJP gained the majority of the Lok Sabha and since his taking office, the party is aiming to improve some of the specific sectors of the state like the development of infrastructures, inspiring foreign investment, improving health and sanitation issues etc. His economic policy is also adorable.

Mr Modi is a relentless leader and been always busy with his development initiatives as Indian Prime Minister. Most of the times he is to be busy with maintaining the government and office and proudly own a charismatic style of governing. Though he has some failures during his tenure as the Prime Minister, the successes he made are impressive. As a result, the foreign investment has increased a lot in the country, the GDP has increased substantially, improved the diplomatic relations with the neighboring countries and internationally (getting the US President in India), subsidies to the poor, subsidizing the cooking gas, plan for subsidized foods for the poor, subsidized fertilizers for agriculture expansion, drastic change in the coal and telecom auctions, successful management and presence of mass media, application and use of social media to express his thoughts and development plans and most importantly he remained out of scandal. The rate of corruptions has also decreased and the people are having smooth state services. Besides, the premier has arranged for toilets in every school for the student, launched soil health card scheme to increase productivity and raise farmers' income.

He is a strong leader for the country and his leadership is proven in different times. He loves to take risks and whenever he takes the risks, he turns the winner as the risks are well calculated. He loves to inspire people and analyses the event surrounding him and guess the effects of the activities. Accordingly, he takes the decisions and those proves beneficial for the people. His style is a bit different than the other typical political leaders and thus he has gained a global reputation. He is well aware of his powers and weakness and applies

them wisely to achieve his goal. But sometimes his decisions might prove wrong considering the changing situations but most of the cases he is right with his intuition.

I like him most for some specific reasons. He has his own distinctive style of dealing with people and solves the problems in a unique manner. He waits for the right moments when he fails with some issues and most importantly he loves his people. So, he is my favourite leader.

Model Answer 2:

Nguyễn Phú Trọng is presently the most powerful leader in Vietnam and holds the position of general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam. He has been playing the role in the same position from 2011 and was reelected in 2016 for his successful previous tenure. He was born in a peasant family in 1944 but with his smartness and extraordinary intelligence, he has gained the positions and became the most powerful man in the country now. After his joining with the Communist Party in 1968, he worked hard for the party and played different roles. He mostly edited the Communist Review issues (a mouthpiece of the Communist Party in Vietnam).

Nguyễn Phú Trọng has done a good number of things for the country and its citizens. After completing his academic studies, he got involved officially with the Communist party of the country started playing different roles for the party. He devoted himself to political activities after he received a degree of Candidate of Science from the Soviet Union and became one of the most prominent theoreticians of the country. The theoretical work of the party used to be edited by him. He has great contributions on the country's economy reformation and reducing the existing troubles of unemployment. He mostly focused on the reformation of the fragile economy of the country and sorted out some of the ways to get rid of those.

Nguyễn Phú Trọng is the leader who is a bit different from the other contemporary leaders of the country. He is filled with enthusiasm and self-esteem. He is able to plan and implement them effectively. The country, Vietnam, is filled with enriched historical traditions and culture and the leader always tries to uphold his own country everywhere he goes. Being born in a poor family, he has become the most powerful man if the state now and it has happened for his sharp sense of right and wrong. He creates chances and grabs them to be successful and by the same time he is well aware of his surroundings lest none of his fellows become damaged or has to lose interest

in the betterment of the party or the people. He is a bright man with a beautiful mind.

I like Nguyễn Phú Trọng very much for his outstanding qualities as a national leader. He is one of the talented leaders and best students of the greatest leader Ho Chi Minh. He has been engaged with the party for a very long time and a reliable leader who is with the people in their need. He understands people and their needs and accordingly takes measures to remove the obstacles impeding them to progress. He is wise and practical and thus he has risen at the peak of success.

Describe an ambition or career goal you have.

You should say:

- what is it
- what you will need to do to achieve it
- why you have this career goal or ambition

and explain how you will achieve 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 1:

I am a student of a medical college and undergoing my graduation that will lead me to be a doctor by profession. But I find more interest in mathematics and literature and planning to be a writer, teacher or something similar to those. I am uninterested in becoming a doctor in the future.

In fact, I was admitted to a medical college with the pressure of my parents and they wanted me to be a renowned doctor. They also advised me to study MBBS so that I could be a doctor and help people in their distress. But in reality, there are fewer chances to help the poor in real terms and even if I try, it is impossible for me alone to help the destitute people. I can provide them only advice to cure their diseases but I am unable to buy medications for them. So, I think this is a kind of mockery and deception with one’s own self. Being enlightened with the modern education, it is impossible for me to deceive

myself and be a doctor. So, I am planning to be a writer. I will take it as my profession and have an honest living for me and my family who will be dependent on me.

Initially, it was inspiring for me to be a doctor and help the society. But when I crossed some of the semesters in the medical colleges here in India, I thought that it nearly impossible for me to help the poor in terms of reality. I will be unable to provide the necessary help. I thought about the issue considering the real life issues. If I help the poor people or help them without any charging any fees, I would be unable to maintain myself and my family. I have seen that when the poor people come to know about such issues that they will be treated in free of charges, they crowd in that place and play a great role to make the life hell of the doctors. So, when I crossed my third year in the medical college here in India, I changed my plan. Now I am in my final year and after a couple of months, I will be passing out of the medical college. Instead of practising as a doctor, I will start writing and try to become a renowned writer.

The decision is very important to me. I want to remain honest to my conscience. As a human being, it is impossible for me to deceive others in the name of help and care. I have seen many doctors who always run after money and they gain it. But I have also seen some other doctors who really want to help their patients. But in real life issues, they remain deprived of all the necessities of life as they cannot cut their patient's pockets. Life turns miserable to them. To be transparent to my principals, I do not want to take that risk. My family is the top most prioritised issue to me. I will earn to spend for my family. If I have no earnings and I turn into a social worker, I will be unable to maintain my family. Therefore, this is highly important for me to achieve my alternative plan.

I have three targets and I will try one after another to gain. Initially, I will try to be a writer of different books; especially I am highly skilled at mathematics. So, I think if I can write some books for lower classes like seventh or eighth grade, there are potentials for me to shine. Most of the solving papers available in the market are a bit complex. So, I have a plan to make the problems as much easier as possible. This is a time-consuming task and I have allotted enough time for me to turn into a writer. Besides, I have another alternative. I can apply against the post of mathematics teacher at any school or college. This is also a potential source of income for me. In fact in the present day, this is impossible to lead a decent life with a standard amount of money and if I could

materialise my plans, I will have plenty of money to lead my life decently. I have another plan as well that I will try to be both a writer and teacher of the similar subject. If I teach and apply my earned knowledge from teaching to writing a book, it would be more practical and helpful.

Cue Card Answer 2:

Currently, I am working as a reporter cum sub-editor at a daily newspaper named The Daily Report published in Pakistan. I want to be the editor of a newspaper like this one day.

An editor of a newspaper is all in all to publish the newspaper. S/ he selects the reports and makes the final edit before publishing and also is responsible for the other activities of the newspaper. The responsibilities are huge and needs high skills to complete. Even the mistakes committed by the reporters or assistant editors also goes to the editor and he remains responsible for everything. Besides, the editor is to set the working schedules for the reporters, set their assignments, arrange for passes to enter into restricted areas and more other things.

This is a very difficult task to be an editor and only exceptional qualities can take me to that position. I have to work hard (though I am working hard as a reporter) to achieve this ambition. The first and most important thing is that I have to gain the knowledge of news merit. Actually, the news is collected from surrounding events. All the events are news but every event cannot be a news unless there is proper news value of the event. So, I have to achieve the skill to define the news merit of the events. Besides, a newspaper editor is highly versed with language. S/ he is able to speak, write and understand several languages together. He is expert with other contemporary issues as well. I have to achieve all these qualities to be a newspaper editor.

The post of a newspaper editor is a respected one and everyone adores the man. The man has access to almost all levels of the society. Even the government officials pay respect to the editor. Moreover, the salary of a newspaper editor is smart. S/ he is the all in all in a newspaper and owns the ability to change the society with his exceptional writing power. The editorials published on a newspaper is thought-provoking and able to make the government make decisions on any specific issue. Additionally, the editor picks the report and change them in a different perspective or directs the sub-editors to compose the news in an exact manner so that the newspaper

readers could have a greater idea over the issue. But performing the tasks are challenging. Thereby, I have set the goal to be a newspaper editor.

To achieve my goal to be a newspaper editor, I have to undergo some training on news editing. Though I edit reports to some extent when I do not have any assignment outside, I think the skills are not enough for me. I do not know any other language other than English and Urdu. So, I have to take some courses on other contemporary languages like Hindi, German, Chinese, Japanese and Spanish so that I could communicate effectively with those languages. Besides, some extensive course of journalism should also be done from any reputed institutions so that I could understand the news merit of any events. After a couple of years, I think I will have the necessary skills to run a newspaper like a skilled editor.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a time that you can remember when you were very afraid." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a future plan you have.
- Describe a career you have or want to have.
- Describe an interesting career you know about.
- Describe a goal you want to fulfil in your life.

Describe a time that you can remember when you were very afraid.

You should say:

- what happened
- where you were then
- who was with you

and explain why you were so afraid.

[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:

When I was a child, I was afraid of some supernatural entities as I experienced something unusual. When I encountered the unusual thing, I was afraid for next few days. I am going to share the event here now.

Currently, I am a college student in Rajasthan in India. My family has been living here for long years and the house we live in was established by great grandfather. In fact, we are native to the locality and been carrying the tradition for over hundred years. The house we live in is filled with trees and foliage of different categories and I was afraid as I saw something unnatural inside the garden before the house. One day, I was playing with my cousins in the garden at night and suddenly saw something supernatural. A large white and unidentified object appeared before me and started chasing me. Then I shouted out loud. Everyone came to my rescue and I described them that I saw a ghost or something like that.

The elder people of my family maintained a tradition that they did not allow the kids to play in the garden after the sunset. There were numerous rumours about the garden that some supernatural beings have been seen often while some others are on the view that the garden is cursed as a good number of killings have taken place before my ancestors built their house here. But I was unaware of the facts then and unfortunately our parents were unaware that we had been playing there for so long. If they had known about that we are still in the garden, they would have asked us to return home. The garden is located on the backside of the house and I was playing some local games and sports with my cousins. All of us were around 9 or 10 years old and we actually had no idea about the rumours. Even none of the family members made us aware of the fact. But they did not allow us to play in the garden after the sunset.

Usually, I am accompanied by my cousins who are my friends as well. Fortunately, all of us are in the same college now and been brought up together since the early childhood. Before my birth, my parents were in Delhi and in fact they got married in Delhi and returned to Rajasthan after a few months later. My father started his own business in line with his brothers. Since then, they started living in Rajasthan. As a result, I got a cordial and genuine familial environment there. So, all of my cousins were together always and I also accompanied them. A sense of deep friendship was built among us. We used to move together always and even today we do the things together. When it is about going to college, all of us go together in a motorbike and stay united there. When I got afraid in the garden in my childhood, at that moment

they were with me. In fact, we were playing hide and seek together. I was responsible to seek them from their hidden places. When I started seeking them, I went to a little bit distant place in the garden.

I was too afraid on that day as I had never seen such things in my life. The object that chased me was covered in a long white piece of cloth. I can still remember that the object appeared to me suddenly and since I was a little kid, I could not do anything. I just shouted loud to help me. Hearing my shout, my relatives and parents came out running off the house and find out me sitting in a corner of the garden. I was trembling in terror and told them that a white shadow like object chased me. I also told them that when they came, the object disappeared in a moment. Then the elderly people were talking to themselves and I came to know that they were talking about the rumours in the village. For all such reasons, I was afraid on that day and could not attend school for fever. My parents took some preventive measures against the situation.

Cue Card Answer 2:

This is a good topic to discuss. Travelling appears adventurous to me but I was very afraid in my last trip in India that I made alone. The events are still vivid in my memory.

Visiting India from Thailand is not a big deal and anyone can do it, alone. I made the trip alone to prove my worth to my parents and friends. But I have not thought that events will turn so worse. I met with a group of snatchers on a street in New Delhi. The snatchers took away my belongings and I returned to the hotel in empty hand. Fortunately, I did not take all the money, credit cards and other valuables with me on that night. The snatching took place when I was returning from a night show of Indian movie by a famous Bollywood superstar.

As a foreigner in India, all the streets are unknown to me. But I think the event could not have happened in daylight and the attackers took advantage of the late night. The movie show began at 9.00pm and ended at 12.00am. it was quite dark outside. I was not afraid of the dark rather started for my hotel after exiting the theatre hall. I was unable to manage vehicles to reach the hotel and hence started walking. After walking for sometimes, I noticed that I was being followed by a group of teenagers. But I did not bother on the issue as many of such teenagers wanted to meet me and had some pictures with me as well. I

could not understand about their intention and finally got a victim of the situation. I was robbed.

Initially, there were some people with me when we all got out of the theatre hall but after some moments they disappeared in several directions. Actually, they started for their respective destinations leaving me alone. So, I decided to walk. I made several mistakes here while the biggest mistake was to be alone in this unknown city. I could have asked for help in the hotel to send someone for guiding me back at the hotel with a vehicle. Secondly, I went to the people though with a friendly gesture and wrongly interpreted their intentions. As it was after the midnight, there were no police or any other people who could have come forward to save me from the snatchers. I had to give away my wallet and my iPhone 6s plus. One of the snatchers showed me the direction to my hotel and advised me to get accompanied during night movements.

I was afraid for several reasons. My heart was beating faster like a drum. In fact, I was afraid if they cause any harm to me or stab me with the knives they exposed. In my life, I had never experienced such situations. So, I thought it is better to save my life. I obeyed all of their orders and gave away my belongings without any second thought. Actually, I was trembling in fear of being injured by them. It was an awful night for me indeed.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a time that you can remember when you were very afraid." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a frightening experience you have.
- Talk about something that made you afraid.
- Describe a negative experience you have in your life.
- Describe a strange event you can recall.
- Describe a memorable event in your life.

Describe a shop near where you live that you sometimes go to.

You should say:

- where it is located
- what items it sells
- how often you go there

and explain why you go there.

[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:

Living in Singapore is really expensive as this is one of the commercial cities and a small country with a huge population. The residential areas are located in the corners of the city. I live near the Orchard Street and there is a large store just right beside of my place.

The store sells almost all sorts of necessary items required for daily life. The shop is located at one of the prime spots on the Street. It is located just right beside my apartment building. The shop looks like a large 'L' and has a parking space before it for the customers. Though this is not a chain shop, it looks like one of them for its special decorations and products. Almost all brands are available here and the numbers of consumers are increasing gradually as the crews and assistants provide a very good and cordial service to them. Besides, the prices of the sold products are also reasonable and the refund policy is acceptable as well for all the customers. The shop owner is known to me and often I go to visit the shop and get the necessary things for me and my family.

The shop sells a good number of items which are necessary for the daily life including groceries to clothing. The shop is famous as it sells all the types of groceries and since there are no local markets in this Street for food crops, the people mostly get in the shop for buying the food crops and grains. Often they are seen carrying live fishes from the store. Besides, it also sells all sorts of fresh meats, food crops and grains, powder and liquid milk, juices, fruits and vegetables, prepared foods, soaps, dairy products, pen, paper, scissors, adhesives, electronic equipment, mobile phone accessories, electronic gadgets and gears, toys for kids, clothing for men and women, perfumes of different brands, chocolates, sunglasses, wallets, wrist watches, leather goods, DVDs, books and novels, and much more.

I am a businessman in Singapore and deal with a clothing shop in a shopping mall. So, I do not have much time to visit the shop frequently. But I go there

when I need something and in that case, I carry a list of my required things. Besides, when my family needs something, my wife makes a list for those and asks me to bring the enlisted things when I return home. There is a small restaurant on the above of the shop and the shoppers could take rest and have some snacks there. Sometimes during the holidays or whenever I could get some leisure hours, I go to visit the shop and have some chats on the roof with the shop owners. In fact, the shop owner is a friend of mine and had struggled much in his life. For his strict determination and with the help of a local investing bank, he started the business. Now he is one of the most successful businessmen in the locality and he is planning to start a chain shop. Now like him, I am also planning to open a small-scale store like that.

I go to the shop mostly for meeting the daily shopping needs of my family. To cook food, we need to shop the ingredient. Since there are no local markets for the food crops, dairy products and fish or meat, I have to visit the shop at a regular interval. Almost all of the days, I have to go there and in some cases, my wife makes a phone call to me so that I should bring any specific product or element necessary for the family. Sometimes, I visit the shop for having some clothing for my family members. The sweetmeats sold at the shop are of the highest grade and they really are delicious. Besides, the coffee on the roof top restaurant also attracts me most. Being a small businessman in Singapore, I actually have not much leisure hours to spend. I have to keep my shop open round the week. When the staffs are on holidays, I have to play their roles as well. Considering all of my business, it appears that having a cup of coffee on the rooftop of the shop is the best leisure activity. So, if whenever I could manage time, I try to pay a visit there.

Sample Answer 2:

I am a student of graduate level living in Chhattisgarh with my family. I love shopping. It is more enjoyable for me as I do not need to go far as I have D-mart just beside my residence here.

D-mart is a superstore that sells almost all the necessary things under a single roof. Shopping here is fun. The store is located just opposite to my apartment. Actually, the store is on the opening of the road that leads to the main street of the city. Its physical location is on the ground floor of the City Mall in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Anyone can easily find it for its prime location. The store is accessible from anywhere in the town. But it is a walking distance for me.

This is a superstore and at the same time plays the role of departmental store. It sells almost all types of things required for living a decent life. There are different categories in the store and the customers take their necessaries based on their needs. The store sells the stuff like foods, vegetable, dairy products, frozen goods, fruits, toys for kids, bed covers, bathing tools and accessories, crockeries, different games and gaming boards, plastic containers, numerous home appliances, luggage, suitcases, apparels, attractive footwear, ladies' garments, undergarments and dresses, attires for men, different daily essentials, grocery products, perfumes, body sprays, small electronic gadgets and much more. Interestingly, the prices of all the products are reasonable and within reach of everyone.

I have to visit the shop at least once in a day. My father often forgets to bring the daily necessaries and when he returns from office, he is reluctant to go market again. So, I have to play often his role. Fortunately, D-mart has saved my labour a lot. Since the store is adjacent to my residence, I do not need to go far and get the necessary products easily. But sometimes, I have to visit the shop for several times in case of my needs. It happens in the holidays actually. My mother sends me at the shop whenever she needs anything and it happens mostly when we have guests. Moreover, while returning home from college, I visit the shop and have some light snacks like potato chips to eat during my leisure periods. So, I have got a close tie with the store.

I have to go there for different reasons. We are at an advanced age and to keep pace with the world, we need to have things in our life which could be found only in stores. In fact, the superstores sell all the necessary things for our life ranging from foods to apparels. Almost all the stuff for our basic needs is available in the stores. So, I have to visit the store to get the desired things which are a must for our daily lives. Besides, visiting a store also helps to build up a good relation with the people and socialise. For all those reasons, I have to go to the store.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a shop near where you live that you sometimes go to." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a place you often go to.

- Describe a shop you often go to.
- Describe a shop/market near your living place.
- Describe a street market or shop you have seen.
- Describe your favourite shop.

Describe a health problem you once had.

You should say:

- what it was
- what problems it caused you
- what you did to control it

and explain how you felt about this health 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 1:

It is well known that health is considered as wealth. Everyone is need of a good health and this is the precondition for a happy life. But once, when I was a teenager, I suffered from a health issue. I had a kidney stone and that was crushed.

Kidneys are considered as the filter for the human body and they may get damaged if the filter does not work in the right manner. Many of the people are suffering from kidney diseases and they did not take care of them. The key reason behind the kidney damage or disease is not taking proper care of the body, avoiding plenty of water and more. I also suffered from the kidney disease and fortunately it was a minor one. Stones developed in my right kidney and the doctors told me that it had happened for my wrong lifestyle. In fact, they were right. I did not have a standard lifestyle rather I was unconventional than the other people. I did not drink enough water for a day, skipped meals, smoked too many cigarettes and much more. Often I skipped my breakfast and supper. For all such reasons, my body fall victim of the health disorder.

Before being diagnosed with the kidney stone, I felt severe pain in my right

abdomen and particularly on the spots where the right kidney is located. Vomiting was another symptom with me. But as I did not have the idea that this might be related to kidney issues, I took some painkillers and felt comfortable. But after some days, I felt the trouble again. There was severe pain in the same place that made me mad almost. So, I went to a local doctor here and he also prescribed me a pain killer and injected me with some serums that reduced the pain level. I was fine for a few days and met the doctor again. This time, he asked me to have some tests and the X-ray discovered that there is a stone in my right kidney which is blocking the way of filtering water on the body.

Thereby, it was necessary for me to remove the stone. I was astonished how it developed inside the kidney. I heard about it to others that they were suffering from kidney stones. I laughed at them. This time, it was their chance to laugh at me. I also underwent some other tests to be confirmed about the stone and all the tests had the same report. So, I decided to remove the stone and consulted with a specialist doctor about my kidney issue. The doctor said that there are two ways to remove the kidney. The first way is that I could have an operation where they will penetrate into my belly and somehow bring out the stone and the second one was to insert a crusher through my reproductive organ and crush the stone smoothly. I am afraid of surgeries and operations. So, I agreed with the second option and went for it. On a fixed date, I entered into the operation theatre and it was done without any troubles.

It was unbearable to me to tolerate the pain when that attacked me. I could not control myself and often it happened that I pressed the part of my body to get relieved of the pain. I could not have imagined that I will be a patient of kidney disorders but it was a bad luck for me. I had to run after the doctors and most of the times the pain attacked me in the night times and it became difficult for me to find a doctor in that particular moment. Though I went to the hospitals, there were no specialised doctors in the midnight and the present medical officers were unable to make the right decisions. So, they only treated me with some painkillers and injections to control the pain. But once the stone was crushed, I felt relieved of the trouble. Now I do not have to run during the midnight to find a doctor. However, the doctors advised me to be aware of the issue in the future. They also advised me to take proper diets and plenty of water in a day. They also told me to cut the smoking as that is a highly harmful activity for kidneys. I try to follow their advice in the present days and been living a trouble-free healthy life.

Cue Card Answer 2:

Allergy is one of the worst things I have experienced in my life. A couple of months ago, I had to suffer a lot from allergy and now I have recovered from the health disorder.

There are several types of allergy and the allergy that attacked me was from dust. I got the disorder from my mum, she is highly allergic to some specific foods and dust. I think I inherited the symptoms genetically. I did not notice the issue before until I was attacked by allergy recently. Different parts of my body were irritating me and only itching on the spots brought the relief. Sometimes, my fingers, lips and thighs turned red.

The allergy attacked me at any time of the day when I was in slight touch with dust or took any of the allergic foods unconsciously. Even today, having beef or shrimp is forbidden for me though I loved them much before the allergic attack. Besides, I have to use face mask before going out. I am unable to take breath opening my mouth fearing the entrance of dust which may trigger the allergy. I have to remain careful always about the issue. In fact, it is irritating for me to carry a face mask, abstain from taking my favouring foods and more other issues. In a word, I had to be more cautious in my lifestyle that I never did before the allergy was triggered. Thereby, it was a bit difficult for me to adjust to the new lifestyle like taking foods at home, be careful when going out, keeping myself away from dust etc.

Doctors said that allergy is never cured rather the patients with allergy are advised to keep it under control. Accordingly, the prescribe me some medications and some other necessary advice. After the prescription, I had to take medications twice in a day, one in the morning and the remaining one in the night. I had to continue the medications for around three consecutive months. It is really difficult to have medicines for three months continuously. I have tried to give up the medications but found that if I miss a single dose, I am attacked with the allergy. So, it was a must for me to take the medicines in time.

I was worried about the allergy attack when I discovered it. Then I had met with several doctors and they asked me to have some blood tests. The tests found that the allergy was in my blood which is a serious issue and could be triggered by the slightest favourable environment for allergy. When I woke up in the morning and found my lips were doubled in size and shape for allergy, it

was horrible for me and I could not go to my college that day. It took long times for the allergy to neutralise. The days were worst in my life. With the grace of Almighty, now the allergy is under control. Doctor have advised me to continue the medications for two more months as the allergy in blood, it takes unusual time get controlled.

Sample Answer 3:

Physical fitness is the most important thing on the planet and those who are suffering from health disorders, they know the truth of the statement. Recently, I had a food poisoning and suffered for about one week. I know how it feels to be diagnosed with health disorder. Thank you for the question and I will describe the matter now in brief.

Food poisoning is a serious health disorder. It may be so acute that it can claim lives. I was lucky in the sense that doctor prescribed only bed rest for few days and some medicines to cure of the disorder. In fact, it was my fault that I took some rotten foods in street during a field work of my university. Actually, being the student of Anthropology, I need to move in fields for practical works. Besides, this is my last semester and the number of field visits is more. During such a field visit, I had to take foods from a street shop which caused the trouble to me.

I went to visit Lal Bangla, an archaeological site near Delhi to know about the remains. In fact, I was in a team of three other members to collect all the available information about this Mughal remains. So, we started early in the morning and planned to return by noon. But it was not possible for me to take my breakfast. On the other side, none of us took any foods expecting to take it on the way to Lal Bangla. As a result, we stopped in a place near the mausoleum and took our breakfast. The foods were below the standard but we had nothing to do. After completing all the tasks like taking pictures, measuring the structures, drawing sketches, and gathering all the other information, we returned and took lunch at the same place where we took breakfast. Returning home, I felt an unbearable bowel movement and vomited severely. It was the only beginning of the disorder.

I also started feeling pain in the lower abdomen and it was so acute that I started crying. So, my father went to a local pharmacy and the man the suggested to shift me at a hospital. Accordingly, my parents hospitalised me immediately to a local hospital where the doctors at the emergency diagnosed

me as a food poisoning patient. So, they injected me with a pain killer and prescribed some tests. Once the tests were done, they were sure that it was nothing other than food poisoning. So, they suggested to keep in the hospital for at least a day and also said that if my condition improved, I could be taken to the home. But I had to stay two days in the hospital as the deteriorating conditions did not improve. On the third day, the condition was a bit stable and then I left the hospital for home.

I felt too weak during the entire period of health disorder. I had to stay at home for about over one week. In this time, my regular movement was forbidden. Even it was difficult for me to move alone to take baths and other activities. My mother was always beside me and helped me a lot. She fed me like a little kid and did all the other necessary activities. I was completely recovered in the 11th day since I was affected by the poisoning. It was a lesson for me and I have pledged that I will never take foods on the street.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a health problem you once had." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards as well:

- Describe a time when you suffered from a disease.
- Describe a health related problem you or someone you know once had.
- Describe a sad memory you have.
- Describe a common illness in your country.

Describe an antique piece at your home.

You should say:

- what it is
- how long your family has it
- where you got it from

and explain why your family has kept 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 1:

Most often, people keep the antiques that they derive from their ancestors. In my family, we have a large antique wall clock at the living room. My great grandfather had brought the clock home during the 1940s.

Timepieces are considered as one of the most important things in the present days. People need to know the time constantly and a good number of ways have been invented to know the time. People now mostly use their cell phones to know the time and there some groups who use wristwatches. But in the early days of the 19th century, most of the people used to have grand clocks at their home as time pieces. It was considered as a symbol of rich and affluence in those days. Accordingly, to prove his legacy, my great grandfather ordered for such a clock. The clock was brought from England and still it is in the living room of our house.

My family has been occupying the great wall clock since my grandfather died. In fact, the clock has been decorating our house since it was brought home. When the clock was brought from England, the issue became one of the most talked topics in the locality, as I heard it from my father. My great grandfather was a man who loved to lead a luxurious life. Though he was not a landlord, his activities were often compared as with them. He always wanted the best things for use and never compromised with the issues related with comforts. I also came to know from my father that he used to ride on elephants for travelling in the parts of our locality. But now everything has been changed and accordingly we also did. With the passage of time, the environments have turned modern and we are enjoying the benefits. But the clock is still in our house and it is expected to be there as long it runs.

My family got the clock from my great grandfather and we really care for the clock. This has become an integral part of our everyday life. The clock is placed in the living room of our house, in Tamil Nadu in India. We, in fact, take pride with the clock. The clock is made from the finest woods and the pendulum is made of light metal. It is a giant clock with a height of around six feet. This is an amazing clock and the clock body looks beautiful for its natural colour. The clock body weights around 15 pounds. Besides the body is burnished once in a year and thus it always looks glossy. Moreover, the visitors of our house also praise the clock. The wood that has been used to make the clock is still in its finest state and there are no damages found on the inner or outer parts of the body. However, the inside mechanisms have been repaired several times as

the clock stopped working.

My family believes in traditions. The grand clock is also a symbol of tradition to us. Consequently, the family has been preserving the clock. Before the death of my great grandfather, he assigned my grandfather for preserving the clock after his absence. So, my grandfather had preserved the clock and similarly made my father responsible for the protection of the clock. As part of the legacy, the antique clock is now at our home. I think the clock's responsibility would come upon me as I am the only son among the three children of my parents. Preserving the clock is not a big deal. It requires an annual servicing and the servicing cost is also at the minimal level.

Cue Card Answer 2:

It is interesting for me to discuss the antique pieces I have at home. I have a large dining table at my home made with the woods from oak. My family has been using the table for over 40 years.

The table still looks brand new with its dark brown colour and interestingly, there are not a single damage is found on the table. The dining table was made during the 1970s with an antique look and now has really become an antique piece. It is now used for dining all the times and can accommodate 10 members at a time. But I have only six members in the family and thus we do not need to use all the chairs unless there are guests at our home.

My family has been using the table for around 40 years from the day it was brought to the home. It was difficult to accommodate the table inside the small house of my grandfather. Then some extensions were made to the house only to accommodate the dining table. The table with its antique look takes a notable amount of space to be housed inside the dining room. Earlier, the dining space was smaller and after the table was brought in, some of the parts of the house were renovated and extra space was created for the table. Since then, the table is in the same place as it was kept by my grandfather.

The woods were collected by my grandfather and he was selective in this case. He liked the wooden furniture and arranged for the finest wood so that the furniture could be durable than the other things. He was right and still the other furniture like the beds, sofas, the dining table is on the same look. As he wanted to make something different, he invested lots of money and time to make the table. He hired the carpenters and showed them the table design. It took around two weeks to complete the table. Being a perfectionist, my grandfather did everything with great care. The table was not an exception of

that. My family is also happy with the table now for its unique look and continuous service without any repair works.

My family is still using the table for its top notch condition and capacity. This is a spacious table with a length and width of around 9 by 3.5 feet. All the chairs are heavy and decorated with antique designs. Since the table is in a good state, all the family members decided to use the table until there is any notable damage occurs or any repair is needed. They are on the view that the table will also go for twenty years more without any trouble. Besides, the table is a token of my grandfather who died seven years back. Considering all the issues, the table is still in the house and serving my family whenever it is needed. Additionally, the antique look of the table has really made it an antique piece in the adjacent locality and among our neighbours.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe an antique piece at your home." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe something which is important to you.
- Describe something that your family has kept for a long.
- Describe something you have at your home.
- Describe a furniture you have.
- Describe something valuable you or your family own.
- Describe an old object that you have at home.

Describe a tourist attraction that you have visited.

You should say:

- where it was
- when you went there
- who were with you

what you saw and did there as a tourist.

[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 one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world and a large number of global people visit the country for enjoyment. In last summer, I went in Lindos in Greece for some business purposes and enjoyed my stay there.

I am a businessman based in Malaysia and I deal with clothing. I have two stores in a local shopping mall in the capital and also own a factory. Now I am planning to expand my business internationally. To expand my business, I am travelling to different parts of the European continent and seeking suitable options for my business. As part of the business expansion, I went into Lindos as this is a tourist spot in Greece and constantly visited by global visitors. Besides, the location has some historical importance as well. A notable number of excavations had taken place here and some relics of historical importance have been found after the excavations. Considering all the issues, I picked the location as a potential place for my garment business expansion and also planned to open a branch at the local shopping centre.

I went there in May of 2016. In fact, I could not manage time before the beginning of summer. I could have started my business tour earlier, but I was unable. The rush in the business was the key cause for the delay. I have several employees at my retail selling points and they look after the retail business smoothly. All of them are well mannered and reliable. But I have to take care for the production of the attires. I have to deal with the fabric dealers, care for the factory employees, train them how to make the finishing to look perfect, check the quality of the clothing, contact with the other dealers who sell my products into other parts of the country, liaison with the Asian clients who import my clothing in their countries and much more. I have to handle everything all by myself. Besides, my wife is unable to control all the things and I, in fact, cannot rely on her that she could be able to run the things smoothly like me. So, I was late for the business trip.

The trip was accompanied by my wife, Xin Hi. She is a business graduate and we have been married for around one year. But unfortunately, I could not manage time for our honeymoon and she was somewhat upset for that. So, I

also planned to take her with me. In fact, I wanted to perform both the tasks through the trip. Firstly, I wanted to make a business trip and by the same time, I planned to spend time with my adorable wife at the tourist spots of the country. The plan worked well. Since Lindos was a tourist spot in Greece, my wife became happy as she had the chances to visit the spots. On the other side, I also performed all the necessary meetings with some of the potential dealers and visited the proposed branch sites. I took my wife with all the meetings and trips so that she does not feel bored alone. Since the entire location was charming, the meetings were held in a congenial environment and there had no chances of boredom for us.

As a tourist, I enjoyed the trips amid of the scenic and historic locations of Lindos. I went to the beach and enjoyed swimming with my wife. Moreover, the party, which was organised by the trip organisers, was outstanding. When the meetings were done with the clients, both of us went to the beautiful beach. The night views are breathtaking. Besides, the sunrise and the sunset scenes were outstanding to me. In fact, I waited eagerly to watch the sunrise from the beach. The barbeque party on the beach was another attraction for us. The party ended with a cultural function. Though it was a business trip for me, the overall events that took place during the trips were terrific for us. My wife became highly satisfied with the trip and everything is set for me to open a clothing branch in Lindos. If everything goes well, I will open the branch there by next month.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a tourist attraction that you have visited." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a place you have enjoyed visiting.
- Describe a tourist attraction you know about.
- Describe a famous place you have been to.
- Describe a recent tour you have had.
- Describe a place you would like to visit again.
- Describe a famous tourist destination in your country.
- Describe a place you would recommend someone to visit.

Describe a novel that was particularly interesting to you.

You should say:

- what it was about
- when you read it
- what was the main story

and explain why it was interesting to you.

[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 am not a big fan of reading and love to spend my leisure hours by chatting with my friends or by playing video games. But suddenly one day I found a novel and started reading the book for the illustrations and then found it interesting than the most other books. The novel is named – Treasure Island.

The novel has been composed in the 18th century by a Scottish novelist - Robert Louis Stevenson. The novel is about the adventures of a young boy in search of treasures hidden by an evil pirate in a specific island. Initially, before being published as a book, the novel was published in a magazine for kids named Young Folks and the publication continued for two continuous years (1881 and 1882). But the title of the series was different. It was known as The Mutiny of the Hispaniola. The series was first published as a book in 1883. The book contains all the adventures of Jim Hawkins and his search for the treasures of Captain Flint. The story of the novel begins at an inn which is owned by the parents of Jim Hawkins. The novel is famous around the world for its perception of pirates, sailing ships, treasures and adventures which are not available in the current days.

Now I am in my university second year and studying in sociology at the National University of Singapore. I had to take a sick leave for my physical illness as I underwent much stress in the last field trip in some remote parts of the country. The doctor advised me to take a complete bed rest. So, during the bed rest, I had nothing else to do except reading. Though I am not a reader at all but my dad had brought some books for me from his personal library. The books were of different categories and most of them dealt with the issues I am uninterested most. In fact, I have nothing to do with the Principle of Economics or Chinese Literature Basics. So, I tried to find a suitable one and the well-

illustrated book attracted me. I picked the Treasure Island and started reading it.

The main story of the book was about discovering a hidden treasure from an island by following a treasure map. A small boy named Jim Hawkins lives with his mother and helps her running the inn - Admiral Benbow. An old sailor came into the inn and suddenly died leaving some of his belongings. Hawkins and his mother open the belongings and had found a map which leads towards an island where an evil pirate, Captain Flint had hidden his treasures. So, decisions were made to make the move to rescue the treasures. Some other characters like Captain Smollett, Long John Silver also take part in the voyage and play different roles in the ship. But everyone seems to be aware of the aim of the voyage. Gradually, Jim Hawkins discovers that the people they had taken as crews are not crews. In reality, they were pirates and are waiting for a suitable chance to snatch the treasure once that is discovered by Jim and his companions. A mutiny takes place on the ship and there were two groups. Battles took place and some of the pirates are killed. On the island, some of the pirates managed to hide and waited for the chance. When the treasures were discovered, they charged Jim and his companions but were ambushed and killed by the other mates of Jim. Then collected the treasures and shared among them after returning to Bristol.

The novel was interesting to me for some particular reasons. Firstly, the novel took me in the days when there were sailing ships. The age was of pirates who killed innocent sailors and looted their belongings. The age was also about hidden treasures like gold coins, precious stones, valuable clothing, chests filled with riches and much more. In fact, the days were filled with adventures. Besides, the writing capacity of the author is so lively that it appeared to me that everything is happening right before my eyes. I started believing that I am one of the participants in the voyage. Finally, the book made me amazed and I was glad at the success of the little boy, Jim Hawkins.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a novel that was particularly interesting to you." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a book you have recently read.
- Describe your favourite book.
- Describe a book you would recommend someone to read.

- Describe an interesting book you have ever read.
- Describe a story from a book you have read.
- Describe a novel or book you really liked.

Describe an event when someone apologised to you.

You should say:

- who apologised to you
- when it was
- why this person apologised to you

and explain how you felt when this person apologised to you.

[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:

When I was at my school, a classmate of mine made some quarrels with me over a petty issue. Later he apologised to me for the incident and promised me that such events will never take place between us.

I was a student of Govt High School Kotwal Quetta in Balochistan under Pakistan. In my school, there were no chances for coeducation. It was only for boys. So, all the students were boys and thus the numbers of misdeeds were more than the other school of the locality. The majority of the boys were wicked and did not follow any rules and regulations. Khashru Ameer was one of them and loved to quarrel with some other boys. Unfortunately, he also got involved in a quarrel with me though I was not to be blamed. The quarrel started with the seating arrangements. I always used to sit on the first row in the class. Sitting in the first row was set on the first come first served basis. So, the students who used to go early in the class could occupy their seats on the first bench. But Ameer started the quarrel over occupying a seat on the row though he was too late for the class.

He did the foul acts for his immaturity and nothing but the age was to be blamed. We were the students of eighth grade in the school. The activities we did were almost childish but the teachers used to advise us over not performing such acts. They advised that we have to behave gently as most of

the students were disobedient. Most of the students were involved in some sort of monkey business and they did not follow the orders of their parents or teachers. So, it was really difficult for the teacher to control the situations in the class. When they controlled one part of the class, troubles began from another corner. Sometimes the students used to start a fight with one another over minor issues and all of such things happened as all of us were in the beginning of our teenage.

Khashru Ameer was one of the mischievous boys and he often started the quarrel by himself with the others. Since he was somewhat healthy than the other boys of the class, he used to dominate over them by force. But he could not dare to get engage with me because I was the only boy who knew the martial art. Initially, he could not understand the issue that what he was doing. So, he continued the quarrel with me and he had firm belief that I would leave the seat for him. But instead, I did not do so. Instead, I looked into his eyes directly. I gently said that I would not leave the seat and if he needs to sit on the first row, he should come earlier. I also told him not to behave rudely with me otherwise, he is to pay a heavy price for that. With my speeches, he was a bit astonished and felt embarrassed. No one else told him so before and my statements hit on his ego. He also stared at me. Finally, when some other boys came to my help and told him about my expertise, he apologised and took a last-row seat.

Actually, I felt nervous in the beginning when he was quarrelling with me. I have seen that he is beating the other boys who were disobedient to him. But I had no interactions with him until he wanted to grab my seat. I knew that I could handle him very well, but I did not want to create a scene in the class. I could beat a boy like him severely and without any pause, but I did not do so. I just warned him that the consequences of quarrelling would be terrible for him and if he did not listen to me, I really would have beaten him seriously. When I warned him, I saw a fear in his eyes and when he apologised to me, I got relieved that the trouble was gone. I was also in a trouble that if I had to beat him, the issue would be publicised and then a mess will be created. So, with the apology, I got free from all the anxieties.

Model Answer 2:

Generally, I have never seen any bank cashier to make mistakes in counting money but recently I had such an experience at the branch of a multinational bank her in Mumbai. The bank cashier made the mistake and apologised to me.

The man, named as Madan Mohan (as per his name tag) made the mistake in counting the money that I gave him to deposit on my college account as my semester fee. The amount was 7945 rupees and Mr. Mohan did not count the amount completely. So, when he asked me for more money to fill up the semester fee, I politely said him that I had provided the exact amount. I requested him to count again but he shouted out loud. I was astonished at such a behaviour.

The incident happened just before a week of my last semester of my first year in the college. In fact, it was the year ending examination at the college for getting promoted in the 12th grade. Every one of my college mates was busy in preparation for the exam while the college payments were settled by their parents. Since my father was out of the city for some business purposes, I had to take the responsibility of paying the college fees. So, I went to the bank where usually the college fees are deposited.

I was surprised with Mr. Mohan's behaviour and asked him why he shouted at me. He failed to provide any satisfactory explanation and finally apologised to me. He admitted that it was his mistake on counting. He also said that he had not noticed the changes with the rupees. What a lame excuse! He also said that he was on the view that I was cheating with the fees and brought the reduced amount. He compared me with the other boys with the idea who cheat on college fees and then come to keep some credit and appear in the exam. But I was and made him understood that I am none of those boys. I also asked him again to count the money and when he found everything in order, he apologised

Forgiving is considered as one the best virtues. So, I forgave the bank cashier but the behaves he did with me was shocking. He shouted loud before everyone and tried to prove that I am one of the mischievous boys stealing money from home. But when I made him realise that it was his mistake as he did not count the money I the right manner and it happened for his negligence, he repented. He was looking sad and it appeared that he truly was feeling sorry inside. So, forgiving him, I left the bank.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a shop near where you live that you sometimes go to." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a situation that you feel bad about.
- Describe a memorable event from your high school.
- A time when someone said sorry to you.
- Describe an event that you can remember from your childhood.

Describe a piece of local news that was interesting to you.

You should say:

- what it was about
- how you learned about it
- when you heard it

and explain why it was interesting to you.

[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:

I have not experienced a circus and recently came to know about the event of a circus in our locality. There is a large field adjacent to our village and it was heard that a circus party will arrive soon.

In fact, Dhamsa is a remote village in Haora district under West Bengal in India. The village people pass their days amid the ancient ways. Modern technology is not accessible to everyone in the village. In such a condition, the arrival of a circus helps to excite the people to some extent. Circus is a great mode of entertainment for the people living in the rural areas in India and when I heard about it, I also felt glad indeed. I did not have the chance to see circus under a large tent. Usually, the organisers hold circus under a very large tent covering a substantial space in an open field. Accordingly, the field of our locality was being cleaned by the scout team of the circus party. I have heard many stories about the circus team from my grandparents and most of the descriptions were filled with thrills and excitements. They told different attractive stories over the circus.

The village I live in is a bit backward from the other places and villages in West Bengal. The majority of the people have telephone but internet connections are not available for everyone. So, when any special event is to take place in the locality, the issues is announced through public announcement system. Often a loudspeaker is hired and an announcer starts announcing details about the event. While playing cricket on the field with my local friends, I heard the announcement and learned that the circus party will arrive shortly in our village. The announcer was describing the features of the circus party and they included some interesting issues. The announcer was describing that a large and trained elephant will entertain the audiences while there would be some trained ferocious animals like tiger and lion. Besides, the circus party will also exhibit some thrilling shows on night times. Bike riding encircled with fire was another interesting thing.

As a preset rule, the circus parties start announcing their arrival on any place one or two days before performing the shows. So, the announcer was saying that the circus party will arrive the very next day and thus he invited us all to collect some advanced tickets. It was evening and I was on an empty space beside the field where the tents of the circus party were supposed to be set. I was playing with some of my local and childhood friends. But when the announcer entered into the village, we stopped our game and started listening to him. In the beginning, it was somewhat difficult for us to realise his dialect which was unfamiliar to us. Then we gradually understood that he was announcing about the circus party which has rumoured for past few days. In fact, the village people somehow came to know about the arrival and started discussing the issue among them. As a result, I could not get any solid information about the circus from the villagers. All of my confusions were removed when the announcer declared the arrival and also distributed some leaflets about the circus party.

The news of the arrival of a circus party was very much interesting to me. I have seen circus on television but have not seen them live before my eyes. Besides, my grandparents also told many thrilling stories about the circus. They told that all the people in a circus party are brave and they take different risks. If they commit a single mistake, they may have to pay the price with their lives. Besides, they also described the trained animals and how they perform on the stage. Moreover, the stuntmen and athletes on the circus also perform different attractive activities. They jump using ropes, walk on rope set on an exceptional height, ride a bicycle on the rope, drive cars and motorbikes in

risky tracks, and so many incidents. Hearing all the things, an extreme desire to observe the things developed inside me. Thus the news of circus party was interesting to me.

Sample Answer 2:

Vietnam is a renowned Southeastern Asian country with a tropical climate. The country has a diversified population with their respective culture and ethnicities but one thing is very common here and unique – bond with the family.

Recently, a local television broadcast has drawn my attention to the issue of family. It is considered in Vietnam that family is the most important thing to admire and accordingly all the Vietnamese provide extreme priority to the family and family members. They love to care for the families and in fact, they do everything for their families. The bonding among the family members is excellent. The television broadcast also showed how several generations are living under the same shed for years.

Usually, I watch television in the evening hours every day and mostly watch the news and the report on Vietnamese culture attracted my attention. I am well aware of the traditions and cultures of my country but I was unaware about the speciality and uniqueness. The news showed the events and also took interviews from some of the family members to ensure the authenticity of the report. This is actually a very good tradition of the country that still the families live together while the scenario is different in the other countries. Family disintegration is a common issue for them and majority of the families are nuclear. But there are both the nuclear and extended families are available here.

I was aware of the issue but it was for the first time for me to hear that this was our unique cultural tradition. In fact, I am a bit shy for not knowing the fact and had to know about it from the television broadcast. But I am proud of it that we can live together in a family and happily which is unable for the others. It is a very usual scene in my country, Vietnam, where a father is living with his son and his family. There are no quarrels or troubles with any of the issues. Life goes peacefully. The earning member of the family earns the bread and shares it with everyone else even who is unemployed. Further, when it is time for the others to do something for the family, they do it perfectly.

The news was interesting to me in many aspects. Firstly, I was unaware that this a unique cultural aspect. I have been living in an extended family with my grandparents, and paternal uncles with their wives and children. I could not have thought that this was a cultural tradition for the nation. So, initially, the television broadcast felt interesting to me. Secondly, I was glad in this sense that the report was being viewed by a large number of people and they would come to know about the unique culture of my country which is a matter of pride for all the Vietnamese population.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a piece of local news that was interesting to you." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe an interesting news you read in a newspaper.
- Describe a recent interesting event you know about.
- Describe a news you have recently watched or read.
- Describe an interesting event you can remember.

Describe a surprise that made you happy.

You should say:

- when it was
- who/ what surprised you
- where you were then

and explain why this surprise made you happy.

[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:

Surprises are always pleasant and often we dream of it. But when the surprises appear from the dearest people, it becomes more enjoyable. I was surprised with my baby boy which was supposed to be a baby girl in the beginning.

I became a proud father of a baby boy last month and the boy is a surprise for me. When my wife was diagnosed as pregnant, she had to undergo different

tests advised from the doctor. The doctor, a gynaecologist, advised for an ultrasonogram and the report was positive for her. The report said that she was carrying a baby girl. I was happy with the news and shared it with my family members and friends. My wife was also happy with the news of a baby girl. She, in fact, started preparation for the baby girl. She took me to shopping for the girl and bought some small dresses for a newborn baby girl. She also bought some dolls and toys for our baby. Days were passing amid great excitement that we are going to be parents for the first time in our life. Our near and dear ones also congratulated us for the good news. In fact, it was impossible for both of us to wait any longer for the baby. We were counting days. But when the baby came into the material world, it surprised us all.

When the doctor came out of the operation theatre, he surprised us with the news that I have become the father of a baby boy. It was a great surprise for me and my entire family indeed that the baby was a boy. We all have been eagerly waiting for a baby girl and already have taken necessary preparations to welcome the girl on the earth. But the news rocked us all and we became amazed. But by the same time, I was confused about the result of the ultrasonogram that depicted that we were going to have a baby girl. It appeared that the report of the ultrasonogram was wrong. It made me worried about the authenticity of the other health checkup reports of my wife. However, everyone, of my family started expressing their joy and congratulated me for being the father of a baby boy.

I was at the Holy Angels Hospital in New Delhi. I was accompanied by my parents and in-laws. Some of my friends also accompanied me there. They went there in case if my wife needed blood. In fact, I arranged for everything that may appear necessary for the smooth C-section of my wife. Earlier, the gynaecologist told us that there are some troubles for the baby in the womb and it would be difficult to deliver the baby in the regular process. So, she suggested having a C- section for my wife. Following the advice of the doctor, I took the necessary measures for the smooth operation of my wife. Everything went fine. When she was taken to the operation theatre, everyone was praying for a successful operation. In think the Almighty have granted our prayers and the operation was successful. Both the baby and the mother were safe and sound after the operation.

I was happy indeed with the surprise. I had made different plans with my baby girl but when I found out it was a baby boy, I was greatly surprised. Several thoughts crossed my mind. Initially, I thought that it might be my wife’s plan to

surprise me as she likes to do so but I checked the ultrasonogram reports where it was indicated that it was a baby girl. Finally, I came to the decision that there might be some mistakes with the report and I had planned to take legal actions against the diagnostic centre for such a major mistake. But my wife did not allow me to get involved into the legal complexities and she was happy with the boy. This was a surprise for me as I was eagerly expecting for a girl who will be my princess but instead I am blessed with a boy. Everyone of my family, was happy and prayed for a longer, healthy and happier life of the boy.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a surprise that made you happy." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a recent happy event.
- Describe a time when your friends surprised you.
- Describe a recent celebration or event that you enjoyed.
- Describe a gift that someone gave you.
- Describe a pleasant surprise you have had.
- Describe one of your birthday celebrations.

Describe one of your birthday celebrations.

You should say:

- when it was
- who were there
- how you celebrated it

and explain how this birthday celebration was different.

[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 was born in the month of March and I observe the day annually as my birthday. Often some events are arranged marking the day at my home. But

last year, it was arranged at my college and my friends organised the surprising party.

I am an undergraduate student of Athens School of Fine Arts and been studying here for last six months. As a result, I have got familiar with all the students of my faculty and now we all have a good bonding among us. So, everyone knows everything like birthdays, special occasions, information about boyfriend or girlfriend and much more. Overall the relationship among all of us was excellent. When my birthday appeared in the last part of March, it was also celebrated in the class and it was highly amazed at the celebration methods. It was really unexpected and the way they celebrated the day was memorable indeed. None of them made me feel that it was my birthday. They tricked me in different manners before the celebration and behaved that they knew nothing about the day. Besides, some of my teachers have also wished me on the day and it happened only for my friends.

My birthday was celebrated inside the classroom and thus the entire class was present there. Since I have a very good relation with all of the classmates and friends, all of them participated in the preparation for the party. Some of them were involved in decorating the classroom and the rest others were busy in planning to make me a fool on the day. The entire classroom was decorated finely and especially the seat where I usually sit was decorated in a special manner. But initially, I could not understand why they were decorating everything and why my chair was being dressed differently than the others? When I asked about the issue, everyone remained silent and did not mention a single word about it. So, it was difficult for me to guess that it was being done to celebrate my birthday.

This part of the celebration was the most fascinating. The celebration began with the beginning of class. The teachers were asking me more questions for no reason. They were not in fact, trying to make me feel embarrassed in the class but the questions appeared inappropriate to me. They asked me questions like why my chair has been decorated so nicely and why the classroom has been dressed in a different manner or why the projector is beside me. They were also smiling in a different way. I was unable to answer the questions and got nervous. Nobody was asked such questions and it was only me. Finally at noon, when the classes ended, I tried to get out of the class. But my friends, who did not have a single talk with me since morning, appeared before me. One of them placed a birthday hat on my head while another one blasted a birthday balloon. Then I come to know that everything

was pre-planned and they were trying me to make irritated with their activities. Finally, they disclosed that they have contributed to make the birthday a successful one and we all celebrated it.

The birthday celebration was entirely different from the other birthdays. Usually, I cut a cake at my home on the birthdays. But this time they did not allow me to cut the cake rather they pasted the cake on my face and clicked many photographs. Generally the birthday cake is ordered and brought home by my dad but this time, the cake was homemade. One of my friends had made the cake at her home only for me. Besides, the entire class gave me some exceptional presents on my birthday. We had lunch together in the classroom. Moreover, I was surprised when they arranged for a movie show with two of my favourite movies named – The Gods Must Be Crazy and Super bad. Though I have watched the movies before and for several times, this time, I enjoyed more as my friends were with me. In fact, this was a different experience that I never had before. We all laughed at the comical events of the movies. A few of our teachers also participated in the movie show. Everything was completed by the evening and we all got out of the class. My friends really made me grateful to them.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe one of your birthday celebrations." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a wedding or birthday celebration you enjoyed.
- Describe a party or celebration you had at your home.
- Describe a happy event you can remember.
- Describe a recent event that made you happy.
- Describe something that made you happy.
- Describe a surprise party you recently have had.

Describe a memorable event from your school days.

You should say:

- what class you were then
- what event it was
- why it is still memorable

and explain how you feel about this event now.

[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:

To everyone, school days are considered as the best days of their life and they remember the memories for the rest of their life. I also have numerous memories of my school days and I miss the day when I got caught for school bunking.

Recently I have passed my college and now waiting for university admission. When I sit for studying the university admission materials, the past days appear before my eyes. I start missing the days. I was a student of the seventh grade at the Kendriya Vidyalaya in Hazratpur in Firozabad. There were some other students with me and we had formed a group. All of the group members used to occupy the last benches. Thus we were named as the 'backbenchers'. Most of the times, the troubles in the class were created by us. But the teachers did not punish us severely or seriously as we were top students in the class as well. After any of the trouble, it became a policy of the teachers that they would ask us questions about our study and they could not make us stop with the academic issues. So, they could not punish us. Moreover, some of the students of the class were in our favour and thus we got rid of all the troubles.

But one day, luck did not favour us. Unfortunately, none of the backbenchers have brought the copy that was used to answer the questions. So, we planned to bunk the class. In fact, we planned to bunk the school that day. Accordingly, all of us got out of school boundary by scaling the wall. Everything went right until one of us failed to cross the wall. He could not cross the wall and fell on the ground. He got injured and shouted for help. His shout attracted everyone. The school staffs came for his help and inquired about how he fell down. The boy told everything about the school bunking. When the boy was asked about the names, he described everything about us. He told about our names and rolls numbers to identify us. We were identified!

The event is still memorable for several reasons. Firstly we termed the issue as treacherous to our group. He could have controlled everything by saying something different. But he did not. Rather he trapped us all. Accordingly, the next day, we were asked to explain the issue with the presence of our

guardians before the school principal. It was really difficult for us to face the principal with our parents. But we had no other ways left for that. So, we appeared before the principal and underwent different aggressive words against us. The principal reported our parents that he had inquired about the issue and came to know that we regularly bunk classes. In fact, we were becoming bad boys. We had connections with the other bad boys of the locality and to pass our time with them after we bunked the school. But the principal was wrong. We escaped school on those days when we forgot to bring home works or could not complete the tasks given by the teachers. Unfortunately, we did not have any chance to amend the mistake committed by the principal.

When I remember the event today, I laugh out loud. All of the backbenchers were beaten by their parents and I also had the share. The beating started at the principal's room and ended at our residence. My parents did not allow me to eat something for the entire day as punishment of bunking the classes. The situations were similar in the other houses as well. All of the backbenchers were punished. At that moment, we made the boy liable who fell down from the wall during the escape. Though we removed the boy from our group and allowed few others to make the group heavier. After that day, we behaved like good pupils in the class and all the teachers cancelled our seats at the back bench. But it was for a few days. Everything went the same. We went back to our old place and started bunking but this time we were serious about the issue lest we do not get caught like the last time. When I remember the event now, I feel how childish I was in those days. In fact, everyone was childish in their school days.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a memorable event from your school days." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe an event from your childhood.
- Describe something you did in your school.
- Describe a childhood memory you have.
- Describe a naughty event from your childhood.
- Describe a memorable event from your early school days.
- Describe any event from your childhood that you still remember very clearly.

Describe a pleasant surprise you had.

You should say:

- when it was
- why you were surprised
- who were there with you

and explain how you felt about 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:

Surprises are always pleasant and in fact, the surprises are made to make the people feel amazed. Commonly the surprises are made by the near and dear ones and for my case, it was the same. I was given a bicycle on my success in the year ending exam.

It was in December when the year ending exams usually held in the University of Macedonia in Greece. I am a graduate level student here under the course – Economics and passed the second phase of the course. Generally, the exams are supposed to be held in the beginning of the last quarter of the year but in last year, there were some unintentional delays and the authority could not take the year ending exam in the pre-set time. So, the exam was held in December. When the result was published, I found that I stood first in my department and everyone praised me highly. But I know that the result could have been better if I studied a bit attentively. Due to my outbound nature, I could not concentrate on my studies regularly. It was the difference of a half mark with the contestant who stood second in the exam.

I was surprised as my dad had bought me a bicycle so that I could attend my college comfortably. Usually, he drops me to the college by his car and my mom often brings me home when the classes are finished. But this time, I think they want me to be self-reliant and thus they have bought me the bicycle. In fact, I had no idea that I would be presented with such a tremendous gift. My parents have always advised me to be attentive to my studies and sometimes my dad has also guided me on some complex issues related to my course. But none of them had hinted about such a pleasant surprise for me. I think they

had planned it before but did not share it with me lest I lose interest on my studies. I did not have the slightest idea that I was going to have the bicycle. So, when I received it from my parents, it was really surprising to me.

Often my friends come to visit me but my parents have not invited them yet. But this time, before presenting the surprise, they invited some of my intimate friends to our residence. Then my parents had talks with them over different issues, inquired about their parents, studies, and their aims in life and much other matter. They passed for around one hour by this way. I was unaware that my parents are having some tricks with me. By the time I understood that they are hiding something to me because they do not have enough time to spend with my friends and when they come to our home, they directly enter into my room. But on that day, the events were different. A festive mood was prevailing in the air. Suddenly I heard a knock on the door and opened. To my surprise, it was the deliveryman with a bicycle in his van. Then my dad received the bicycle and presented me that before everyone present there including my friends and some of our relatives.

The feelings were pleasant. In fact, I have never felt so glad in my life after having the bicycle. It was the recognition of my hard work. I know I am not a very good student or meritorious like the other students of my university, but the merit I own is not applied properly. My respected teachers are on the view that I could do much better than my current result if I work more and be attentive on my studies instead of my outgoing feature. Of course, the event was highly pleasant for me as everyone endorsed me for my sincerity with the study and they also advised me to more hardworking so that I could also be on the top in the upcoming exams. But I was not listening to their advice as my mind was overwhelmed with the presence of the bicycle. In fact, I was flying high with the bicycle. Many of my friends own a bicycle and now I would be able to compete with them in the bicycle race.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a pleasant surprise you had." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a memorable event in your life.
- Describe a celebration or party that you remember.
- Describe an event when you were surprised.

- Describe a party you were invited.
- Describe a party you enjoyed a lot.
- Describe a recent happy event.

Describe the ultimate goal you target to reach in your career.

You should say:

- what it is
- what you will need to do to reach this stage
- how far you have come to fulfill this target

and explain why you have decided to reach this goal.

[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 am a small entrepreneur in Lahore in Pakistan. My business is related to the Information Technology, commonly known as IT. I dream to make my firm as a renowned brand in Pakistan that will elevate me to the position of one of the most successful IT specialist in the history of my land.

I own a moderate IT firm and have been performing different IT related tasks for around five years. Usually, I deal with data entry, graphic design and web development. Since I have been performing the role for long, I think I would try to go in the top position in this industry. There are a good number of IT firms and agencies are available in Pakistan and not every one of them is successful in this sector. A few of them have tasted the success and for that, they had to undergo different struggles. To be successful here, one need to be patient and sincere and also should keep in mind that this is a business for them. In business, always there are ups and downs but most of the business people are unable to accept the truth. So they cannot shine in the business and their business career falls. But I want to get glued with my business and rise on the top of success.

Perseverance is the most important thing to attain the success and I have to exercise the quality if I want to reach in the stage of a top IT specialist in my career. Most often the ordinary IT people lack the quality. They do not want to

be patient with their activities and thus they become the victim of impatience which allures them to give up the sector. Consequently, they fail to be successful and blame on their fate and often they blame the industry as well. But I am a bit different from them and I know how to be patient. In fact, without being patient for something, it is almost impossible to get the desired things in life. So, I will have to exercise for perseverance to be successful in the business and moreover, I will have to keep myself up to date with the latest findings of IT sector.

Reaching my target is not as easy as it is supposed. It needs lots of preparations and hard work to reach there. So far I have made some changes in my work and lifestyle so that I could reach my target. Initially, I have started working hard than before. Now I take only a single day leave for me in my IT firm and made my work week by six days. Besides, I do not work following the conventional working schedule rather I try to break the rules. I start my work early in the morning and continue till after the evening. In the middle of the day, I take some short breaks for the meal, prayer and refreshment. But I also feel some troubles with the unconventional routines that I have set for me. Often I get tired of the works and cannot concentrate on the jobs I am performing. Sometimes I feel lonely as well while working on the holidays. But all the efforts will take me to the way of success. Due to my hard work, the reputation of my IT firm has already been spread and I have started receiving more clients.

This is a fast age. Everything has become faster than it could have been imagined in the past days. So, to keep pace with the changes, it is important to be noticed. Unless you are noticed on your respective arena, there are several chances that your survival attempts will wind up in few seconds. So, whatever you are performing, that should be done perfectly so that everyone notices you and your work. When the desired level of attention will be achieved, survival will be easier. Besides, it will bring name and fame for you and your business. I am dealing with my IT agency that is specialised in several aspects of IT sector. But there are a wide number of IT firms are also available in Pakistan and they are engaged in similar activities and I think I have to beat them in the race if I want to be on the top of success. If I cannot reach the top position, survival for me and my agency will be difficult. So, I in fact do not want to take any risk about my survival. Thus I have decided to reach the goal.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe the ultimate goal you

target to reach in your career." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a long term aim or goal you have.
- Describe the career you want to have.
- Describe a success you want to achieve.
- Describe a future plan you have.
- Describe a goal or career plan you have.

Describe a piece of clothing that someone bought for you.

You should say:

- what it was
- who bought it for you
- why s/he bought it for you

and explain how you felt about learning this good news.

[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:

Receiving a gift is always pleasant and when it is from someone dear, the enjoyment turns double. My fiancée, Nina Nikita presented me a stunning leather jacket on my last birthday. It was really an outstanding gift for me.

Generally, I am an introvert and a student of Moscow State University and undergoing architecture there. I had met Nina Nikita at the university and found that she was the opposite of me. We formed a friendship that turned into something deeper. She is a cheerful young lady and loves to buy gifts for me. We are in the relation for around 3 years and I have found that she loves to present me with almost the similar things. She loves to buy clothing for me and almost half of my clothing is presented by her. On my 23rd birthday, she bought the leather jacket for me so that I could use that during my ride on my Harley Davidson Street 500. She bought the jacket so that it would make me look smarter.

Nina Nikita is the only daughter of her parents. She is an extrovert in nature

and loves to socialise – just the opposite of me. She is pretty with her dark blue eyes and wide forehead. The brown hairs look so good to me when those are ponytailed. Besides, she loves to shop much and buys all the necessary things for me even if I do not need them. Interestingly, I got introduced to her accidentally in my class. On the very first day of my class, I forgot to bring my pen and could not sign in on the attendance paper. Moreover, it was the first day of my university and I did not want that the other students should interpret the issue differently. Being an introvert, I have several bitter experiences over such issues and often I forget to bring my pen or other necessary things and I have to lend them from surroundings. But it was Nikita who came to my help this time and without any rude remarks, she had lent me a pen and it was the beginning of our journey.

Nikita loves me so much and she takes care of me. She often rides with me on my Harley Davidson. She also loves to watch movies and in a movie she saw that a rider is wearing a leather jacket and that made him look more attractive. So, she planned to buy such a jacket for me. On my birthday in last month, she surprised me with the jacket. This was one of the finest clothing I have ever had from her. Usually, she buys everything for me as she wants me to look smarter. To her opinion, being an introvert, I am unable to express my opinions and thus I am unable to pick the right clothing for me. Riding on a Harley Davidson with a simple polo shirt and a faded jeans pant is merely enough. Thus she has arranged for the leather jacket. She has arranged the money from her savings. In fact, both of us have a saving account for miscellaneous purpose and we meet the necessary needs or the emergencies. But it was a complete surprise for me as she did not tell me anything before buying the piece of clothing for me. I was greatly pleased with the jacket.

Initially, I thought that she might have bought the clothing for someone else as she often provides presents to her friends and relatives. But when she presented that to me, I was speechless. In fact, I could not find my words to express my feelings at that moment. When I ride on my Harley Davidson, I feel the necessity of a jacket but could not manage time to get that. So, I felt grateful to her. Nikita is my fiancée and we are supposed to get married by one or two years next. A greater level of understanding is required to maintain a happy family. From my part, I need to develop my skills to feel her needs and it was a lesson for me as well. Nikita felt my need and accordingly she bought the clothing so that I do not need to worry about it anymore. Then I felt that I also should develop such a sense so that I could also meet her unspoken needs. But it was really an unexpected event for me to receive the jacket.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a piece of clothing that someone bought for you." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe something one of your friends gave you.
- Describe the best gift you have received ever.
- Describe a gift you were given on your birthday.
- Describe a gift you received recently.
- Describe your favourite item of clothing.
- Describe something you have recently bought.

Describe a piece of good news you learned from the TV or the internet.

You should say:

- what it was
- when you learned it
- how this news affected you

and explain how you felt about learning this good news.

[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:

A few months ago, the national budget has been placed in the national parliament of India and the budget has reduced the price of electronics products. I have been planning for long to buy a computer for my home use.

Usually, before the budget, the price of everything becomes a bit unstable. Some of the dishonest business people try to raise the products' price unusually and life becomes struggling. The price of every commodity gets an increase and the situations become intolerable. So, when I heard about the price reduction of electronic products, it was really a pleasure for me. I am a student and have been saving money for past one year to buy a computer. But due to the increased price, I could not make it. I made several attempts to buy

a computer and each time I found that the price was out of my reach and even I cannot make it with the least configuration. So, when the finance minister announced the proposed budget, he said that the import tax on electronic products including computers, mobile phone, laptops etc. would be reduced; it was really good news for me.

The budget was presented in March in 2016 in the Parliament of India. Usually, I am not that much interested in hearing the budget speeches as they do not have any appeal to me. Each year, right before the budget, the prices of everything get a hike and this is not an exception in this year. Prices of necessary products started increasing alarmingly but when the budget was placed, everything was normal. One of my college friends asked me to watch the budget on the television as his father works at the ministry of finance and somehow he came to know about the price fall of electronic goods. Despite my unwillingness, I watched the budget speech of the finance minister and came to know that the prices of electronic goods have been reduced to some extent. It made me happy as now I could buy a computer for my own.

The news was great for me. I am a youth of a middle-class family in India and my father is a small government official while my mother is a school teacher. So, often it becomes difficult for them to maintain the family and in such cases, I cannot ask them to buy a computer for me. Now a day, it is almost impossible to do something without a computer. Moreover, I need a computer as many of my texts in my college are digitalized and they need computers to read out. Some presentations are also there and the teachers also ask me to make such presentations for the class. So, for the want of a computer, my academic studies were being hampered seriously. So, I planned to buy it all by myself and accordingly started saving money from my regular pocket money. Though I accumulated almost 12000 rupees, I needed more to have a computer (in fact the minimum price for a lower graded computer is about 20000 rupees). The announcement made me pleased and I would be able to buy a computer after a few days. A draft calculation from a computer selling store showed that I could buy the computer if I have only 14500 rupees.

I simultaneously felt several emotions inside me. Firstly, it was a kind of joy that I am having my dream come true. Then I thought that everything is possible in the world. Finally, I was surprised that how it could be possible to buy a computer at a lower price. But all these were my initial emotions and excitement. I thought over the issue finally and figured out that the prices went up as the importer of electronic goods had to pay some extra duties.

Now they will not need any such duties. So, when they will not pay duties, they would be able to sell the products at a cheaper price than the former days. In fact, when I learnt the good news, I jumped out of joy and shouted loudly at my home. My family members were astonished in such behave and when they came to know about the real fact, they were relieved of anxiety that I am okay with my sense.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a piece of good news you learned from the TV or the internet."you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a piece of local news you read in a newspaper.
- Describe a news story you have heard or read recently.
- Describe a happy news you have heard recently.
- Describe something you have recently read from the Internet.
- Describe a programme you have recently watched on TV.

Describe your favourite drink item.

You should say:

- what it is
- do you buy it or prepare it at home
- what type of people drink it

and explain why this is your favourite drink.

[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:

Generally, people in Malaysia drink water to meet their thirst and sometimes they take some soft drinks as well like Kickapoo, Fruit Tree, Ice Mountain, and Freedom Cola etc. But I prefer to have chocolate milk as my soft drink.

People drink soft drinks most of the cases when they are out of their home and need to meet their thirst for water. But interestingly, instead of water, they prefer the soft drink. But I do not take such soft drinks as those are made with different chemicals which are highly detrimental to the human health. Most of

the soft drinks are filled with gases and some chemicals which are mostly used to prepare insecticides and other chemical substances. It has been found that the elements used in the soft drinks and the substances used for toilet cleaner are almost the same. Once I used to take the soft drinks when I went for outing with my buddies but as I came to know about the harmful impacts of the soft drinks, I started avoiding them. Instead, I have made chocolate milk as my personalised soft drink. It is healthy and also keeps me strong.

Making chocolate milk at home is a bit troublesome and thus I have to buy it from stores. There are different brands of chocolate milk which are available in Malaysia and all of them are prepared with necessary precautions. But often my mum makes chocolate milk for me but the taste becomes different. She adds sugar with milk, adds some liquid chocolates with the blend of sugar and milk and then she adds some cocoa powder. She blends all the ingredients into a blender. But I think she makes a mistake here and thus the taste is a bit different from those I buy from the stores. Usually, chocolate milk preparation needs sugar powder but my mum uses the sugar without making it powder. So, often I have to grind the sugar with my teeth when I drink the homemade chocolate milk.

Drinks are popular among the Malaysian but since this is a Muslim country, hard drinks are banned here, though one can manage those with investing some efforts. But a majority of the people here do not drink the hard drinks rather they prefer the soft drinks. In fact, people of all ages take soft drinks which are mentioned above but very few of them take chocolate milk. They believe that chocolate milk is only for children as it tastes like chocolate. But they have a completely wrong idea. In fact, chocolate milk is filled with protein and minerals necessary for the human body. Milk is enriched with all the necessary elements that form the human body while chocolate also has some food value than the chemicals used to prepare the soft drinks. Besides, the chocolate milk is tastier than the other drinks I have tasted so far. Unfortunately, most of the people are unable to understand the benefits of chocolate drinks and thus the number of people drinking chocolate milk is fewer.

I prefer chocolate milk for numerous reasons. The first and most important thing is that chocolate milk is a kind of fluid that helps to serve protein in the body which is helpful for muscle repair. When someone works for long, a glass of chocolate milk is able to replenish the damages caused by the physical labour. It restores energy on a human body and preparation process is also less

complex than the other drinks, especially soft drinks. Chocolate milk is available everywhere and the taste of the drink is delicious. Milk is considered a recovery option for people of every age but there are some people who do not prefer to have milk and chocolate milk is a potential drink for them. They will drink it for its exceptional taste and thus their deficiencies will be refilled shortly. In fact, chocolate milk is highly important for preserving a good health. Thereby, chocolate milk is my favourite drink.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe your favourite drink item." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe one of your favourite food or drink item.
- Describe something you often purchase.
- Describe something you have recently purchased for someone.
- Describe a popular drink item or food in your country.

Describe a noisy place you have been to.

You should say:

- where it was
- why you went there
- why it was noisy

and explain how you felt about being there.

[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:

Markets are always noisy and if it is a street market on a busy street in the city, the noises are more severe. Usually, the noises are created for the increased crowd around the market. Last week I went to the Chinatown Street Market in Singapore.

Chinatown street market is one of the most famous street markets in

Singapore and it is visited by a substantial number of people. The market remains open from morning to midnight. Usually, the market becomes more crowded and noisy during the evening hours and before its closure. The Chinatown street market is famous as almost everything is found here including items of fashion, electronics, potteries, plants, clothing, toys and souvenir. The products are sold in small stalls and almost all the stalls are well decorated with a wide range of products and goods. Besides, the street market is also renowned for the street restaurants. Though the restaurants are set in relatively small spaces, they are also crowded with customers of different types. Delicious foods are prepared and sold here and the shoppers enjoy the foods whenever they could manage a break from their shopping.

I went there to buy a small toy for presenting my neighbour's son on his birthday. Mr Nicholas is a European and lives just the opposite of our apartment in Singapore. He is a businessman and lives with his family here. His eldest son, Robert has turned 10 this month and to celebrate the day, he invited us all. Thereby, to join the event, I planned to buy a piece of toy for the boy. The boy was intelligent and thus I planned to get something special for him. I planned for numerous things like presenting him a book or a watch or a mug. But finally, I came to the decision that I would buy a set of chess for him which will make him intelligent and smarter. Accordingly, I went at the Chinatown street market as this is a famous place. My dad had bought a set of chess for me which was accompanied with crystal pieces. The set looked very nice and I planned to get one like that for Robert.

Generally, people around the globe come to Singapore and this is a usual tradition to shop here. People find more interest in shopping as the products sold here at the street markets belong to the top quality. Moreover, the prices of the products are flexible. The people who come to buy products have the option to haggle about the price with the sellers. The number of shoppers gets an increase in the afternoon and in fact people rush here to shop as the place is excellent with plenty of options. Although the shops look ordinary in size shape and decoration, they are able to compete with any superstore or large shopping malls in Singapore. The products they sell have a great variety and some of the stalls also sell products of different brands. Since everyone gathered in the street, it appeared that life was buzzing here. The shouts of the sellers, loud haggling between the buyer and sellers, discussion of people over different issues and the surrounding environment made it noisy, I think.

It was a pleasure for me to be at the Chinatown street market as I do not

actually have more chances to go for shopping. I, in fact, do not need to shop as my dad does everything for me. I am not allowed to move for shopping as my parents are against the issue. But this time, my dad asked me to buy the present for the kid as he could not manage time for his several business involvements. Besides, he might be testing me if I am gaining some real life skills to survive. Often my mom accompanies me as they believe that females should not walk alone on the streets but she also did not accompany me to buy the chess set. So, I was responsible to buy the present and I did that perfectly. It was a great pleasure for me and I have gained some confidence that I could do something alone. It is a testimony for me that I am getting matured. I felt really good for being at the Chinatown street market.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a noisy place you have been to." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards as well:

- Describe a place which has been affected by pollution.
- Describe a noisy place in your city.
- Describe a place you have been to and disliked.
- Describe a place you do not like to go to.
- Describe a part of your city which is changing.

Describe a prize that you would like to win.

You should say:

- what the prize is for
- how you know about it
- what you would have to do to win it

and explain how important it is to you to win this prize.

[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:

Prizes are always inspiring and help people to perform better than the current level. I also dream of receiving a prize for my academic excellence. The prize is known as the President's Merit Award for academic excellence and distributed among the students who have a high performance on their academic activities.

I am an undergraduate student of architecture at Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman , commonly known as UTAR in Malaysia. I am studying Foundation in Arts – Graphic Design, Multimedia and Architecture. Here I am undergoing courses about graphic design, architecture and multimedia. The courses are a bit difficult for me as I am not from the arts background. So, initially, it became difficult for me to get through the courses. But gradually I started understanding them and now I have understood the courses very well than any other students. Thereby, I am planning to get the President's Merit Award this year and there are chances for me to win the award.

When I got admitted in the university, I did not have any idea about the award at all. Suddenly one day, in my architecture class, the teacher was describing his success and how he got the President's Merit Award from the same university a couple of years ago. I got interested in the award and asked him to describe in detail. Then he told me and the entire class about the award. This is one of the most prestigious awards for the students and only those students could achieve it who have a higher academic excellence. Besides, he also described the benefits of achieving the award. All of the students in the class were amazed at the description of the award. The president of the country distributes the award among the best students. It is a great chance to meet with the president and also opens the potential of future success. When a student is awarded with the President's Merit Award, s/ he is respected in the society.

Winning the prize is not a matter of joke. It requires seriousness for the potential candidates. Usually, the students having a strong academic background are eligible for the award. But students who are performing better than the average scores also could apply for the award. But the institution authority confers the award to those who have some outstanding score in their academic activities throughout the academic year. They, in fact, do not need to apply for the award. I think I have to apply for the award as the initial scores of mine are not up to the mark. Thereby, the authority will not select me for the award and instead I have to submit an application. Then I have to study hard to win the prizes. Usually, I waste most of my time on social networking sites and often I go out with my buddies to pass leisure hours. But if I want to win the

prize, I have to be sincere with my studies and also have to give up wasting times unnecessarily. I am irregular to my class as well and have also to change the habit. I know, it is difficult for me to change my usual lifestyle, but surely I will do it for the betterment of my future.

I was unaware of the prize but when I came to know about it, I intend to win it. Now it has become important for me. Usually, the President's Merit Award winners are considered special in everywhere and in the case of career, they are prioritised. To build up a career has become a difficult task in Malaysia for the growing population and migration. I have a plan to establish an architectural firm in the later phase of my life and initially I will learn everything about the subject. If I could get attached to any reputed architectural company, it would help me to move ahead with confidence. But if I do not have any academic distinction, I would lose the eligibility to be hired by any reputed company. Besides, I also need the award to prove my excellence on the subject and having the President's Merit Award is really a great issue for any student, especially who is non-native in the country. So, considering all the aspects, it is highly important for me to win the President's Merit Award.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a prize that you would like to win." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a short term goal you have.
- Describe a competition or event when you won something.
- Describe something you want to win.
- Describe a wish you have.
- Describe something you want but have not got yet.

Describe something you have bought recently.

You should say:

- what you've bought
- where you've bought it from
- how much it has cost you

and explain why you've bought it and how you use 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:

I am a trendy girl here in India and want to keep pace with the modernity. So, I do not miss the chances to be in track of the modern age. Recently I have bought a smartphone for my personal use by replacing the old mobile phone set I had.

Recently, mobile phones have become one of the most important companions for us. We cannot do a single moment without the mobile phone. It has happened as the time has been advanced to a great extent. People need to be in touch constantly and at the present time this is highly important. Hence, the need of mobile phones emerged. Earlier, people did not have so much urgency to maintain a close interaction but for the need of time, the close association has become important. The interaction is maintained by communication and mobile phone is the tool that helps people to keep connected with all. In line with the trend, I also used a mobile phone but the handset was old. So, I have bought this new handset.

In Delhi, there are a wide number of shopping malls and stores who sell mobile phone sets. I bought my HTC 626G+ dual sim mobile phone from a local mobile phone selling store in Delhi. The shop is named as The Mobile Store. The store location is at Abhishekh Tower in Alakanda in New Delhi. The store sells mobile phones of different brands and I preferred HTC for some specific reasons. The first thing is that I needed a clear and high-resolution camera to click pictures. Moreover, I needed to browse the internet on the mobile when I am out and for that, I needed a handset that will provide me a good speed with the internet. Budgeting was another important issue. Since I am a student, I could not afford very expensive mobile phones like the latest iPhone or Samsung. So, I picked the HTC from the store to meet my needs.

HTC is a renowned brand and the price range varies based on the phone set features. The phone that I bought cost me rupees only 12999. They have less pricy phones for use but I picked this one based on my budget. In fact, I had rupees 15,000 as my budget and planned to have a phone set within this range. So, when I found that I could get it within 13,000 rupees, I decided to get the phone. The phone is excellent and I could also use double sim cards in

a single set. I do not need to carry a couple of mobile phones with me for each of the sim cards. Besides, the phone owns some special features like 5 inches touch screen display and the display resolution is 720*1280 pixels. Besides, the mobile has a camera of 13 megapixels while the front camera belongs to 2.2 megapixels. Moreover, the screen feels smoother when I touch it either to make phone calls or browse the internet. The internet speed is much faster than I expected.

I bought the phone considering several aspects and having the best use of the phone. Firstly I needed a mobile phone that will serve all of my purposes and the battery should last longer. HTC 626 G+ is the same as I expected. The battery backup is satisfactory and I could use it easily without charging for at least two days. My friend, who took me to the store, advised me to take HTC as he is also using the same phone. Besides, the phone looked smarter than the other phones to me and the colour was gorgeous. Pricing was another important dominating factor here and considering all the issues, I have bought the phone. Now I use the phone for different purposes. I use it mostly to click pictures and often I take 'selfies' with my friends and upload them on the social networking site – Facebook through the mobile phone. Moreover, I use the phone for browsing the internet when I am out of my home. Since I do not have any laptop or modem, I have to rely on my cell phone for the internet. Since this is an android device, I can easily install my preferred apps or games and often play the games in my leisure. I am happy indeed with the phone.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe something you have bought recently." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe something important you have.
- Describe something you want to purchase.
- Describe a gift you gave to someone.
- Talk about a gift you bought that took you a long.
- Describe something you were given by a friend or a family member.
- Describe an electronic gadget you have.

Describe a modern building.

You should say:

- where it is
- what it looks like

- what it is used for

and explain why you like/dislike 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:

China is one of the most developed countries in the world and to keep pace with the advancement, different newer buildings and structures are being made in the country. The Piano House, in China, is one of the most attractive buildings in the country.

The building is located in Huainan City and it is famous for its shape. The building looks like a large piano and a violin kept standing before the grand piano. The entire giant building is made of glass. The inside of the building is accessible through stairs. The building was made to attract the Chinese and other visitors in the locality as it was one of the backwards places in the country. The entire building is made with tinted and clear glass which has brought a different look on the structure. The building takes a breathtaking look in the night times as the entire structure is illuminated with neon lights and the glass structures turn invisible.

The Piano House is one of the most amazing objects in China and it is the initiative of the students of Architectural Department of Hefey University of Technology. The design of the building was made in 2007 and the house looks like a great grand piano. A large violin is standing attached to the piano. The building design was jointly made by the students and the designers of Huainan Fangkai Decoration Project. The entire house is made of two parts and importantly both the parts are made of glasses. But the violin is made with transparent glasses while the piano is made with semi-transparent glasses. This is a unique building in China and mostly has been made for the music lovers of the country. Though the building has been made to show fondness to music, the building has fewer things to do with music. In fact, the building is used by the visitors and locals and they pass their leisure hours inside the building. This is also one of the most important places for capturing still photographs.

The unusual Piano building is mostly used as an exhibition hall which exhibits the future plans of Huainan City in China under the district of Shannan. The

district has been newly created and thus it required attention from different parts of the country. Thereby, some students of architecture took the initiative to make such a wonderful building and accordingly it was made in 2007. Presently it is also used as the most sought place for photography among the newlywed couples. Moreover, due to the establishment of the building, the locality has become famous. Now the Piano house is considered as an icon of the city and the district. To see the buildings, a good number of visitors arrive in the city which also has boosted the local economy. The building is often termed as the most romantic building for its shape and structure. The visitors turn overwhelmed when they come here to visit this incredible structure. Besides, the building has escalators, rooms for holding meetings on medium scales and social spaces like holding weddings or other social ceremonies. Often the visitors spend time beneath the building to get shadow when the day is sunny. The building is also used by the local students to practise music.

I like the Piano house for several reasons. The spaces inside the building are good enough to hold the social gathering and I have attended a wedding ceremony of my cousin. Besides, the building looks wonderful at night, especially when the neon lights are switched on. The glass structure goes hidden and the view becomes extremely romantic. I could not believe that such a building should be made in China when I saw it on a television program. The building has also been enlisted on the list of world's most beautiful buildings. Initially, it may appear that the design is crazy, but if people have a deep look in the building, they will have something else on their mind. The entire building represents the musical instruments made in the largest scale in the world. Some other buildings have been made so far which resemble like bucket or fish, this is the unique one which has never been made or conceptualised before. But I think the building should also contain something special for the visitors like the authority could establish a music library or museum inside so that the visitors could pass their times effectively.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a modern building." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a beautiful house or building in your hometown.
- Describe an interesting building you have seen.
- Describe the office where you or someone you know once worked.
- Describe the largest building you have ever seen.
- Describe a structure or building with architectural interest.

- Describe a famous building in your country.

Describe an artist or entertainer you admire.

You should say:

- who is s/he
- what s/he does
- how successful s/he is

and explain why you admire him/her.

[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:

Charlie Chaplin is one of the most popular comic actors of all times. The English actor has won the heart of global audiences with his extraordinary performance even in the age of silent movies. He not only is an actor, rather is a composer and filmmaker.

Sir Charles Spencer Chaplin, KBE, is commonly known as Charlie Chaplin in the entertainment history. He was born in the 18th century in London, though there are no official records for his birthplace. His parents were music hall entertainers and he gained the legacy. He established himself as an icon in the film industry. He is a special actor who performed over 75 years at a stretch. He started performing the comic character since his childhood and continued till the year before his death. All of his performances have been adored and criticised. But the most important thing about him is that nobody could have surpassed his success so far. All of his performances were filled with satire to the society and often gave messages to the audiences to change themselves. He began his career at an early childhood for his survival.

Charlie Chaplin is probably the best comedian of the world. He has performed in many movies though he began his career with stage shows. His early life was filled with hardship. His family turned poor as his father left while his mother had to struggle for survival and she was financially insolvent. So, he had to take responsibility of himself for his own survival. He started performing in different music halls and after some days, he turned into a stage actor. He was skilled in

comedy and thus he became a comedian. When he was 19, he got engaged with a prestigious company that accelerated his career. He settled in the USA. He officially started appearing in movies since 1914. He developed the Tramp persona which made him more famous than before. The number of his fans increased after adopting the specific walking style and costume. Making a Living was his first movie but his debut on Tramp was in his second released movie named Kid Auto Races at Venice.

Charlie Chaplin is one of most successful comic actors. He also directed his own movies from his early age. He believed that only he would be able to express the things which are required for the success of his movies. The results were awesome. The movies he directed are still popular among the audiences. He became globally famous by 1918 and it was done only by his excellent and sincere performance on the movies. He made movies with silent features. In fact, the movies only showed the scenes and expression of the artists but there were no sounds against the expressions. Though he was asked to move in the sound films, he rejected the ideas. The combined foundation of a distribution company made him complete and he started directing his own movies without any further troubles. But he was made controversial after the making of The Great Dictator that satirised Adolf Hitler and that started losing his popularity. He was also made subject to different scandals and especially the marriage of a younger woman was in the focus of attentions. Later he was forced to go away from the USA. All such issues made him a bit nervous and he left his Tramp in the later films.

I like Charlie Chaplin for different reasons. The first and the most important cause behind preferring his is that he was a perfectionist. Besides, he was a brilliant actor, a great musician, a perfect director, a great producer and an expert editor. He has directed almost all of his movies, composed music for the movies, has produced and edited them. He took years to make films and majority of the movies were about social and political issues and themes that were preferred by the audiences. Some of his movies are considered as the greatest movies ever made in the entertainment industry. He struggled in the early part of his life but later he gained financial stability that allowed him to make movies independently. Before making a movie, he underwent lots of preparations to make them perfect and thus the movies he made are still appealing to all ages of audiences.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe an artist or entertainer you admire." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe an actor/ actress you admire.
- Describe a famous actor in your country.
- Describe a celebrity you like.
- Describe a famous actor you really admire.
- Describe your favourite artist or actor.
- Describe someone who is very popular in your country.

Describe a foreign culture that you like.

You should say:

- what culture it is
- how you know about it
- what differences there are between that culture and your own

and explain why you like that foreign culture.

[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:

My father is a businessman and he owns some of the reputed clothing stores in India. Recently I went to China with him to open a branch there. The traditional Lion Dance attracted me most in my short visit to China.

Every nation has their respective cultures and traditions. Similarly, Chinese people also have their respective norms and rules, and they follow the rules strictly. In fact, China is enriched with cultures and rituals and the citizens of the country are busy round the year to celebrate those. Lion Dance is one of the traditional Chinese dance and a part of Chinese cultural traditions. The dances are mostly during different festivals. Most of the Chinese citizens are on the view that the dance helps to bring good luck for those who arrange it and eliminates the impacts of evil powers from those specific organisers. So, they also organise the dance during different events like opening a new business or company or starting any activities that need the backings from the luck. However, the dance is enjoyable all of the times regardless of its

arrangement either for a business opening or marking any local festival.

Before visiting China, I was not familiar with the culture. In fact, I had no idea about this. In my land, people usually break coconuts before doing something good. The events may vary of size and shape but the activity is always the same. A coconut will be broken by the owner or any important individual so that all the barriers go away or get broken by the coconut. But when I came to China with my father, I was surprised about the Lion Dance. I had seen such types of dances on television and thought that the dance was something to be performed during the festivals. But when the dance took place before our branch in China, I was amazed by the dance. The dancing moves were also attractive and the performers maintained the perfect balance of their moves which made it enjoyable. The performers of the dance have displayed a varied range of dances with the large lion mask on them and they did it cheerfully so that the dance could be effective in eliminating the evil powers.

In India, typically some religious activities are done during the opening of any business or something new. Even when people make a new house for them, they follow some religious norms. Almost all of the people from different religions follow their respective norms directed from the religious leaders. Breaking a hard piece of coconut is one of the most popular norms when people start something new for them. If the coconut is not broken in a single strike, it is considered that the initiative will not be fruitful for them who have organised the event. So, they try to leave the project or the initiative. But in China, the rituals are a bit different. The Lion Dance is organised in a large scale and a team of participants perform here. They are hired to perform the dance perfectly so that there are no chances of evil forces to come back there again.

I think the Lion Dance is powerful as it does not require breaking coconuts in single strikes which often becomes risky. The people in India firmly believe that the first time failure to break the coconut will invite negative forces but in China, there are no such issues. Due to the performance of the Lion Dance, there are no such scopes for the evils to penetrate in the project.

I like the Lion Dance for some specific reasons. In India, the religious activities or breaking the coconut occurs in a small scale. Only a few people who are intimately related to the project are invited to the event. This is not an attractive event at all. But the Lion Dance is entirely opposite to my culture. It begins with the walking of the lion before the business, company or the project. The lion opens its eyes on the doors of the project where some

traditional fruits and food crops are hanged. The dance is performed by some professional service providers and thus the chances for mistakes are less. Besides, a couple of lions are used in the dance and each of the lions contains two men to perform it. The performers imitate the moves of the lions and take different shapes with the mask that a real lion makes. The dresses and the masks used in the dance are colourful and the performances are really wonderful. So, I like this culture in China.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a foreign culture that you like." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a cultural aspect you have recently learned about.
- Describe a foreign culture you know about.
- Describe a culture of custom that seems strange to you.
- Describe a foreign custom or culture you do not like.
- Describe a unique culture or tradition in your country.

Describe an old building that you like.

You should say:

- where it is
- how old it is
- what it is used for

and explain why you like/dislike 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:

India is a historical country and proudly owns different relics of the past. A large number of buildings have been constructed across the country in different periods. Victoria Memorial Hall in Kolkata is one of them. This is one of the old buildings in the country.

Victoria Memorial Hall has been located in Kolkata under West Bengal in India.

Kolkata was formerly known as Calcutta and has served as one of the most important posts during the British colonial period. The large white marble made building has been dedicated to the memory of Queen Victoria and presently the house is made as a museum for the people. The museum is now under the care of the Ministry of Culture in West Bengal. The building is also located by the side of the Hooghly River. Immediately after the death of Queen Victoria, initiatives were taken to construct the building in her memory that will serve as a memorial for the great queen of the British Empire. The proposals of the building contained a large garden and a museum and accordingly everything has been constructed.

The Victoria Memorial was constructed by 1906 to 1921. Some of the finest marbles have been used to construct the structure. Now the structure is over 90 years of old and been standing proudly on the lands of Kolkata. The entire complex is dedicated to the memory of Queen Victoria who reigned over different countries and expanded colonialism in India. The foundation of the building was laid by the Prince of Wales in January of 1906 and took over 10 years to make the structure. The hall was opened to the public in 1921. Though it was planned to keep the Memorial Hall at the capital of India, due to the transfer of the Indian capital to New Delhi has changed the situation and thus the Victoria Memorial remained in one the provinces in India.

Now the memorial is used for several purposes and the visitors mostly come to know about the life of Queen Victoria. The memorial is divided into different parts and there are 25 galleries containing the royal relics of the British Empire and some of the belongings of the Queen. Among the galleries, the most notable are the royal gallery which contains the royal relics of the then time, the portrait gallery – containing the portraits of the royal family members, national leader gallery where the images and belongings of the national leaders of India are exhibited, Calcutta gallery, and arms and armour gallery. The memorial also owns some rare collection of books. The Calcutta gallery is the latest addition on the Memorial Hall and contains the history of Calcutta and its importance in the past. The garden before the memorial is used for growing different flowers and plants. The garden is grown on an area covering over 60 acres of land and a skilled team of gardeners maintain it. The bronze statue of Victoria in the garden is one of the most attractive things here.

I like the Victoria Memorial for different reasons. Firstly this is one of the old and historical buildings in the city. Located near the Jawaharlal Nehru road, this is a large iconic structure in Kolkata. The building is opened for all and

shows the histories of the royal families in Britain. The portraits look like real and the galleries are filled with artefacts and historical documents. The design of the building is another issue to consider. The design is a blend of the Mughal and British architectures which has raised the beauty of the building. The entire design is influenced by some other architectural features and white Markana marble has been used to build it. After the independence of India, further improvements of the building were made. The building looks different in different times of the day. I like it most as it helps us to know about the history of British Empire and India.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe an old building that you like." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe an interesting building you have seen.
- Describe an interesting place in your hometown.
- Describe a structure or building you find interesting.
- Describe something interesting in your hometown.
- Describe a famous tourists spot in your city/town.

Describe a future plan which is not related to your work or study.

You should say:

- what the plan is
- how long you have this plan
- how important it is to you to achieve it

and say how you think you will achieve the plan.

[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.]

Sample Answer:

Generally, people remain busy with their professional activities and hardly can manage time to refresh their minds. As a result, the workloads make them inefficient in their respective jobs. So, I have planned to have a trip in few European countries with my family members to refresh myself.

I am a dentist in Singapore and it is sad that I have never been out of Asia in my life. Now I am planning to take a leave from my professional engagement for at least one month and will have some trips in the European countries with my family. I have heard much about the countries and most of them are enriched with natural beauties which are not available in Singapore. I have to remain busy with my patients, surgeries and many more. So, often life becomes dull to me. If I could take a break from the regular life, I think it would be helpful for me. Therefore, I have planned for the Euro trip with my family and shortly will start the trip. In fact, I am waiting for the summer vacation at my kids' schools. Once the vacation is on, I will start the journey.

I have been planning for the trip from the beginning of May in this year. I made the plan for the Euro Trip with my family as none of them have also been to the European countries. It is said that the countries are heaven for the tourists. The natural views of the countries are one of the most attractive things there. Initially, I have planned to visit three of the countries and they are – Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. Most the people who have been there opined that the countries are highly addictive, especially Spain. The celebration of a different local fiesta, in Spain, is really enjoyable. The wild landscapes, foods, natural views etc. attract the visitors. Besides, Sweden is considered as the largest Scandinavian country and mostly popular for the crystal clear lakes which are perfect for an afternoon dive. Besides, the beaches of the country are exquisite. I have picked Switzerland as this is a cosmopolitan city and the natural views are breathtaking. There are a large number of things to see and do here and the trip would remain incomplete if the country is not visited.

This is very important to achieve for me for several reasons. The most important reason is that I need a break from my occupation if I want to grow in future. I have noticed that often I get nervous during the surgeries and if this continues, it may lead to a detrimental impact on me. Moreover, my family members are also insisting for a month-long trip in Europe. They also want to be free of their anxieties. In fact, a trip out of the country is able to make people released of their monotonies. Besides, travelling also broadens the outlook of people. When people visit some new places, they come to know about different cultures, customs and lifestyles of the local people. Visiting a new place is adds a new experience for the visitors. The knowledge gained from travelling could be applied in the real life easily. The nature of my work is a bit complicated and if I sit idly in Singapore, I think it would be detrimental to me. So, I need to achieve the plan.

I have thought of several ways to achieve the plan. Since the countries are out of Asia, I need to arrange for visas to visits there. Accordingly, I will apply for visas in the respective embassies located here in Singapore. Then I have to take some other preparations like gathering information of the visiting places in the countries, exchange currencies, set itineraries, get aeroplane tickets, arrange for necessary travellers checks or transaction methods, selection of the proper residing places in the countries, hiring guides for the outdoor trips and much more. Besides, I have to take measures for closing my chamber for the month before I leave and finish all the pending tasks and surgeries. I am planning everything in advance so that there are not last minute troubles with me during the Euro trip.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a future plan which is not related to your work or study." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe an ambition you have in your life.
- Describe something you want to do in the future.
- Describe a plan you have for a long.

Describe an interesting conversation you had with someone you didn't know.

You should say:

- what the conversation was about
- who you had this conversation with
- where the conversation took place

and explain why you found the conversation interesting.

[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:

Humans cannot live alone and hence the society has emerged as a large institution to keep people united. But it is impossible always to get familiar with all the people of the society. A few days ago, I had some talks with an

unknown person and it was highly interesting.

I was travelling to Manila, the capital and bay side city of Philippines at LRT (Light Rail Transit) and suddenly noticed that a young English woman of almost my age is sitting beside me. I was reading a thriller and coincidentally the lady was also reading the same thriller. Meanwhile, she also noticed me and started talking about the book that we were reading. I also participated in the discussion with her eagerly. Gradually I came to know that she is a wise woman and knows more about the writer of the book than me. I was reading the book for passing the time on the train. I boarded on the LRT to reach Mega Manila from Metro Manila. When I do not have anything to do in such cases, I read novels for passing the moments. This is a habit for me but I found that reading novels is a fascination for the lady. We discussed different issues of the entire thriller series.

Gradually I introduced myself and came to know about her. Her name was Jessica Bill. She was a teacher of English in a local elementary school. She lives alone in Manila and her family is in England. The school authority has hired for a three-year contract to teach British English at the school. She is a fan of thrillers and also told me that she has a huge collection of thrillers written by different renowned writers. She loves to read. I also expressed myself to her. I also mentioned her about my preferences and told her the truth that I am not that much passionate like her on reading books.

The conversation between us took place inside a train. The LRT is one of the most popular transportation systems in Manila. A large number of people usually ride on the LRT as it is comparatively faster than the other vehicle. Once people are on board on LRT, they are free of anxieties of reaching their destinations in due time. As a female, I took my seat on a corner, designated for females, and Jessica also sat by me on the same row. The train was less crowded as it was the noon and everyone is busy with their respective works at their workplaces. So, I comfortably grabbed my seat and started reading the thriller. Initially, Jessica took her seat behind a couple of rows but she sat by me after sometimes as she was not feeling comfortable there. We discussed numerous issues during the journey. We got down at the same station and her residence was a few minutes' walk from there. We exchanged our telephone numbers and social network identity to remain in touch.

I am an introvert in nature, and accordingly, I do not prefer to talk with unknown people in most of the cases unless there are any emergencies raised.

But the scenario was completely different here. Jessica was unknown to me and the issue was also similar for her. She was the lady with a cheerful mind and made the first move to talk with me. Gradually I found that we have graduated in the same year but in different regions – she was in England and I was in the Philippines. So, a sense of friendship grew between us. We shared our views and ideas about the world. She is living alone here and so I invited her to be at my place in Manila on her weekends where she will get an entertaining environment. The conversation was interesting for both of us. We laughed out loud while discussing the comical events of the movies made based on the thriller- James Bond. In fact, being an introvert, the number of my friends is limited but when I met with Jessica, she behaved like a good friend to me. I was highly amazed at her ability to meet someone so fast and make them feel at comfortable with her. She could do this only for her extrovert nature and her outgoing attitude has made her company comfy for everyone and even talking with her is also interesting.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe an interesting conversation you had with someone you didn't know." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a time when you had a conversation with a stranger.
- Describe an interesting conversation or discussion you recently had.
- Describe a conversation that influenced you.
- Describe something interesting you did recently.

Describe a subject that you think should be removed from school education programmes.

You should say:

- what the subject is
- which grade it is taught in
- why you think it is unnecessary for children to study it

and explain what you would replace it with.

[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:

Presently the education system is experiencing some unusual changes and most of the times the students of different levels are to be the sufferers. Research methodology is one of the subjects that should be taught in college level and thus it should be discarded from the school education programmes.

The education system in the Philippines has changed comparing the past days. Currently, the students are to carry heavier books than their own weight and sometimes they turn sick for the academic studies and pressures. It happens as the school authorities want to make them smarter and faster to keep pace with the advancing world. Of course, the aims of the school administrations are noble but by the same time, they forget that the kids not should be treated in this way. Adding more subjects and texts on their syllabus will not make them wise enough in this premature age to deal with the world. Attachment of critical subjects and courses often make the life of the students unbearable. Thus they turn reluctant to their studies and consequently their academic results are not up to the mark. In many schools in the Philippines, the authorities have included research on their academic syllabus and this is done with the students of secondary level. But I think this should not be on the list.

Usually, the students of seventh to tenth grade are to undergo different sorts of research works in their academic studies and often the research comes with the scores of a full course. Moreover, the school authorities design the syllabus in such a way that there are no chances to skip the research. They school authority wants to make the students familiar with the contemporary trends of research as if they are the potential scientists. But they do not think how the research works have detrimental impacts on the student. Since research is a vast issue, it should be taught and practised at the university level. But the school authorities are a bit unwise as they do not have the complete idea about the research activities. Conducting a research is highly troublesome for a student of the seventh or eighth grade.

Research methodologies are a set of complex rules and regulations to be followed during a research work. The students of the lower lever, like who are in their tenth grade, are unable to comprehend the entire facts. I have seen that majority of the students are unable to keep pace with their academic studies when they are assigned the research activities. They are to do a large number of preparatory works for their research. They are to select their topic, make necessary arrangements, prepare questionnaires, sort out the gathered

data, analyse the data, prepare lengthy reports and submit them for getting the marks or passing course. But the tasks are heavily time-consuming and the students are unable to perform all the tasks smoothly. As a result, they cannot concentrate on their regular studies. At the end of the year, their overall academic activities are not up to the mark and the grades fall to the largest extent. If they did not have to concern over the research, they would have done far better than the expected results.

Secondary level for the students is the time for to know about everything but in a limited manner. They are not supposed to be specialists in this age. Rather there are scopes to be an expert in any specific subjects when they are in the university level or having their post graduations. So, the academic studies in school should be made student friendly. The research methodologies should be replaced with something interesting. The school administrations may replace the subject with some extracurricular activities like watching movies and appearing on quick tests over the movie. Besides, they also could participate in some indoor or outdoor sports competitions. In fact, research works are not something that will attract the students. They perform the tasks as they need to pass the exam and often they adopt unfair means to cross the barriers of school boundaries. When they follow the unfair ways, they actually do not learn anything and this is mere a wastage of time and labour. If they are engaged in the activities they like most, then they would participate in the activities happily and the scores will be of expected level.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a subject that you think should be removed from school education programmes." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue cards topics as well:

- Describe a subject you did not like in school.
- Describe something you disliked at school.

Describe a positive experience that you had as a teenager.

You should say:

- what the positive experience was
- where you were then
- who you were with

and explain why you think this was a positive experience.

[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:

Life is filled with different experiences and everyone has to go through it. When I was a teenager, I also had many experiences while some of them were positive and some others were regretful for. I went to a friend's house and found that he was caring his pet dogs and that was a positive experience for me.

I live in Maharashtra in India now and been living here since after my birth. I was born in a typical extended family and all of the male members are engaged in our family business of producing and exporting steel products. Being a large family, we have some pets in our house and we actually do not take care of them properly. But the care for pets that I saw at the house of Sudip, my intimate friend in college, was something special and positive to me. Generally, people do not treat their pets well. There are no schedules for feeding or bathing of the pets. Even the pets are beaten as well for no reasons. But the scenario is entirely different at Sudip's place. His father has appointed a man to look after their pet dogs.

I met Sudip at the New Vision Public School immediate after my admission in the seventh grade. He was a brilliant student and came from a lavish family. His father was one of the largest businessmen in the locality and people also respected him for his kind nature. I went to meet Sudip at his home to collect some notes as I missed a class for my physical illness. After reaching there, I received a warm welcome. But I was afraid with the appearance of two dogs at the home and they were moving freely here and there inside the house. Though I am familiar with pets I was surprised as those were allowed to move anywhere in the house. Usually, the pet dogs are not allowed to move in the house and most of the cases the dogs are kept chained. But there were no chains with the dogs and they looked cleaner than the ordinary dogs found as pets in India.

I met with the members of Sudip's family except his father (he was out of the city for some business purposes). Gradually I also come to know about the dogs and they came beside me. I was a bit nervous with their presence but Sudip's mother told me that the dogs gentle. Though they had a giant look,

they behaved gently and I was made familiar with them. Sudip told me about the history of the dogs, how his father brought them home from the street and they are serving the role of their family member as well. The dogs are taken care of in the right manner and a man is recruited to take care of them. The dogs also have a specific schedule to be fed or bath. The man, named Navin Kumar, usually feed the dogs and baths them too. I was surprised hearing that the dogs had separate rooms for them to sleep at night whereas most of the people use the dogs to secure their houses.

I try to learn from everything and the experience at Sudip's place also taught me many things. My ideas about pets have been changed to the root. I could not think that the pets should be taken care of in such a smart way. We have three dogs in our house but unfortunately, there is none to care for them. They are not fed well and bathing is an irrelevant question to us. So, the dogs do not look striking rather the dogs have a thin shape and all the times they are kept out of the main building. So, when I came to know about the pets in Sudip's place, I learnt a positive thing here. Every pet should be taken care of in the right manner and if people are unable to provide the necessary care, they should not take pets. After returning home, I discussed the issue with my mother and other family members. All of them agreed with me that we also should start practice such things.

Describe an art and craft activity you did at school.

You should say:

- what it was
- what you did for this activity
- who you did it with

and explain how you felt about this activity.

[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 have left my school for about nine years ago but still the memories of art class are vivid in my mind. The teacher used to instruct us on storytelling by

cartoons. Almost everyone participated from our class as it was an interesting activity for all of the students.

I was a student of The British School in Paris and attended the art and craft course when I was in my sixth grade. The school authority in included the course for the first time and they were a bit worried about the success of the course as the students had to take lots of pressures for their academic studies. If they are also burdened with another compulsory course in their sixth grade, that may hamper their studies. But they were wrong and every student of my class eagerly participated there. All of us made different things and also made monthly exhibitions. This was a great activity for all of the students of the class and it did not hamper their academic activities as well.

When the teacher, who was also an instructor, asked us to submit our desires to do something extraordinary, everyone proposed their own intentions. I also submitted my desire on a white piece of paper. I wanted to tell stories using cartoons. I am a good painter of cartoons and can draw anything I want. So, I tried to depict some popular stories using cartoons. But it was a bit difficult and expensive to me as well. I had to buy some notebooks and draw cartoons on the corners of the pages. The key of the cartoons was to draw them on the page corner so that anyone can have a look on them by turning over the page. Moreover, a rapid turning of the page shows the better result and if the cartoon is drawn at the corner, the page turning becomes easier. I drew cartoons over different small stories of great fabler, Aesop. My cartoons were shown in the class and I received mush positive criticisms for my initiative.

I did the work with my mom. She is also a painter and in fact, I learnt painting from her. She helped me to develop the idea and shown how to do the actual work. With her direct help, I made the project. Besides, I also consulted the issue with my teacher, Mr. Fyodor Noam. When he checked my proposal, he asked me to explain the entire issue – how I will do it, how I will show the morals, how long it is going to take and some relevant matters. Finally, he approved my plan and also instructed me how to complete the entire task. He also invited my parents to discuss the issue and my mom went to meet him while my dad was unable to manage time. After lots of preparations, with the help of my mom and my instructor, I was able to complete my art project. If my mom and Mr. Noam would not have helped me, I could not have made it a success. As a kid of sixth grade, I was incapable of realising their help but now I understand that they provided some special support to me at that moment.

I felt great with my cartoons. I had made three cartoons and one of them was a bit larger than the two others. But the smallest one got much more positive feedback than the remaining stories. I tried to describe the known stories in the form of cartoons. Thereby, I had to draw all the cartoons gradually and it was a bit hefty task for me. Moreover, I had to work at the evening hours, in my leisure time, and the time for submission was limited too. I took the challenge with the inspiration of my mom. She inspired me to draw the cartoons and also described how to draw them in small shape on the corner of the notebooks. Initially, I had to make some drafts for the cartoons and then started for the final task on the notebook. However, when the cartoons were exhibited before everyone, I really felt great inside me. In fact, I was awarded a prize for my idea and it was the very first recognition of my life for performing something creative.

Describe a foreign country you want to visit but haven't been to.

You should say:

- where this place is
- what it is like
- what you can do in this country

and explain why you want to visit the 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:

Travelling is my hobby and I have visited many countries of the world with my dad. But I have never been to the United States of America, better referred as America or the U.S. This is a dreamland for me and I have a plan to visit the USA whenever there will be any chances.

My dad is a businessman in Singapore and he travels in different parts of the world for his business purpose. Often I accompany him during the short trips. He has never been to out of Asia and Europe and I have already planned to company him if he has any plan to visit America for any of his business purposes. America is one of the large countries of the world and consists 50

states in total. The states are ruled by their respective authorities. The geographical location of the U.S is beneficial for the citizens. They can enjoy some exceptional weather pattern round the year. America is also famous for some of the large structures in the world, and now the entire nation has developed tremendously. This is the top most leading country of the world with modern facilities for its citizens.

It is interesting that the country looks like a large cat on the world map but in reality, there are differences between the lying cat on the map and real life America. The country is inhabited by a good number of people and owns some historical events. America is separated from Alaska by Canada. The Hawaii islands are in the south-west of North America. This is the third largest country on the earth considering the land and water inside the country. The climate inside the country varies for its geographical variety. Often the weather is humid continental and sometimes it is humid subtropical. The early settlement in the country was done in the 14th century even before the discovery by Columbus in 1492. Since then, America has been a stakeholder of different history and events around the world. Now it is the most developed country in the world.

Since America is a developed country, there are lots of chances to do something better. My dad usually deals with spices and he imports spices from distant parts of Europe and Asia to be sold in our wholesale shop here in Singapore. Moreover, he has some restaurants in Singapore which are doing well indeed. But I have a different plan. Generally, the spices my dad imports are used to make the foods delicious and if the imported spices could be used instead of selling, I believe the business would be more beneficial. Yes, I am planning to open a traditional restaurant in any of the states of America. The country is visited by the global people, and a large number of them are Asian, and thus the food tastes are not the same for everyone or everywhere. So, if I can open a restaurant which will sell traditional foods of some specific Asian countries that would be really interesting. Initially, I will pick the Asian dishes for the restaurants and then will move for the other culinary arts.

To be frank, I want to visit America as this is the very best country in the world. I want to experience the living style of the people, their arts, cultures and norms, and to know about their secrets of success so that I also could be a successful man and by the same time could help my own country to grow like America. Besides, I have some business plans as well and I need to visit America to justify the prospects of the business there. I want to establish a

restaurant and in the case of failure, I will try to do something other business. I can supply traditional foods of Singapore to the restaurants or can also contact them to serve with any specific crops or ingredients and similar other things. I love to travel but it may sound unusual that I always try to recover the travelling costs by some ways. So, when I will be in America, I will try to assemble the costs. Planning for a business and implementing the ideas in real life situations in America will help me to recover the expenses I made on my trip.

Describe a time when you felt surprised to meet someone.

You should say:

- when this happened
- who this person was
- what did you do together on that day

and explain why you thought it was a surprise to meet this person.

[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:

Samantha is my cousin and we live in the same town, Paris. Unfortunately, both of us cannot manage time to meet and when I met her last week at a social gathering; I was surprised to see her. She looked amazing and beautiful because she has lost her extra pounds.

Samantha is almost of my age and she is my paternal cousin. She lives with her parents in Bercy in Paris. Bercy is a residential area with the border of Bois de Vincennes while I am in Montparnasse with my parents. Since everyone is busy with their own works, it is difficult to manage time for social gathering here. Moreover, the residing locations of us are a bit distant. So, despite eagerness, we are unable to meet frequently and on some occasions. But this time, a birthday party of another cousin has brought us together. All of the family members were invited to the party of Andrew Simpson, one of my paternal cousins who just turned 15. I met with Samantha at the party and enjoyed it together.

Samantha Simpson is my cousin, and she was the daughter of my eldest uncle (the big brother of my dad). She looks pretty nice now and she is studying her graduation. She looks striking with her deep blue eyes, wide forehead and large black hairs. She is, in fact, proud of her hairs and takes regular care for that. She is 20 now but her growth looked like she was a bit more aged. In her early days, she was too much bulky that some of our cousins used to tease her for her overweight. But now she has removed the extra weights with hard work and exercise. When the family used to stay under the same roof, we had lots of fun. Strolling on the streets of Paris was our regular task. Besides, she was the leader for us and made different plans to make fun. Most of the time she used to move alone and when she succeeded in the plans, we followed her.

I met Samantha around nine months later and we did not have any formal communication excluding the SMS chats. She informed me that she is having some serious exercise to reduce her weight. I, in fact, did not care about the issue as she took such attempts earlier but each of them was a failure. But now she has done what she wanted I was totally surprised about her change. Earlier, she was fond of rich foods, which contributed to her weight gain, but now she did not take the foods in plenty. When I asked her to some more foods on the plate, she replied that she was selective in her foods. On the birthday party, she came wearing a neutral coloured jeans pant with the blue tops. She had boots on her feet and the look was splendid. So, I took some pictures with her to be used on the social networking site. Moreover, both of had long chats. She shared about the recent events of her life and about her new boyfriend as well.

Meeting with Samantha after the long nine months was a surprise for me. When I met last, she looked weighty and she had some weird habits. She tried to make fun with everyone irrespective of age and situations. I think her mental faculty was like the kids who do not know what to do or when to do. Besides, she was not attracted to boys. But now, she has a boyfriend. She was too smart in her speeches and talked faster than the other people. She is completely changed from her former habits. She, now, speaks with a silent tone and tries to communicate effectively with everyone. Her parents are also happy with the changes. She told me that the changes have come after her relationship with John. He has taught her the best practices to be exercised in the society. So, she has started following the instructions from John and has changed herself. So, I was surprised after meeting her. Though we had some

irregular connections on social networking sites, she never told me about the changes and that was also a surprising issue for me as well.

Describe a person who can use/speak a second language.

You should say:

- who this person is
- what language this person can use/speak
- how often this person uses/speaks this language

and explain how this second language is helpful for this person.

[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:

The use of the second language in Vietnam is very important and most of the people are unable to speak a second language properly or they have some sort of pronunciation problem. But I know a man who is able to speak a second language flawlessly and he uses the language to his everyday tasks.

Mr. Giang Dung is my neighbour and lives in the next apartment at the apartment complex we are living now. He is a mobile phone engineer by profession and owns a mobile selling business at a shopping mall located in the downtown of the city. He mostly uses the language with his clients. Some of his clients are foreigners and he needs to communicate with them in the second language to serve them in the right manner. Besides, he also takes classes at a local language club and teaches how to speak the second language. He can speak the language like the native speakers and the key behind his speaking fluency is that he visited some of the European countries for around 10 years before he started his own mobile phone selling businesses in Vietnam.

Mr. Giang Dung is able to speak English as his second language. He is also capable of speaking some other languages like French, Japanese and German. He has spent a part of his life in those countries and learnt the languages. He has spent a notable time of his life in England and thus he has made English as his second language. He is able to speak fluently and his pronunciation is like the native English people. Usually, he uses English with people who are not

familiar with the local language. Since English is an international language, it is used everywhere in the world for communication. Almost all the countries use English as their second language and the scenario is similar in Vietnam as well. But many of the English speaking people are unable to articulate the words perfectly as it is done by Mr. Dung. He has made his speaking tone attractive that most of the times people keep listening to him.

Mr. Dung uses English frequently with everyone and prefers to practice the language with his students most. As Vietnam is gradually developing and many of the global tourists come here to visit the historical places especially related to the wars, the necessity of English is emerging here. Besides, many of the visitors need to buy or repair their cellular phones during their stay at the country and thus they have to move at the shopping malls where the mobile phones are sold or repaired. Mr. Dung is quite familiar in the city for his business and in most of the cases, he is referred by the people as he can take a good care of the tourists and visitors arriving out of Vietnam. He speaks his second language with the people and sometimes he uses the other languages as well if the tourists belong to Germany or Japan. In fact, he loves to speak English and shares positive information about Vietnam to them.

English has helped him to perform some good jobs. Mr. Dung is the man of a good heart and he loves to help people. One day an English traveller came to his shop and explained some troubles to him. Mr. Dung helped the man unconditionally and after some days, the man returned the favour in plenty which was surprising for Mr. Dung. None of the people of the locality could come into help of the man as they did not have command in the English language. Mr. Dung was able to help for his good skill at the language. Besides, his business is expanding comparing the other businessmen of the shopping mall as he could bargain with the foreign clients in English. Rest of the shopkeepers and businessmen are unable to bargain the way he does in English with the foreigners and thus they are lagging behind in the business competition with him. If he did not know the second language, he might not have done so well in his business. Moreover, he has very good relations with the other people and they admire him for his skill in the languages. In a word, the second language has benefited him from several aspects.

Describe an educational TV programme that you have seen.

You should say:

- what the programme is about
- how often you watch this programme
- what type of people enjoy this programme

and explain why this programme is educational.

[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:

Animal Planet is one of the most popular satellite television channels, and it airs different educational programmes around the day. Most of the programmes are based on animals and their behaviours. 'Bad Dog!' is an exciting television show and it is educative as well.

The show is about animals and pets, especially about the dogs which are naughty. It shows the misdeeds of the dogs and how the owners are to suffer for the deeds. But the owners of the dogs do not take any punitive measures against the dogs as they love the dogs unconditionally. This is a deep bond among the dogs and their owners. Most of the cases, the dogs cause serious damage to the surroundings and the owners tolerate the entire things for the sake of their pets. Even they do not shout loudly with the dogs. This is a fascinating show that helps to increase the love and affection towards the dogs. But filming for the hilarious events is not so easy for the show makers and they have to perform lots of tasks for taping the four-legged pets.

I am a regular viewer of this show- Bad Dog! Usually the show takes place on different days of the week and definitely in different schedules. So, when I am at home, I do not miss the episodes and try to know about the schedule of the show earlier. But if I have to miss the show, I visit the website of the television channel and try to collect the missing episode. I do not want to miss the show for several reasons. Firstly, this is an interesting show and I have learnt many things about dogs and their nature. It also teaches me not to misbehave with any pet animals despite their ill activities rather than taking some precautionary measures. Besides, I also get entertained with the activities of the dogs as they do with their owners. Often I cannot stop my laughter during the show. The programme generally begins in the evening and lasts for over half an hour. I sit before the television set during the entire broadcasting time.

Animal Planet is a television channel that is appropriate for all ages of people but not all the programmes here are suitable for all. Some of its programmes like the Bad Dog! is made for the enjoyment of all. Everyone can enjoy the show and in my home, I found that the kids are fonder of the show than the adult people. They like to enjoy the programme with me and if I forget to watch it, they remind me to switch on the television during the programme airing hours. Though the programme is meant for everyone, I think it is enjoyed by only some specific group of people. Bad Dog! is mostly enjoyed by teenage people, women and elderly people who do not have anything to do during the evening hours. Sometimes the television show is repeated but that happens in the morning hours.

This is an educative television programme for a wide number of reasons. Firstly, the programme tells us about the nature of the pet animals. At the first sight, it may appear that the pets are cool but spending some moments with the pet will reveal the truth – how cool they actually are. Dogs are considered as the best friend of men and often they are kept as pets to accompany the humans. But the dogs also could be misbehaving with the owners. They destroy the properties and important objects and more. The programme shows every possible thing done by the dogs and after watching the show, people could learn about their behaviours and attitudes. Once the inner behaviours of the dogs are exposed, the pet owners could take preventive measures against the dogs. The show reveals how destructive the dogs could be and when the audiences are watching the show, surely they plan for some counter measures against those misdeeds by the dogs. So, the programme has some extra appeal to me and I consider it as one of the most educative programmes on television. Every pet owner, especially dog, should watch the show and take necessary measures.

Sample Answer 2:

Frozen Planet is one of the most popular TV programs that is about life in Arctic and Antarctic regions. In fact, this was one of the impressive television shows that attracted my attention and compelled me to complete the entire series.

The show mostly deals with wildlife. Actually, this is a wildlife documentary about the plants and animals living in the Arctic and Antarctic regions. The show features a good number of animals like polar bears, penguins, moose, seals etc. which are mostly found in those regions. The animals are cute while

the environments are outstanding. Besides, the most important thing is it shows us how we are affecting the environment and inviting disasters for the animals and us.

Actually, the series is closed now but some of the television channels in different countries are now televising the show. The show is available on a local television channel in Cape Town. It is televised in thrice in a week. So, I try to attend each of the episodes. But I cannot manage time always to sit before the TV set and thus miss some of the episodes. Luckily, the television channel repeats the shows in the next day. So, whenever I miss any of the episodes, I watch the repeating show. Besides, my younger brother is also attracted to the show and he accompanies me during the show time.

This is an educative television show. So, the content of the show is highly valuable. But not everyone will be pleased with the show. It is preferable for those who have an interest in wild animals and want to know about them. The show is also suitable for people who want to know the Arctic and Antarctic region. The filming of the show is completely done in the polar regions and the crews are to undergo various issues during the filming. They film the show amid huge risks and even they may lose their lives as well in the snowstorms or by attacks from polar bears and other animals. So, the show is made for people who appreciate the risks and evaluates the efforts of the filming crews.

Frozen Planet began in 2011 and this is a British nature documentary series. And the series has won several prestigious awards in different times for its educative values and other issues. The programme is educative in this sense that it shares a lot of unknown and interesting information about wildlife in the regions. The narrator clearly describes and explain the matters in an effective manner. The show also tries to provide some warning that we are destroying the environment and the wilderness in the regions are suffering a lot. Someday we may also turn to be victims of the consequences.

Describe an exam that was quite important to you.

You should say:

- what exam it was
- how old you were when you sat for that exam
- how long it took

and explain why it was an important exam for you.

[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:

I am a student of graduate level and passing my third phase of this level in the University of Malaya. I am studying economics here and recently attended on my year ending exam. It was an important exam for me as the failure on the exam will not allow me to get promoted to the next phase.

Bachelor of economics is one of the most sought subjects in the University of Malaya and I am studying the course here for last four years. My final year is going on and by the end of this year, I will complete the course. This course is a bit tougher than the other bachelor course as the course deals with the fundamentals of economics. The course is divided into several phases and the topics turn tougher with the passing of one year or phase. So, in my third phase, it was a bit difficult for me to cross the barriers of the course. The course – Econometrics, was a bit tougher than the other courses and thus the university authority scheduled the course at the last day of the exam. Even, there was a day off for preparation of the course.

Now I am 22 years old and when I appeared on the course last December, I was 21. This is the average age for the Malaysian people to study in the universities. In my early days, people used to admit their kids into elementary schools when they were six or seven years old but now the scenario has been changed. Most of the people admit their kids at an early age when they are four or five. In fact, the citizens of Malaysia are tryi9ng to cope with the advancement of the world and thus they are admitting their children into schools and other educational institutions at an early age so that they could cope up with the changes of the modern life. Often I ponder about the issue and if I could sit for the exam again now, I could have done better in the score. With the passing of time, people become experienced and their mental faculty enriches and expands. So, if I could have sat again for the Econometrics now, I could have answered the questions in more productive manner.

Generally, the bachelor exams are held for four hours at a stretch and Econometrics was not an exception here. The exam was held for four long hours. Since my preparation for the course was not up to the mark, it was

difficult for me to answer all the questions. Some of the questions were out of our syllabus and the students created chaos for sometimes with the invigilator present at the exam hall. When the authority acknowledged their mistake and assured that they would provide the marks against the questions, the situation came under control. The exam began again. The exam began at 12.00 pm and ended at 4.00 pm. The entire hours were struggling for me. It appeared that the theory of relativity started working for me. Frequently I was watching at my wristwatch and it appeared that time was not passing. Actually, it happens to everyone when they want the time to pass. At that moment, everything turns slower and the moments are irritating.

The Econometrics exam was important for me in several aspects. Firstly, it was the last exam of the year and if I fail in the exam, I have to retake the course again with my junior batch. This was really a shocking event for me that I would attend the exam with my juniors. Moreover, the failure on the exam will delay my promotion to the next and final level of the graduation. As a result, everything with me will be delayed. If I am late to complete my graduation, I will not be able to start my career early. Currently, the employment situation is Malaysia is well but it takes considerable times to establish someone into any specific position. So, I, in fact, was in a hurry to complete my bachelor of Economics. I did not have spare time with me to spend for the betterment of the course. I was trying to complete my academic activities as early as possible and thus the exam was of great importance to me.

Sample Answer 2:

It was a written exam against the position of a sales executive for a multinational company. I was one of the short listed candidates for the position. The authority asked me to attend for the formal written test. This is an interesting matter to describe. Thank you for the cue card topic. Here, I will describe what I did there.

The exam aimed to select the right candidate for the position. And hence, the exam was completely different from the ordinary exam those are held in educational institutions. It aimed to bring out the best of the bests. So, the questions were difficult and the candidates had to prove their worth through the exam. Considering all the matters, it was important for me. My failure would have discarded me from the candidature of this position.

I was 25 years old then. It was about my survival. In fact, after completing my

graduation from the local college here in Indonesia, I had to seek options for a living. Though I belonged to a solvent family, my parents wanted me to be independent in everything and even for my living. They wanted me to earn my livelihood and asked me to seek jobs suitable for me. Accordingly, I was in search of jobs. It was the second job for me and I worked as a sales executive for a computer anti-virus selling company.

The duration of the written test was one and a half hour. In this time, I had to solve a good number of problems. The questions were about my analytical ability, test on general knowledge and creating some strategic plans to increase the sales for the company. I had also answered some other types of questions such as my future planning with the company and how I can contribute to the development of this company if I am appointed to a higher position gradually. Each of the questions had distinctive marks. Interestingly, the pass mark was above 60. So, if I needed to score over 60 to get selected through this written exam.

This was an important exam for me considering various aspects. Actually, I needed the job badly. Before applying for the job, I quit my first job and was seeking the other one. I left the previous job for some grounds. In fact, I was unable to reach the monthly sales target while the employer deducted a certain amount from my monthly salary. To be true, it was one of the key causes to give up the former job. The time between quitting the job and getting the invitation for this interview was critical for me. If I turned in to failure in the exam, I did not know how I had to survive. Luckily, I got the job.

Describe an unusual job you think you would be good at.

You should say:

- what the job is
- what kind of works it involves
- what type of people do this job

and explain why you think you would be good at 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 1:

Selling hot dogs on the streets is something unusual for a person like me. In fact, I am highly skilled in persuading people into something and if I am assigned to sell hot dogs in the streets, I think I would be more successful than the professional vendors.

Singapore is the city where people around the world come to visit and most of them are the shoppers. They like to take their meals on the streets when they are shopping. So, selling street foods, especially hot dogs, is a great business with low investment. But everyone cannot play the role of a perfect street vendor. There are some specific arts and skills required for the task. Most of the sellers are not that much educated and often they are unable to deal with the foreign visitors. So, most of the street vendors, selling hot dogs, cannot shine in their business. But if an educated person like me is involved here, the business will shine greatly.

Selling foods on the streets of Singapore is unusual for me. I am from a wealthy family and have recently completed my graduation. My dad is planning to take me in his export-import business. So, if I get involve into selling street foods like hot dogs, they will discourage me from the business. But as I can see, there are lots of options for me to shine on the business. Firstly, most of the hot dog sellers are unable to speak a standard form of English. They try to communicate with the clients by exchanging gestures which is inappropriate for the business growth. Besides, the majority of the street food shops do not have cleanliness which is a must to attract the tourists and visitors. Though some of the vendors have some sitting arrangements in small scales, they are unable to serve all the clients simultaneously which is a barrier for client satisfaction. Overall, the street vendors lack the knowledge about client satisfaction. If all the tasks could be done together, the chance for success is more than anything in this business.

The street foods are sold by lower-middle class of people. They use carts to carry the store and open their shops besides some large streets or before any reputed shopping malls. They keep a standard distance with the main streets so that the stores do not block the roads. If they block roads and set their shops, they are to be accountable to the municipal authority. So, they are

highly aware of the issues. Selling foods on the streets have become a family business for some of the sellers. They prepare the foods at their home round the day and sell those at the night, or they prepare the foods at the night time and sell those at the day time. They cannot make a good profit from the business as they cannot grab customers in their stores. They are unaware of the approaches and they could have some business if some shoppers luckily visit their shops for foods.

I am a business graduate and have theoretical knowledge about business. I can make some business models as well with the existing street food shops and if the models could be implemented in the right manner, undoubtedly the businesses will grow to a large extent. I would be good at selling the hot dogs on the streets and before the shopping malls as I will adopt some innovative measures for increasing my sale of foods. I will advertise for the foods I am selling and definitely, I will use English as most of the tourists are out of Singapore and are familiar with this international language. I will add the price and quality of the hot dogs. Some sitting arrangements will be made and I will underscore the issue of modernity. I will arrange for cleanliness of the store. Some soft drinks would also be arranged with the hot dogs so that the clients could remove their thirst with the foods.

Sample Answer 2:

Being a professional politician would be an unusual job for me. This is completely different from the other professions. In fact, nobody takes it as a full-time profession. So, this is an unusual job to me. Thanks for your interesting question. Now I will describe the reasons in brief.

Politics is one of the ancient professions. Not everyone can be a politician. It requires specific skills and intelligence to be a politician. Moreover, you will need to talk a lot. In fact, without an enriched public relation skill, you would be unable to perform the roles of a politician. I think I have the capacity to handle everything that a politician does in his everyday life. So, it would be a suitable job for me.

This is not the job where an individual follows a routine. This is a different type of job which involved public relations. Besides, the position is also responsible for contributing to the development of the locality. It requires meeting with the local people and knowing about their sufferings. Besides, sometimes you are to participate in public functions as guests or fill up the position of chief

guests as well. When you will be a politician, you will have fewer chances to lead a family life. Most of the time, you will need to remain busy with the activities for the people's welfare. You also need to be patient and kindness to others. This is a great responsibility for someone like me to become a politician and in fact very unusual.

To be honest, this is not really a job. This is a passion. So, if you are not passionate about politics, you would be unable to do it. In fact, people who are in love in politics are the best person to come in this profession. This will lead them towards success. Besides, people who have skills in dealing with all types of people are able to participate in politics. This is the profession for people extrovert in nature. People who are open minded are the candidates to be successful.

I would be good at this profession for some reasons. As I said before that this is not a typical profession actually, this is a passion. Most of the politicians of my country are not too much literate. So, it needs some educated people to join in. As a graduate, I would be able to apply my academic knowledge in this profession. Moreover, my extrovert nature is also a beneficial fact for me. I would be able to socialise with people and come to know about their needs so that I could assist them in fulfilling the needs. The most important thing is that I have a passion for politics. Based on all the matters, I would be good in politics.

Describe a day when you woke up very early.

You should say:

- when it was
- what time you woke up
- why you woke up so early

and explain how the day was.

[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:

I am not an early riser and my lifestyle has been changed accordingly. In fact, I sleep late at night and wake up around noon but in last month I had to rise early to attend an interview for the post of a sales executive in an international company dealing with computer accessories.

I have completed my graduation last year from the University of Punjab in Lahore, Pakistan and been passing an unemployed period since then. The rate of unemployment is too much in Pakistan for different reasons. Many of the educated youths are unemployed. Though some of them have started a business to be self-reliant, most of them cannot do so for the want to money. So, receiving an invitation for a formal interview at a multinational company was really unexpected and surprising for me. So, I broke my usual rules and started for the interview. Though I reached there in time, I found a large queue of applicants for the similar post. The company was supposed to hire only two sales executives while the number of applicants was over hundred.

My ordinary lifestyle is a bit different from the other citizens of Pakistan. I usually start my day after the noon and remain awake till last part of night. Usually, I play video games or watch movies in night times. Since I am not engaged in any job, my parents and other family members are not annoyed with the lifestyle though they sometimes try to suggest me to change the style. They are bored with my typical reply that everything will be okay after I get a job for me. So, when the interview letter arrived at my home, it was a bit difficult for me to adjust with the interview schedule. I had to get up by 6.00 am so that I could reach in the interview location within due time. The interview location was set in a corner of Lahore and that was moderately distant from my living place. So, I had to get up early.

This is the age of expansion and everything is changing. By the same way, traffic on roads have also increased in Pakistan and most of the times the main streets are occupied with different sorts of vehicles and transport modes. So, if someone wants to reach any destination during the office hours, it is wise to start early. A 5-minute late could make them stop on the road for half an hour. Though the interview location was only one hour journey by bus from my home, I did not take any risk. I was applying for jobs from different job searching websites and the majority of the employers were unresponsive to my application. But this multinational computer manufacturer was a bit different from them. So, if I miss the chance of attending the interview only for

traffic congestion on the streets, it would be considered as a bad luck for me. Thereby, I woke up early on that day and took necessary preparations to move for the interview.

The day was sunny and warm. In fact, it was a new day for me as I do not wake up so early. I woke up too early and even before the family members in my house. I enjoyed the morning beauty for few minutes standing on the garden inside our house. This was made with the initiative of my father. I saw the flowers to bloom. Then I took my bath and got ready for the journey. Usually, I have my brunch every day but I took breakfast on that day. It happened as I woke early. Moreover, I felt the fresh breeze passing by surrounding me. Since I was early, I found the bus almost empty and there was no traffic congestion on the streets. Usually, the congestion begins after 8.00am as everyone rushes then to their offices and other workplaces. I reached my destination in time. Moreover, I enjoyed a splendid morning that I have never checked before.

Sample Answer 2:

I had to wake up at around 4.30am in the morning last week to receive my father who was returning home from a business trip. Despite being an early riser for the regular days, it was difficult for me to get so early. But I enjoyed the day. Thanks for your question.

My father went to Turkey for some business purposes. On his way back to home, he was feeling uncomfortable and thus he informed us before boarding the flight from Istanbul. He asked me to be present at the airport in Paris to bring him home. After his recommendation, I went at the airport. So, I needed to wake up early in that day.

I woke up at 4.30 am sharp. I had set the alarm at this time. Usually, I sleep by 11.00pm but on that night, I took an early sleep so that there are no troubles with my sleep. I need to sleep at least seven hours in a day, and if the sleep time is less than seven hours, it becomes difficult for me to manage everything. Attending classes is a big problem for me on those days when my sleeping cycle is incomplete. So, I planned everything accordingly. Luckily, everything went very well. I woke up in the right time and brought father home safely.

The airport was a five-minute drive from my home. And the flight was supposed to land on 4.45 am. I know it takes around half an hour to complete all the process and get out of the airport. But I did not take any risk. I wanted

to be at the airport even before the landing of the flight. Accordingly, I had to wake up in the wee hours of the day. My father relies on me much. He also shoulders me some of the responsibilities related to his business and in past, I have completed them with sincerity. He knows that I would be able to handle everything. And considering the matters, he asked me to be at the airport.

The day was fine to me. I returned home with father by 7.00 am and then slept for three more hours. I did not attend my university class on that day. Rather, I went to my father's company to accompany him for the day. In fact, my dad asked me to be with him on that day. He really was sick. Actually, he suffered from a sudden fever and digestive disorders. As he is selective in taking foods, there might be something wrong with the foods in Istanbul. He had some important meeting with some of his clients and on behalf of him, I took care of everything. It was a great day for me.

Describe a big public event that you have attended.

You should say:

- what event it was
- when and why it was held
- who attended in this public event

and explain how you felt about being there.

[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:

I love rock music more than anything and accordingly try participating in almost all the live rock music concerts here, in Singapore. But a few weeks ago, I attended a large classical music festival and it was a different experience for me, indeed.

Generally, Singapore is famous for holding different music festivals round the year and there are several venues to hold the events. A diversified number of music events take place in Singapore and I like the classical music most. I attended at the classical music festival of this year which was attended by a

wide number of artists around the globe. The event is annually organised in Singapore and lasts for four to five days at a stretch. People of different level come here to enjoy the classical music from different countries. This is one of the most popular cultural events in Singapore and people gather here and pass almost all the night being enchanted by the classical music. The event begins at 8.00pm and closes at 4.30am each day until the closure of the entire event.

Generally the event is held annually to promote the global friendship and exchange the cultural trends. Many of the countries, having some sort of heritage in classical music, participate in the event. There are no commercial aspects of the event and the entry fee is free for all. But one thing you need to do is that you are to register yourself by online registration method which is also free of charges. The classical music fest takes place in May of each year. A local event management agency organises the show and collects funds from different sources. Different multinational companies sponsor for the show and exhibit their advertisement which is the key funding source for the event. In fact organising such a large event without any external support is impossible for the event management agency alone. But it does not charge a single penny from the audiences.

The classical music fest is attended by all types of people. In line with the natives, the foreigners or tourists in Singapore also visit the music festival. But that is a bit troublesome as they are not registered with the show and have to register instantly which really turns into some complexities. I went to the music fest with my college friends. Though being young in age, we are fond of rock music; the classical music instruments had some influential impacts on us, especially the flute playing. Some of the globally renowned flute artists participated at the event and captivated the audiences to a heavenly symphony. The flute artists performed at the last part of the event and the audiences waited eagerly for the artists' performance. All of my friends were also charmed with the flutes. So, it was a regular task for us to attend the event in the midnight and stay until it was closed.

This was one of the most wonderful experiences in my entire life. Basically, I am a fan of hard rock music and most of the times I prefer concentrating on the music instead of the song. But when I attended at the classical music fest, my concepts over songs have been changed. I am not anymore interested in rock music, rather I have turned into a big fan of the classical music. The Indian classical music was one of the most attractive things at the event. Besides, all the musicians at the event played with their heart. So, there was a heavenly

situation and almost all the audiences enjoyed the music. None of them placed any complaint against the performance rather they were on the view to start the show earlier than the scheduled time. But I was totally surprised with the entire show and performance of the musicians. Every musician was considered as a master in the respective arena. The tones they created were outstanding and unique. Most of the tones they played have never been played before while some of the tones and songs were familiar to the audiences. Though I am unfamiliar with everything, I enjoyed the event deeply indeed. I was one of the luckiest men who had chances to attend at the classical music fest in Singapore.

Sample Answer 2:

It was about a local election campaign in Islamabad, Pakistan. And it was a large public event. I attended the event based on some grounds and it was a nice experience. Thank you for this smart question. Here is the brief description of the issue.

The municipality election was held amid great festivity. Marking the election, a good number of events were organised where people of all classes were invited. In such an event, I went to see actually what happens. This was a big event and it was a new experience to me. In fact, I have never attended such an event before.

Interestingly, the event was held in an open space. I did not have the idea that the large events could also be organised in the open spaces. I knew that the public events are held in auditoriums or in closed area so that everyone could enjoy them. But there was something different in this event. It was held in the afternoon and lasted for next few hours. I knew that the large gatherings are usually held in holidays. But this event took place in a working day. So, it also caused trouble for the people on the streets. One of the local political leaders organised for this event to make his candidates familiar to the local people for the election purpose.

Many of the ruling party leaders attended in this event. Actually, it was a kind of reunion for them with their supporters and locals. One of the influential ministers was the chief guest at the event while many of the other leaders of the ruling party were made guests speak in this event. Besides, the nominated candidates for the election were also there. Everyone spoke in this event and pledged for the development of their respective localities. Besides, they also

pointed out the problems and also explained how they would solve them when they will be elected as the representatives of the local people.

Initially, I was glad to be a part of this historic gathering. But later, I realised that I made it wrong. The event was organised by blocking a public street which caused immense suffering for the commuters. It also troubled the people to reach their destinations. Besides, seating arrangement was not up to the mark. Each of the speakers took a long time during their speech delivery. So, my enjoyable feeling turned in to an anxiety. I stood for over two hours in the event venue as I could not manage a seat for me. Many of the senior citizens also stood on their feet for me. Further, some of the independent candidates appeared at the venue which created a sense of fear. So, I cannot say that the feelings were good till the end.

Describe something special you brought home from a holiday.

You should say:

- what it was
- where you got it
- how much it cost

and explain why you think it is special.

[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:

Knives are often dangerous for us if we do not know how to handle them and if we have the know-how to use a knife perfectly, it can make the impossible to possible. I brought a set of six knives of different sizes, shapes and designs for my home use.

Now, I live in New Delhi in India. Earlier, my family consisted of my parents and siblings, used to live in an extended family with many other relatives. But after the death of my grandparents, everyone formed their own. In my family, my mom was in deep trouble for cooking. She was unskilled in preparing the food ingredients like vegetables before cooking; especially cutting them into pieces

and cleaning was a great difficulty for her. She was used to cut the food ingredients and other crops with knives instead of large choppers, and here in our New Delhi apartment, we did not have a single vegetable knife. So, when I went in a holiday last week, my mom asked me to bring some knives for home use. She was seriously having trouble for the absence of the knives. Cooking became a great problem at our place.

I went to Nepal for a three-day long trip with my college mates. When my mom came to know about my plan, she asked me to bring a set of Gurkha knife for her kitchen use. She recommended the Nepali knives as those were the best for common use. Thereby, I did not forget her requirement and once I landed in Nepal, I started looking for the knives. One of my mates told me that the knives are available on some street markets. He also said that he had bought knives for his home in his last trip. After his advice, both of us started seeking the knives. Finally, we got the knives in a small street shop. There were six knives in a knife set. The sizes and sharpness of the knives were different. The largest knife was 18 inch with the handle while the blade was 12 inches, and the smallest one was six inches only with its entire body including the blade and handle.

The knives were a bit pricy as those are made by original khukuri knives. The knives were made of pure steel and the handles were made by solid wood. The entire set cost me around 2500 rupees. Though it appears a bit pricy comparing the knives available in India, I think the price is reasonable. Most of the knives available in India are not up to the standard and often the blades get broken or blunt after some frequent use. Besides, the steels are too thin that someone could easily break down the blade by applying some minor pressures. Moreover, the sellers claim the knives to be imported and charge more than the usual price but in fact, those knives are made locally. So, I think it is better to pay a bit more to have the standard quality product. When I told mom that the price of the set was Rs 2500, she was not surprised and instead she said that I was lucky to have the knives in this cheaper rate.

The knives are special for different reasons. Firstly, they were made with the finest quality of steel. The steels were heavy and unbreakable. The blades of the knives were too sharp and do not needed to sharpen them regularly. The sellers also said that the knives are of a life-time guarantee. Nothing will happen with them in a lifetime. I also liked the weight of the knives. Each of the knives was moderately heavy based on their size and shapes. It is said that simplicity is the best art. The knives were simple. None of them had any

designs on the blades or on the handle. The handles were made of rock solid woods and riveted with the knife body. The seller also advised me to use the knives carefully as accidents may occur easily with the knives. But mom seems to be happy with them and she skillfully works with the knives. She adores them much and I am also amazed by their quality and sharpness.

Sample Answer 2:

My recent holiday trip to Switzerland was excellent. And when I returned home, I bought some wrist watches for my family as the Swiss-made watches are considered as one of the best watches of the world in every term. I will explain the matter in brief now.

A wristwatch is one of an essential gadget for everyday life. In fact, it is helpful for the users to know the time whenever they need. So, during my visit, I decided to bring some wrist watches for my family members. They were really happy with the watches. And it was a kind of special gift for them from my part.

I bought the wrist watches from Bern. This is the capital city of the country. And also adorned with wonderful things. The most important matter that attracted my attention is the modern architecture and cleanliness. The entire city was neat and clean. When I compared the city with my own city in Mumbai, I felt shy. However, there were many other things to do in Bern. My father also asked me to bring some other things for him like a pouch of tobacco, and a pipe. I also collected them from a superstore. I also visited some other noted places of the city for shopping purposes.

The prices of the watches were different. I bought seven wristwatches of Rado brand. And they cost me in an average around 1200 Swiss francs. Luckily I got some discounts from the seller. Later, I compared the price with the prices of India and realised that I am a winner in this deal. The watches were sold cheaper than India. I wanted to take a couple of more wrist watches but my wallet did not permit me any further deal about this. The seller guaranteed the watches will last a lifetime. He also suggested replacing the batteries after every three years.

The watches were really special. They had a sleek design while the body was made with light steel. Besides, all of the watches were waterproof and easy to use. The internal illumination system made the watches to get illuminated in

night times so that there are no troubles in watching time in darkness. The other special aspect about the watch is their colour. All the colours were permanent and scratch resistant. But I was told to use them carefully as if the glasses get broken, I will not get the original glass. The wristwatch that I took for my mother was an exceptional one. The heart shape wristwatch fitted in her wrist perfectly. She was so happy with the present from me. And all the other members were happier too. All these matters have made the wrist watches special to me.

Describe a successful businessman you know.

You should say:

- who is he/she
- what type of business /she runs
- how you know him/her

and explain why you think s/he is a successful businessman.

[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:

Business is one the greatest ways to earn wealth in a legal manner and many of the people are rich by business. I know a local businessman here in Singapore who has become a millionaire with his hard effort. Mr. Andrew Robertson, my neighbour, is a very successful businessman.

Saying goes that stop chasing the money rather chase your passion. By dint of passion, a man becomes successful, and when there is the lack of passion, life turns to be dull and boring. Mr. Robertson had a great passion in his business. He used to work day and night. It was his passion and he never felt tired in attending his business. For all of his efforts now he is a successful businessman though he began his business with a small initiative. Nobody could have thought that he would a business magnet in later stages when he started his business. But everyone praised his initiatives and efforts for success. So, at the end of the day, when everyone was busy for closing their business in the

downtown of Singapore, only he was seen waiting for customers. Fortunately, many of the consumers crowded on his business store to get their last minute meals.

Mr. Robertson is a former Italian national and now living in Singapore with his family. He migrated here back in 2005 and opened a mobile restaurant. He used to sell different sorts of delicious traditional Italian dishes. Gradually he started improving his business and added some other dishes in his menu. Now he proudly owns one of the largest restaurants in Singapore and the restaurants offer numerous yummy foods to the food lovers of Singapore. The restaurant he owns has a stunning look and the services of all the staffs are highly pleasant and admirable. Mr. Robertson personally takes care of all the cooking ingredients every day. He often goes to the market for shopping for his restaurant and never compromises with the quality. As a result, the reputation of his restaurant spread across the city within a short time.

Mr. Robertson lives just opposite to the next door of my apartment and he has bought the apartment though he entered here as a tenant. He hired the apartment a few years ago and as his business grew well, his life started changing rapidly. Initially, he had a small food selling van which he used to park on a side of a street and sold food items. When the consumers were pleased with his foods and processing, his reputation soared high and his luck changed to a great extent. He gradually started shining in his business. Later he hired the apartment opposite to us and started living there with his family. His family is made of his wife and two kids. After passing a year, he bought a space in the downtown and made a moderately decorated restaurant. My parents have a very intimate relation with him and his family. Mr. Robertson also likes me very much and in fact, I am appointed to teach mathematics to his elder son who is his fourth grade.

Success does not appear until it is worshipped. To achieve success, the people who desire it need to work hard and if everything goes right, the success will appear finally. The same thing happened in the life of Mr. Robert. He tried his best, passed the worst moments of his life and finally all his efforts resulted in his success. He is successful as he struggled hard. He worked for long hours in the day time and even often in night times. He was unable to pass some quality moments with his family members in the beginning and even he could not join at any social functions or family events. But gradually he started developing the business. His extreme sincerity brought the changes in his life. Now is a complete successful man. He has gained name and fame across the city and

everyone admires him for his perseverance.

Sample Answer 2:

Mr Jim is a successful businessman in my locality. He had struggled a lot in his early life and now is one of the most prominent people in the area. He has crossed the barriers in his life and dealt them with smartness. As a result, he is at the peak of success. This is an interesting question to deal with. Thank you for asking me.

Mr Jim is an African national living here in Indonesia for a long time. He deals with a super shop. The shop has several branches now. But the beginning of the business was not smooth as it appears now. Mr Jim is also a generous person and loves to socialise. His gentle behaviour is adorable.

His super shop sells various types of goods. They include groceries, electronic gadgets and items, toys for kids, clothing, toiletries, cosmetics, perfumes, foot wears, and much more. People gather at his shop for some reasons. The most prominent fact about the shop is that it never sells any artificial products. And if there is any such event proved, the shop authority refunds the buyer and apologise for the faulty product. As a result, his popularity increased in the locality. Within the first three years, he was able to open another branch of his ship in the centre of the city. It was possible for his foresight in business.

I met him while I was shopping at his shop. In fact, I did not have the idea that he would be the owner of the shop. He was working with the other staffs of the shop. Mr Jim helped me in collecting the necessary items for me, took them to the sales counter and said the goodbye with a smiling face. I came to know about him the other day when I entered the shop for some groceries. I asked the man at the counter about him. I was surprised with the reply. In fact, I could not believe my eyes that the shop owner is working hard with his employees for his business growth.

He is a successful businessman for some certain grounds. The most important thing is that he is a hard worker. I have never seen him without a smile on his face while dealing with the clients and customers. Moreover, Mr Jim is helpful to everyone. He does not waste his money like the other businesspeople in the city. He plans for future and dreams to have a large super shop after buying his own land. His cordial attitude is also responsible for his success. And most importantly, everyone in the locality loves him much for his unconditional

attempts of public interest. Based on all the matters, Mr Jim is a successful businessman.

Describe an indoor game that you played in your childhood.

You should say:

- what it was
- who you played it with
- how you played it

and explain why you liked to play it in your childhood.

[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:

Indoor games are always exciting if you have the right partner with you. If the partner is unable to play the game, often the games appear boring. I used to play cards with my cousins in my childhood and all of them were skilled at the game. So, I enjoyed the games much.

Playing card is a kind of fascination to me. I like to play cards and also skilled in different types of games with the cards. When I was a child, I used to live with my parents and the family was a joint family living in Mysore in India. So, I had some cousins who also lived with their parents in the large family. Since the number of small children was more and all of them were causing troubles to the older people, my father invented the idea to teach us to play cards. This idea from my father was one of the effective ones in his entire life. In association with my paternal uncles and grandpas, my father taught us to play cards. Initially, he introduced all the cards to us, explained the functions and importance of the card numbers and characters and finally coached how to play them.

Usually, I played the cards with my cousins and at times my father asked me to accompany him on occasionally. But I have played most of the time with the cousins and we formed three groups. Each of the groups had four members

and we used to play different local and international types. We used to play rummy, blackjack, spades, twenty-nine, poker (without any money), contract bridge etc. My father was strict about one issue that he did not allow anyone to play the cards with money. He was strict against gambling and wanted us to remain away from that. All of us followed his orders and never tried to go beyond the directives. Sometimes I have played cards with my local friends when they arrived at my home to pass their leisure. Then I used to form another group to play cards outside of my family members.

Playing card was a form of entertainment. Since I was born and brought up in an extended family in India, we had a large house to share, made by great grandpa. There was a recreation room in the house on the third floor, in fact on the roof of the house. A couple of tables, chairs and other unused furniture were kept at the room. The room was spacious enough to accommodate all of my cousins including me (we were 16 in number). We got divided into three of four groups and distributed the card packets accordingly. As my father and uncles also used to play cards, there were enough packets for us to share during the play. After the card packet distribution, we start paying after our preference. I used to play blackjack with the cousins but all of our sisters preferred playing spades only. We could not pursue them to play the other types. In fact, they might have found the type easier for them.

A saying goes that habit causes love. Playing card turned into a habit for all of us and at last we fell in love with the game. Initially, my father did not want to teach us playing cards as it may lead us to ashtray but considering the urges from the other family members, he agreed to teach us. So, whenever we managed time, we used to deal with the cards. The eldest uncle of mine had shown us few amazing tricks and sometimes we tried to perform those tricks but failed. Gradually, love for the cards appeared on our mind. Some of my cousins were obsessed with cards and even they started keeping a packet with their pockets always. Moreover, playing cards became our preferable pastime as we did not have any outdoor space to move on. We had a large garden before the house which was well maintained and thus we were not allowed to enter into the garden premise. So, to prevent our mischievous activities inside the home, the seniors arranged for the cards. Now almost all of my cousins, including me, are skilled card players.

Sample Answer 2:

I used to play table tennis at my home when I was a kid. In fact, table tennis is

one of the most popular indoor sports of all time. The memories are still vivid in my mind. Thank you for the topic. I will describe the memories now and hope they would be enjoyable.

My father loved playing table tennis. So, he arranged for a table and other necessary tools for playing the game at home. In line with his addiction to the game, I also developed a sense of attraction for table tennis. So, it was a common matter for me to spend around two to three hours in playing the game at the garage where the table was placed.

Mostly, I played the game with my father. Sometimes, I was accompanied by some of my cousins when they came to our home. It was really nice to play with them. But interestingly, I gained skills in playing the game and won almost all the matches. The events turned really enjoyable when my dad used to play with us. But it was tougher for him to manage time to play with us during the day time. He remained busy round the day. Usually, in the working days, he used to play it in the evening after returning from his work.

Playing table tennis requires some special set of skills. In fact, if you do not have prior experiences with the game. Physical fitness is the most important thing here. You will need to move speedily to deal with the tiny tennis ball. When I played the game, I had to follow all the necessary rules. My father taught me the rules. He also taught me to serve the ball smartly. After lots of practices, I have made my own way of serving the tennis ball to the opponent. Interestingly, my opponent becomes puzzled in the beginning of the game which helps me to be the winner. But moving in the corner of the table was a bit troublesome for me as I was a child.

I used to like playing table tennis in my childhood for various reasons. The most important reason was that to play table tennis, I do not need to go outside. And I could play it whenever I wanted. Gradually, I learned the skill for this game which also made it preferable to me. Besides, there were some other health benefits of playing table tennis as well. It helped me to keep fit and remove laziness. Moreover, I enjoyed the moments when I won the matches. In fact, I won the matches for my skills and rapid movements. The sudden attacks to the opponent were the key to success and it helped me enjoy the game to the last minute.

Describe a prize you have won.

You should say:

- what it was
- what you had to do to win it
- how many other competitors were there

and explain how you felt after winning 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 1:

Winning a prize is always exciting and the winners are adored as well by different quarters. I also had won a prize in my college's annual sports competition last week. I won the first prize and became the champion on the table tennis match on the indoor games category.

Tennis is one of the most exciting sports in the world. Besides, the players are admired and respected by the people of the world. When it is about tennis, majority of the people consider it to be lawn tennis but table tennis is the smaller version of the lawn tennis. Table tennis is played on a table and the rules are similar to the larger one. Usually, two types of matches are played on table tennis – single match, team match. In a single match, usually, there is one opponent in each of the sides while the opponents become two in the team match. All of the teams or players try to defeat their opponents.

Winning on a table tennis match is difficult indeed. I had to struggle a lot for winning the matches. Initially, I took part in the qualifying rounds, and then I got promoted to the competing matches. I played the matches solo though one of my friends wanted to team up with me. But I declined as I am not a good team player. Before appearing on the competitions, I had to practice the techniques for hours. Usually making the balls to swing is one of the difficult ways in table tennis and if someone could master it, playing and especially defeating becomes easier. So, I practised the specific way at my home with my sister. Moreover, I used to play table tennis with some of my friends who came to visit me at my home. Besides, dad also likes to play table tennis and often he turned my opponent at my home. So, I had lots of practice with table tennis and thereby, I became victorious.

There were several other competitors against me and I had to defeat every one of them. Before reaching the final match, I had to beat five other competitors. It was a bit difficult for me because the matches took place in a single day. The qualifying matches began early in the morning and continued for around one hour. Then the competing matches took place.

Fortunately, I got some rest as I did not have to play all the matches. I appeared in six matches altogether (including the final match). The matches took place in the college auditorium and three tables for the tennis were placed inside there to hold the matches. Most of the players came here without any practice and I thought that it would be easy to defeat them as I do have regular practice with table tennis. But it was tougher for me to defeat my competitors and they played very well despite having no practice at all.

When I participated in the matches, I, in fact, did not think about the results. Rather, I tried to play my best and I did so. In the end, the results backed me. When I checked my score, I was amazed and could not believe that I did so well in the matches. The least distance of points with the opponents was 10. The other opponents played well and had a good fight with me. My parents were also with me during the matches and they inspired me after every match. When I won the college championship for table tennis, I was overwhelmed with joy and excitement. I shared my emotions with my family members and also with the opponents. They said that they had also enjoyed the matches with me and wished me good luck as well. The chief guest, the college principal and relevant others also inspired me to continue my practice so that I could be a great table tennis player in future.

Sample Answer 2:

In the last annual shooting competition, I won the best performance award in the shooting. This is one of the most prestigious awards in police department here in Greece. So, it made me honoured. Thank you for your pleasant cue card topic. The question reminds me describing the memories of the competition day.

The annual shooting completion is held for various reasons. The most important reason is to increase and test the reflex actions of the police officers and how they react in situations. Moreover, it is also related to the fitness of the police officers. So, the authority organised for the competition and I won the best shooter awards in this competition.

There were no options left for me than practising. I had to practice a lot. After completing the duties, I went to the shooting ground and practised shooting with various types of handguns and firearms. And on the competition day, it was a pressure to me. I did not have the idea that I would win the award. I just had focused on the shooting the targets and completed the other assignments on the shooting ground. But firing with a handgun in a fast motion is really tough. And if the targets are moving, you are to be more cautious about that situations. Besides, firing at innocent people will decrease the point. It was difficult to stop firing at them.

This was a competition where every police officers in the department can take part. But this year, the number of competitors was less. There were only 20 participants. And all of them were highly skilled in shooting different types of firearms. They were skilled in rapid fire, fast draw, shooting the criminals and protecting the victims and more. I also own the similar expertise like them. But it was upsetting for me to hold my fire when suddenly an 'innocent' man appeared on the shooting ground. I gathered the highest point and it was my luck, I think.

Winning a prize is really enjoying. I did not win any prizes during my academic career. But after joining the police department, I have won several other prizes and all of them are prestigious. Winning the shooting competition was really tough for me. All of my competitors were skilled and senior to me in position. As I crossed all the barriers and showed my skills in shooting, everyone praised me. So, the joys were sky-high. The entire ground clapped on my success and the police chief handed me over the awards of the best-skilled police officer in the shooting. My family members were also happy about my success. To be frank, I was greatly inspired with the prize and confidence on me also was increased substantially.

Describe your favourite furniture at home.

You should say:

- what it is
- how it looks like
- how often you use it

and explain why it is your favourite furniture.

[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:

I live in a large apartment with my parents in France and our apartment is filled with different adorable furniture. Among the all other furniture, I like my bedside sofa set most for some reasons. The sofa set looks stunning and has raised the beauty of my bedroom.

As a single girl, I live with my family and my dad has allotted a moderately spacious room for me when he bought this apartment in the downtown of Paris. He bought the apartment in a multistoried apartment complex and allotted two different rooms for me and my elder brother. My brother's room is just opposite to my room and larger than mine. However, I do not have much furniture in my room except my bed, a medium reading table, a computer table, a set of three wonderful sofas, a small table before the sofa set and a closet. I use each of the things for different purposes and mostly the sofa set is used when my friends come to visit me. They usually sit on the sofas and chat with me about different matters. I also use them whenever I need.

I asked my father to buy me a set of single sofa with a small table to be kept in my room. Often my friends and classmates come to visit me and I do not prefer to sit in the living room to discuss with them. As I am introvert in nature, I like to keep myself hidden and when my friends arrive, I ask them to assemble in my room where we could have privacy. My parents also do not bother over the issue as all of my friends are female. So, the sofa set helps them to sit and gossip or discuss with me. The sofa set is made of wood and there are some adorable designs on the handles. The backsides of the sofas are also curved and the shapes are finely made. They are black in colour including the small tea table. Though the table was maroon, I asked my dad to make the colours homogeneous. So, he brought the table painted in black. Now it was like a complete set.

The sofas are used frequently. In fact, my friends use them more than me. They visit me almost every day of the week and use the sofas. They sit on sofas and enjoy movies on my computer while I have to take a seat on my bed. Even they are too informal with the use of the sofa that they place their legs on the table during the movie time. But when they are not with me and my parents

need to talk with me, they come and sit on the sofas. The sofa set consists three medium-small sofas. The entire sofa is made with strong woods and the legs are the strongest part of the sofa. They are also made with a special design and looks like the legs of an elephant that his holding up the wooden structure. Interestingly, whoever enters into my room, adores my sofa set and they feel comfortable by sitting on them.

There is a rule that when things are most used, they become more preferable objects for us. So, I like the sofa set most as it is used more than any other thing. When I need to read something, ordinarily I use the reading table. But if I feel discomfort with the table, simply I sit on the sofa. The seat on the sofa is more comfortable than the wooden reading chair. Moreover, this is my favourite furniture as all of the people like it and when they come to know that it was bought after my choice, they really become glad. They adore my choice and get amazed at my intelligence to make a small living room inside my own bedroom. Moreover, the sellers have said that the woods used for the sofa is a longer lasting one and they also have provided a 30 years guarantee for this which in really unbelievable. They are heavy and good looking. For all these reasons, I like this particular furniture more than any other thing in my room.

Sample Answer 2:

I pass most of the time with my computer table when I am at home. This is the favourite piece of furniture for me. In fact, I am in love with this furniture. This is a very interesting question to deal with. Thank you for this nice candidate task card topic. Hope you will enjoy the description of the table in brief now.

This is a wooden computer table. I use it for various purposes. Mostly I use the table for using my personal computer. But sometimes, I also use it as a reading and writing table as well. I do not have any other tables in my room. So, the computer table plays multifarious roles for me. You may also be surprised hearing that often I use this table for dining too.

The table is made with oak wood. And it is black in colour. The table was made by the local carpenter. He made the table with the finest oak woods so that it could sustain for years. Yes, he did his best to make the table. I have been using the table for over six consecutive years. By this period of time, there are no notable changes in the table. There are only some scratches on its back. Even the colour of the table has also not been faded at all. There are also issue with the wooden table that they do not last long or get damaged. Luckily, I did

not have such experiences so far with the table.

I use the table frequently. In fact, it is used around the day when I am at home. To be honest, I spend less time on my bed than this table. I play games, watch movies, browse the Internet, make my assignments and many more things. Sometimes, I place my coffee mug on the table while watching any movies or shows on the Internet. The multi purpose use of the table has made if favourite to me. Almost half of the day of mine is spent with this table. I have a chair and I sit comfortably there while using the table.

The table is my favourite furniture for many reasons. The most important reason is that I feel comfortable with the table. I keep my necessary documents and stuffs like my wallet, keys, cell phone charger etc. inside the drawer. The table is the permanent place for my cell phones. I put the phones on the table always when I return home. Besides, being moderately large, the table has ample space to keep many other things on it. So, I also have placed a small flower vase on there. It has helped greatly to change the look of my bed room. Considering the reasons, this is my favourite piece of furniture.

Describe a part in your city which is rapidly changing.

You should say:

- where it is
- what type of place it is
- what changes are taking place

and explain what you think about the changes.

[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:

New Delhi is one of the oldest cities in India and I live with my family in the north-east part of the city. The location is almost on the border of New Delhi municipality and recently the locality is experiencing a rapid change.

New Delhi is the capital of India and thus known globally. Besides, the city

proudly owns numerous structures which have brought name and fame for it. Being a municipality, the city is divided into many parts and we live in Jaffrabad under the municipality. The municipality areas are also known as New Delhi Municipal Council or NDMC. Jaffrabad is now experiencing different changes than before. Earlier, almost all the roads of the locality were broken down and movement was difficult. Besides, the locality was a heaven for the criminals after the dusk as the law enforcers cannot have their regular patrol for the broken roads. Moreover, the infrastructures were not that much modern comparing the other parts of the city. But the scenarios are different now.

Mostly this is a residential part of New Delhi municipality. But comparing to the other parts of the city, this is a small residential area for people and the number of populations is also fewer than the other regions. There are no notable issues are related to this part of the city. Jaffrabad is mostly residing place for the upper and lower middle-class people. The buildings of this area are not too much luxurious and most of the buildings contain tenants and this is the key income source to the landlords. Jaffrabad has a few housing societies, market places, religious institutions, and a couple of primary schools. The tenants mostly are comprised of the people of working class who work in different government and non-government offices. So, the locality is not that much posh comparing the other parts. But Jafrabad is now changing its shape.

The people used to suffer in Jaffrabad mostly for the want of roads. Besides, the populations had to go in the downtown of the city for meeting their diversified purposes. Shopping was also difficult for them as Jaffrabad was without any large shopping mall. But now the people of the locality will experience a huge change in their lives. The local government has taken measures to change the shape of the locality. The repairing of the broken roads has already begun. If the roads are made okay, it will be helpful for the inhabitants to reach their destinations in time. Besides, the law enforcers would also be able to continue their patrolling which will reduce the crime rate. A large part of the populations in Jaffrabad is the working class people and it becomes truly difficult for them to reach their office in due time. The number of public transports is limited in the area and if the roads are modernised, the public transport will be increased. The municipal authority has also taken initiatives to make a large shopping mall here to meet the needs of the local people. The landlords are also taking care of their properties like they are painting their houses or modernising the interiors.

Once the locality was the place for the lower level people and now the

scenario has been changed to a great extent. Most of the inhabitants of the locality are now belong to the working class and the living standard has been developed than before. If the changes take place properly, the entire locality will be developed to some other extents. When the roads will be modernised, communication with the other parts of the city will be easier for the inhabitants of Jaffrabad. Though it is accessible now, it is difficult indeed for the broken roads. Moreover, the municipal authority has pledged to install some lampposts and repair the old ones for the betterment of the area. Thereby, I think all the changes are positive and will bring some positive impacts on the society and the lives of the people will be more enhanced.

Sample Answer 2:

The south corner of Flower Mound is now changing rapidly. As a resident of this city, I will have the chances to enjoy the new features of improvement. In fact, this was the part of the city that had never come in touch with development and change. Now, this is a blessing for the locals. Thank you for your nice cue card topic. As a citizen of this city, it is my duty to describe the developments of the city.

Geographically, Flower Mound is a city located in Texas in the USA. The city is also located between Denton and Tarrant counties. The naming of the city is interesting. It has been derived from a mound which is in the centre of the city. The mound is over 12 acres in measurement. Before taking the shape of a town, it was the place for religious camps for the settlers.

This is now a complete town. But before the township was imposed, it was a place used for some selective purposes. The natural beauty and charming environment attracted the settlers to come here and perform religious rituals. The very first permanent inhibition began in the 1850s. But the incorporation of the city took long times. The population of the city began to increase after long years of inception. Various attempts were taken to create a planned community and most of them were failures. But now the scenario is different. This is the largest town considering the population in Texas.

The southern part of the city was ignored for some mysterious reasons. Mostly the infrastructure was not up to the mark. But recently there has been a change in the shape of this area. The roads and inner streets are being repaired. Besides, initiatives have been taken to raze down some old structures to build some skyscrapers. This is really an adorable attempt. If the skyscrapers

are built, the entire locality will be changed. It also will boost up the local economy too. Moreover, when the city will be decorated in a new shape and the infrastructures will be modified, the living standard of the locals will also get a boost.

These changes were necessary. The local municipal authority overlooked the issues for years. Despite several attempts from the community, they did not pay heed for the changes. So, there were no remarkable developments until the change of the municipal officers. The communication system is modern and the city accessible through any parts of Texas. But the southern part of the city was the symbol of underdevelopment. It appeared that this is the place for the poorest people of Texas. Hence, the residents of the locality attempted to appeal for improving the infrastructures and now the changes are taking place.

Describe someone you know who is a single parent.

You should say:

- who is he/she
- what s/he does
- how s/he takes care of his/her child

and explain what difficulties you think s/he faces as a single parent.

[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:

Family, undoubtedly, is the most important aspect of our life and people do everything for their families. But sometimes, they families get broken or do not start in a conventional way and the remaining members, especially the parents, are to lead a single life. I know, Augustine, a single mother living in my neighbourhood.

Augustine lives with her son in a small rented apartment just opposite to my apartment building. I know her as I have to communicate with her regularly as her son and my daughters are in the same elementary school here in Paris. Augustine has got split with her husband around two years ago. Her husband,

used to do nothing for living rather relying on Augustine. They had quarrels several times over the issue. She took measures to make her husband active but everything was in vain. The man did not do anything and by the same time, Augustine got pregnant. Since she had no other ways left, she started a small job amid her pregnancy. Despite such pathetic situation, her husband had no willingness to start working for a living. So, she got divorced with her husband.

Augustine, now, is a school teacher. She teaches in a local secondary school. Besides, she also plays the role of mentor in different courses, especially she teaches French and German languages in a language club in Paris. She earns sufficiently and spends almost all the bucks for her baby boy. She takes classes when her boy is in the school but when she takes classes in the evening, for the language courses, she keeps her boy under my guardianship. The little boy plays with my daughter. Both of them have developed a good friendship. The two are in the same class and sometimes I help them to perform their home works and other assignments. When Augustine returns from her work, I talk to her sometimes about her day. She is like an intimate friend of mine, especially my husband is sympathetic to her for her bad luck. Though I suggested her to get married again, she declined to get engaged again. In fact, she is enjoying this part of her life.

Though reluctant to get married again, she takes care of her son perfectly. Once I asked her about the care of the boy and she explained every issue to me. Even she is ready to die for her boy. She lives in a moderate apartment here and she could easily leave the residence to save money. But she is on the view that her son has been born there and she plans to stay at the same building as long as she can. Besides, the expenses for the school are large as the school is one of the most reputed elementary school in the city. She is meeting all the needs of the boy. She is working twice in a day for her boy. Firstly she teaches in a school in the morning hours and in the evening she attends the language club for mentoring. So, she earns a handsome amount but she spends all of her earnings for the boy. She also mentioned that she is saving a share from her entire earning for the future of her boy. In fact, she is performing all the tasks as much possible for her.

Being a single parent is a highly troublesome task. If both the husband and wife live under a single shade, they could share all the necessary activities. Usually, men are engaged in wage-earning while the women are the homemakers. But when a part of the bonding is missing, I mean if the husband or wife gets split, life becomes difficult. As human beings, we cannot live alone. Hence the family

arrived as an institution to live together. All the family members should work together to make the family run. But when there is a single parent, s/he is to do everything which seems impossible for a single individual to perform. Now Augustine is to look after her boy, earn her livelihood and maintain the society all by herself and often she is unable to balance among the other things. It becomes difficult for her to maintain everything smoothly and if she had her partner, life would have been easier for her, I guess.

Sample Answer 2:

David Jones is a single parent. He lives with his son in a small apartment beside mine. He is living as a single parent for last few years and did not get married after the death of his wife. Thank you for the question and I will answer it in brief here.

Jones is a freelance photojournalist. He had a happy family. But the family broke after the death of Samantha, his wife whom he loved most. In fact, Jones was very happy with his son and wife but a sudden road accident snatched the peaceful environment of the family. Since then, he is living as a single parent and his parenting to his son is really adorable.

David Jones is a familiar name to newspaper and magazine editors. He plays an important role in the publication of daily newspapers and magazines. They get exclusive pictures from him. Sometimes, he is ordered to capture some photos which will be used in magazine covers. He becomes happy when any of his photos are used on the front page of any newspaper. Jones also organised for several photo exhibitions with his own photos and won numerous awards for his special clicks. As a photographer, he belongs to the top class. And remains busy round the week to cover various events and functions.

Despite his thousands of business, he takes a good care of his child. Every morning, he takes his boy to school. Before taking to school, he prepares the boy of five years old boy. It is really difficult to prepare a little boy for school. Moreover, he makes a phone call to the school authority about the latest updates of the boy. When it is an exam, he helps the boy in preparing all the lessons. Feeding the baby is a trouble for him. Actually, babies of this age do not prefer to have foods frequently. So, he often needs to struggle to feed his boy. During the weekends, Jones takes his boy for an outing with him and teaches photography too.

Respecting the memories of his wife Jones is determined not to marry again. But as a single parent, he is under some difficulties. He is having the usual problems. There is none to look after the boy for round the hours in a day. It is a matter of worry for Jones. Besides, he often fails to concentrate on his photography if the boy is unattended at home when he is out. Sometimes, I try to keep the boy at my place and play with my children, but this is not enough I think. The boy is also devoid of motherly affection which Jones cannot provide though tries his best. I wish the boy could be matured soon so that Jones need not worry about him.

Describe a seminar or workshop you have attended.

You should say:

- what was it about
- who participated in it
- how long the seminar/ workshop was

and explain why you attended this seminar/workshop.

[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:

I am a student of development studies in Allahabad University in India. Recently, my department had sent me to participate in a day-long seminar on tobacco control issues in New Delhi to get some real life ideas. It was an exciting experience for me.

I went to New Delhi to attend the seminar on different issues on tobacco control in India. The seminar was organised in association with some international tobacco control organisations and local NGOs working on the same issue. The seminar was to inform the participants about the detrimental impacts of tobacco use on human body and how it is detrimental to the economy, health and country. I came to know about different negative impacts of tobacco use and how it affects the nervous system. In fact, smoking is a kind of tobacco use and this is an addiction that the smokers can hardly give up. I

also came to know about the chemicals containing in cigarettes and other tobacco products. Nicotine is largely responsible for the addiction. Moreover, I came to know how people start smoking and get entrapped with it.

It was a large seminar aiming to spread knowledge about the detrimental impacts of tobacco use among the commoners. So, the relevant stakeholders were more in number as participants who joined form different national and international NGOs, government bodies, and even some parliament members were also at the seminar. Besides, the event was attended by notable economists of the country, university teachers, and students from different reputed universities, newspaper editors, and civil society members. Moreover, the event was covered by different media houses as well. Participants at the seminar were allowed to place their speeches and almost all of the speeches were about the detrimental impacts of tobacco use. The participants also emphasised on curbing the use of the tobacco for a healthy living. The economists explained how tobacco is damaging the entire economy and country.

The seminar went on round the day. It started at 10am in the morning and we took a break by 11.30. Then the seminar started again and continued till 1.30. The authority placed lunch break for an hour and we all went for the lunch. The lunch was made of traditional Indian dishes and all of us took those delicious food items heartily. I liked the chicken tandoori most while many of the participants took vegetables, bread or rice. Besides, the spicy drink was another notable element on the menu. I enjoyed the fruit salad as well. But unfortunately, one of the issues during the lunch hour embarrassed me. Some of the participants were wasting foods. They took foods by filling up their plates and could not finish up. Consequently, they had to waste the foods and the leftovers were thrown on the wasted bins. Lack of consciousness is liable here to make people act in such way. The seminar resumed again after the lunch. We also got another break about one and half hour later for evening snacks. Finally the seminar came to an end by 5.00 pm.

As a student of development studies, it is a must to learn about the development initiatives of the country. The course is tailored in such a way that the students would be aware of the overall development issues of the country. Tobacco control is one of the biggest challenges for India and different government and non government bodies are working after it. Some of the states in India have banned smoking in public places. But despite all the efforts, the rate of smoking is getting up gradually. Many of the Indian women

suffer from cancer and the consumption of tobacco is the key cause behind the cancer. Unfortunately, majority of the populations are unaware of the negative impacts of tobacco use and thus they are smoking cigarettes or consuming the other forms of tobacco. The seminar was organized to make some plans after a discussion to make people aware of the harmful impacts of tobacco use. Some other steps like tax hike on all types of tobacco products, imposing health surcharge on tobacco products, implementation of graphical health warning on tobacco products packets, introducing plain packaging etc. were discussed. After a brief discussion with my course coordinator, I attended the seminar to gain some real life knowledge about the specific issue of tobacco which is also considered as an obstacle towards development.

Sample Answer 2:

Recently I had to join at a workshop in Singapore. The workshop was about repairing desktop computers. It was a great experience to me. Thank you for the nice topic. I will describe the event now in brief. Hope you would enjoy listening to my experience.

I work for a computer hardware and software selling company here in Singapore. The company has appointed me as a hardware engineer. I need to repair damaged computers. So, the authority had sent me at the training to learn about fixing all types of computer related troubles. The workshop taught all the possible troubles that may appear during the operation of a computer. Hence, it was an enjoyable experience for me and I learnt newer lessons at the workshop.

The workshop was participated by some other computer troubleshooting professionals. It is a kind of higher degree for the participants. But I was amazed that there were some international troubleshooters present at the workshop too. They came here to know more about the computer troubleshooting. In fact, this was one of the most prestigious workshops and is held twice in a year. Registration for the workshop is really a difficult issue. But I did not have to worry for that. My company arranged everything for me. There were 30 participants in this season but over 100 people were registered for the workshop. And they will be invited gradually in the next season.

It was a residential workshop that usually lasts for five days. The arranging authority organised everything including the accommodation, meals, training materials and other matters. The workshop began in the first hour of the day

and ended in the evening every day. The last day was outstanding. I also liked wandering with the other participants. Sharing available information with them was another interesting experience. I do not know how the five days were gone. The moments were nice there and at the end of the workshop, it appeared that all the participants have turned in to a large family.

It was completely a professional workshop. The sole purpose to send me here was to make me skilled in troubleshooting computers. The company I work for is reputed in the city and been maintaining its reputation for past several years. Hence, providing a quality service to the customers is a must for them. So, the authority had sent me at the workshop so that I could get to know about the latest updates about computers and troubleshooting. I also had the intention to participate here but before joining at this company, it was not possible for me to register. In fact, it was only for the professionals who have been working with computer troubleshooting. I was really happy to be there.

Describe someone's parents you have met recently.

You should say:

- whose parents they are
- what they do
- what you talked about

and say how they are different from your parents.

[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:

I am a student of the college and passing some hefty days for my academic studies. My year ending exams are ahead and thus I have to take a better preparation for the exams. So, I went to meet my friend Arthur to have a group discussion before the exam. I met his parents at his place.

Arthur lives in a nuclear family consisting only five members – his dad, mom, two siblings and Arthur himself. He is lucky to have his friendly family. All of the members are genuinely cordial and allows expressing opinions. They are

cooperative as well in case of academic supports. So, whenever I go to meet Arthur, I take some suggestions from his parents as well which prove effective for me later. After reaching their home, Arthur's mom gave me a warm welcome. She also asked about my parents and how were they doing, especially about my dad who underwent an accident recently. Arthur's mom, Mrs. Susana, is too friendly with me while his dad, Mr. Robinson also loves me like his son.

Mr. Robinson is a doctor while Mrs. Susan is a housewife. I know everything about them and in fact, they shared their life events with me like their family friend. When I went their house for the first time with Arthur, I got familiar with them. They discussed different issues with me on that day and declared me as one of their family members. They talk about different things on that day, especially the early days of their lives. They struggled a lot in the beginning of their life. After their marriage, it was difficult for them to survive in this city. They did not have any job. Mr. Robinson could not find any suitable organisation which will evaluate his skills. He is a doctor of psychology and now is one of the leading psychologists in the city. Though Arthur's mom wanted to get involved into wage earnings, Mr. Robinson did not allow her to do so. Rather, he inspired her to maintain the households. Now they are happy with their children and profession.

When, in a tight schedule, I do not have chances to meet with Arthur's parents in the right manner and they also do not show excessive interest on us. Rather they allow us to sit together and discuss the suggestions of the upcoming exams. So, when I went on last Sunday to meet Arthur, I did not have many talks with them except a few moments of courteous discussions. I found that Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were sitting together and watching a soccer match on television. Mrs. Susan asked me about my family and parents. She was worried about my dad's accident and both of them also went to meet my dad when the accident occurred. As I told them about my visit to their home was in the discussion of the upcoming year ending issues, they did not want me to waste time anymore with them. So, I entered into Arthur's reading room and discussed the exam topics.

Arthur's parents are different from my parents in some aspects. Firstly, they are friendly with their children while my parents are reserved with us. Usually, my father is reserved with his children, including myself, as he believes that befriending with the kids is disadvantageous. He is also on the view that when the kids will think that their parents are friendly with them, they will do more

mischievous activities than before. So, it is imperative, according to my dad, not to be friendly with the kids. My mom is also on the similar view. But she takes care of us and if we are in distress over any issues, she comes to help us. She is a bit flexible comparing to my dad. But my parents are also cordial to guests and entertain them with the right manners as I saw it to be done by Arthur's parents.

Sample Answer 2:

My meeting with Mr and Mrs Baker was really fabulous. My friend, Robert was lucky to have them as his parents. It was a wonderful meeting with them. And I felt happy after meeting them. Thank you for the question. The memories are still vivid in my mind. I would like to share it with you.

Robert is my friend from facebook. Initially, I did not have a very close interaction with him though he lives next to my residence. But recently, both of us developed a common interest – watching western movies. I posted on Facebook about western movies and he responded immediately. Then I had to visit his home and this way I met his parents. It was an interesting experience.

Both of them are professional video animator. In fact, they have participated in many animations of movies in Hollywood. At least one of them will be asked to participate in the movie preparation. I did not have the idea how popular they were among the movie makers. I saw different photos of them with the popular film makers and film stars. Even my friend did not ever mention that his parents were film makers. So, it was a great surprise for me indeed to be with them. In fact, I have seen their names on the titles but did not have the slightest idea that they were living beside me.

After the formal introduction, they talked with me about various issues. It was a great conversation with them. To be honest, I did not allow them to ask questions about me. Instead, I kept them busy in asking about the film making techniques. I asked about the process of making an animated movie. Besides, I also came to know about many interesting facts about the movie arena. Everything shown in the movies is not real at all. They also inquired about me and my family. And also asked me to bring my parents to their home. They also asked me about their son and how he was doing in his academics and many other issues.

They are different from my parents. I have visited many of my friends' places

but no one's parents were like them. My parents are reserved but they are not so. They treated me like their friend. I was not feeling any sort of complexity while talking with them. Rather, I felt that I was talking with my intimate friends. They also inspire their son to do whatever he wants. But I am unable to discuss the issue before my parents and they will disallow me to show interest in film making. This was the difference between them and my parents. I am in love with them, indeed.

Talk about something you were disappointed about.

You should say:

- what it was about
- when it happened
- why it disappointed you

and explain how you felt about 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 1:

Everyone expects something good when they buy any electronic goods but I was highly disappointed with a mobile phone bought from a globally renowned manufacturer. I could not use the cell phone for around two months. It got seriously damaged without any reason.

In March of the year 2016, I had bought an iPhone 5 manufactured by Apple. This is a globally renowned brand and sells its products around the world. This is also considered as the most pricey product on the planet. Everything is okay. The hardware and software combinations are fine and undoubtedly the products provide the best possible services. Considering all the other issues, I bought the phone set from a local iPhone selling store in Singapore. The selling authority asked me to reach them in the case of any trouble with the phone. But there were no chances of such events to contact them again over any defects or problems with the phone. The phone worked well for a couple of

weeks and from the second month, a few symptoms appeared. The phone screen got blurred and some noises on the screen appeared as well.

The screen problem appeared exactly from the second month after buying the phone. As I was instructed, I took the phone to the retailer who sold it to me with necessary documents. They received the phone cordially and asked me to meet them a couple of days later. Accordingly, I met them and they handed the phone over to me and assured that the problems were gone. To my surprise, the problem appeared again and now it was happening twice than before. The phone set frequently restarted and the screen was looking awful. It appeared that the screen became the place colour. A wide range of colours was playing on the screen while the display was not working. I tried to install the OS several types but it did not accept the new install. So, I had to go back again to the selling store and this time they asked me to come after a week. They also ensured me to look into the matter deeply. In between, I made a phone call at the store and came to know that the phone set is defective and the display will not be okay anymore.

Though the selling store replaced the phone to me, I was disappointed highly with the poor quality of the product. It may happen that the specific phone set that I bought was of below standard but not all the products are the same. By the same time, the selling authority has agreed to replace the handset shortly. Despite all the positive issues, I did not get any comfort of my mind. This was the very first Apple product for me and I bought it after saving my pocket money given by my dad. So, it was a happy moment for me when I bought the phone and my happiness turned upside down when the phone started trouble. The technicians at the Apple approved selling store in Singapore could not figure out the problems of the phone initially and later they come to the decision that the display of the phone was defective. So, I was disappointed about the issue that all my efforts resulted in having a defective handset.

I was emotionally imbalanced after the event. I have been using the replaced cell phone but I the days are fearsome. I am afraid of experiencing the situations again and if such happens, the selling authority would not allow me to replace the phone again. A blended form of emotions attacked me when I encountered the problem with the phone set. At first, I was amazed at the colour change of the display and then became worried when the colours were frequently changing. I got afraid when the set started restarting frequently in the second time. I heard many rumours about phone bursting and the issue made me concerned lest my phone set does not get burst as if it bursts, I

would not be able to replace the set. Fortunately, nothing worst like that happened and still, I am using another similar phone which is serving me well. But when I remember about the earlier iPhone 5, I feel sad.

Model Answer 2:

Yesterday, I went to buy a branded perfume from a super shop here in Nepal. But I was disappointed with the product. This was one of the worst experience for me with the super store. Thank you for the question. Here I have the option to describe the matter in detail that I could not do in the super shop.

I had bought a perfume named 'Eternal Love'. This is a great brand for both male and female. And I have been using this perfume for over seven years. I am attached to this brand for some reasons but my recent experience was shocking. The perfume that I bought was not up to the mark. It appeared that only water is inserted in the bottle. This is not the fault of the perfume manufacturer rather this is the fault of the shop who sold it.

Usually, I buy a perfume in a month. And owing to my occupational hazards, I was unable to pay a visit to the shop for this month's shopping. It was late and I went yesterday. Everything appeared normal except the perfume. I do not check the things that I buy. In fact, I do not need to check them as the stuff always appear perfect in all terms. So, I unpack the bought goods and products at my home. I did the same thing with the perfume. When I unpacked it, I sprayed it on my left hand to get the smell. But it appeared something was wrong.

I did not get the smell I am accustomed to. The smell was completely different. Moreover, there was something wrong with the spray. The spray was not performing correctly. The liquid inside was pouring down when I pushed the spray button of the perfume. The spicy smell was absent. My hand was wet with the inside liquid. So, I had to wipe my hands several times. Actually, it was a different experience to me that I did not have before. I asked about the matter to one of my cousins and he told that the perfume might be fake. Later, I googled the matter and found that I have been victimised with a fake perfume. I really was disappointed.

It was a bitter experience to me. Actually, no one feels good being cheated. The feelings were unpleasant. I made a phone call to the super shop immediately I came to know about the matter and I was surprised by their

reply. They said that they do not replace the unpacked products. I was thundered. It was an expensive perfume and I was sold a fake one. Now they are reluctant to replace the product and suggested contacting with the distributor. Then I decided to boycott the shop forever.

Describe a national day in your country.

You should say:

- what day it is
- how it is celebrated
- what the historical significance of this day is

and explain how you feel about this day.

[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:

Vietnam is one of the countries that was under the domination of French colonies and got independent in 1945 from the French rules. Since then, the country observes the day as the National Day.

Vietnam is not so much developed in terms of modernity but the people of the country are too much patriotic. They underwent different struggles around their life before the independence and participated in the revolutions during the Second World War to make the state free from the occupation forces. Vietnam was used by the Japanese as a shelter to get involved in war and hide themselves. But by the same time, the domination of French colonies was prevailing on the land. Since the French dominators were alien in the country, they allowed the Japanese soldiers to stay in the country as long as they need. But the commoners revolted against the entire decision and finally on the day, September 2 in 1945 the country was declared as an independent state.

Presently the day is celebrated amid different events. The day is also known as the Independence Day of Vietnam. Marking the day, a large number of events are held across the country and the commoners participate on the events. This is a holiday for all around the country. In the early of the day, a good number

of Vietnamese gather at the Ba Dinh Square. Here the declaration of Ho Chi Minh is played. Ho Chi Minh is the national leader who declared the independence of the country amid a disastrous situation. Later he became the first president in the independent Vietnam. Under his declaration, all the people gathered and revolted against the then occupiers. So, this declaration is used every year to remind the people about the origin of the country. A wide range of activities is undertaken on the day. Fireworks are the key attractions of the day. The streets are used for marches and many other events. Besides, many of the citizens go to visit the mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh to pay respect to him.

The day is historically very important for all the citizens of Vietnam. Before the independence, French colonisers used to rule the country as a colony of them. As a result, the local people did not get enough attention from the colonisers in each of the aspects of daily life. In a word, the natives were exploited by the French colonisers. Thereby, a sense of discomfort started gathering among the locals. They wanted freedom. Simultaneously, with the initiation of the Second World War, life turned intolerable for them. Freedom from the occupational Japanese forces and the colonisers appeared like a basic need of the locals. So, they secretly started gathering opinions about their independence and once the opinions were gathered, they declared the independence by Ho Chi Minh. Later, he took care of the state like a father takes care of his son. So, if the declaration of independence was not made, the presence of Vietnam on the world map would not have been possible yet. The country might have been under the rule from the colonisers.

As a Vietnamese, I am proud of this day. This is the day for declaring our independence from France. If the day was not made, there would be no state named – Vietnam. My forefathers had participated in the declaration process and actively helped the president to bring the rule of peace in the country. Everything of Vietnam, before the independence, was in disorder. The declaration of independence brought everything under order. Different historic events took place before the date and the people had to silently tolerate the ill treatments. So, when my country became independent, the people started enjoying the freedom. The new name – The Democratic Republic of Vietnam brought a sense of peace among all. Later, some other events took place inside the country and government which are entirely different issues. So, when the day arrives, I try to participate in every activity organised by national and local level. I feel comfortable when I attend there.

Sample Answer 2:

Pakistan is one of the most beautiful countries in the world and has experienced a huge number of events. The creation of the country is a historical event and now observed as a national day in the country. This is a pretty cue card topic to deal with. Thank you for this great cue card topic.

The Independence Day of Pakistan is on August 14. The country received independence on this day from British domination. Before the independence, it was the part of undivided India. After lots of speculations and events, the country came in to being as a sovereign nation. The movement for Pakistan began even before the partition in 1947 when a Muslim state was demanded the Muslims living in the Indian region. Later the nation was created and was divided into two parts – West Pakistan and East Pakistan (now Bangladesh).

The day is celebrated amid great festivity across the country. But the main attractions of the celebrations are in the cities than rural areas. Islamabad and Karachi hold the best events marking the day. The national flag is hoisted on this day while the national leaders deliver a speech. Many other events like parades, cultural events and ceremonies etc. also take place. The day is also perfect for holding award giving ceremony. A notable number of people get awards on this day for their contribution towards the country and its development.

Historically, this day is of great importance to us. Before the partition, all types of people used to live in the undivided India. The British domination was on the decline but the communal unrest was on the climb. So, the British people thought that it would be better to leave the country as they experienced a remarkable number of protest from the locals. By the same time, there was another movement for an independent Muslim state that has been emerged based on the communal riots and anarchies. As a result, the nation came in to being. The British Parliament facilitate the separation and the Dominion of Pakistan was created. So, historically, this is an important day for the nation.

I really feel good when the day appears. In fact, this is a glorious day for the nation. The entire nation observes the day amid a festive mood. Since this is a national holiday, everyone comes out of their home and participate in the activities on the national and local celebrations. I take some special measures to celebrate the day. Hoisting the national flag on my rooftop is a usual event for me. Besides, I also try to take part in the local events. Sometimes I watch

the speeches of our national leaders on television channels. I try to enjoy the taste of liberty on this day.

Describe an advice you gave someone.

You should say:

- what advice it was
- who you gave this advice
- why you advised this person

and explain how this advice helped him/her.

[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:

Usually, people need advice from others, especially from the seniors or superiors, so that they could have something better or improve their performance. I am not an exception here and if I see someone struggling with something, I deliver some advice to them.

I am a university third-year student and have few juniors who are my fan or my skills in playing chess. I take humbly price in playing chess and frequently help others to learn it. So, when someone is in distress with the indoor game, I provide advice to them to improve their performance. Sometimes, I play mock sessions with them to teach them about the inner events of chess. In fact, they are unable to establish relationships with the entire gaming process. They do not know how to make moves to defeat the opponent and most of the times they lose their tempers when the opponent hits them with tricks. Many of them have agreed with me that they lose their tempers because of their wrong moves and since there are no chances of undo, they are to lose the game. So, they need some advice from me and I often help them in their distress.

I gave the advice to some of my intimate juniors who love to play chess always at the university instead of participating in other outdoor activities in their leisure hours. Some of them love to play with me while the others play with

their preferred partners. In fact, I have to give advice to a couple of juniors but I started with a single boy. Now, when I visit the common room of the university building, I find many of the juniors are engaged in playing chess. They play so attentively that they forget to move their limbs. Sometimes I stand beside them during their matches and they even do not notice my presence at all. So, when anyone of them is in trouble and seeks help from others, they notice me and make a smile. Then I come to their assistance.

I usually advise them as they need my help. Firstly, they are immature and do not know how to play chess. They might have some basic knowledge which is merely enough to be an expert chess player like me. They usually do not know how to make moves to entrap the opponent. So, when they make moves, if the opponent is a bit stronger in intelligence level, the opponent traps him and grabs the soldiers or the other important pieces which lead to their defeat. One of the players loses the game. But if both the players are equally skilled and know how to play chess, the match between them becomes enjoyable. So, I try to make them skilled so that they could enjoy chess and teach others about the pros and cons of the game. Moreover, I advise them for another reason. When I wanted to learn the game, I took help from my seniors and they advised me to teach the game to others so that chess could get a better expansion in the university. To respect my commitment to my seniors, I advise my juniors about chess.

Before taking advice from me about the game, most of them failed to move ahead with their important pieces. They would have wrapped up the game within a few minutes. But when I started advising them about the moves and positions of different chess pieces, they started improving on the game. It has happened that one of my juniors have defeated me in a friendly match who learnt the game from me. I am greatly happy with such improvement. I mostly advise them to be attentive on the game and take a sharp look over the positions of the opponent's pieces. Most of the chess players do not care for the opponent's pieces and make some wrong moves. As a result, the opponents trap them and grab the pieces which could have helped them to win. But with my advice, most of the juniors improved greatly and their skills were enriched with different innovative moves. They admire me for my selfless efforts of teaching and advising them for the chess which they consider a life-long asset for them.

Sample Answer 2:

Recently I delivered some advice to my younger brother and it was about playing a renowned video game. He was unable to play the video game in the right way. So, he sought some suggestions to me and I advised him to follow some certain methods. This is a nice cue card topic and I personally thank you for this.

My younger brother started playing GTA San Andreas. This is one of the most popular video games that has been being played around the world. The game was based on a storyline and you need to follow the steps to complete the game play. Besides, there are also chances to play the game after your will but you cannot conclude the game. So, I asked the boy to complete each mission and move to the next stage.

Harold is my younger brother. He is a computer geek and spends most of his time with video games on a computer. But the most important thing about his is that he loves to play all types of video games. But he is unaware of the game rules and regulations. The similar thing happened to him in this game. He did not know any rules and storyline. Rather, he started happily playing the game. But he was unable to do better with the games and did not find any suitable solution. Consequently, he sought advice to me and I mentioned him what to do and how to do.

I advised Harold mostly to make him familiar with the game. He had an idea that how to play it and he was very enthusiastic about playing it. He loved driving cars and killing people. While he chased by the police, he had nothing to do to avoid the arrest. He did not have the cheat codes of the game. So, he either died or get caught to police. But if he had the proper knowledge on the story line and also known the rules, he could have been a better player. He just wasted his time by driving the car in different streets of the city. So, he needed the advice badly.

The advice was helpful to him in many ways. After getting the idea about the storyline, Harold started playing the game in the right way. He started playing the ‘missions’ of the game and earned money. Moreover, I also downloaded some cheat codes for him. He applied the cheats during the game play which helped him to reduce the wanted level, increase his stamina, getting unlimited bullets and many more features. But he is unable to complete the entire game. Some of the missions are really tough to complete. Even the cheat codes are not enough to complete them. The missions require skills. Hope he will get the required expertise soon.

Describe a time when you were stuck in a traffic jam.

You should say:

- when it was
- where you were going
- how long you had to wait

and explain how you felt about this.

[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:

India is a populous city and traffic jam is a very common issue for the citizens of the country, especially people living in urban areas. The situation is too irritating that sometimes people cannot control their emotions over traffic jam and start walking leaving their vehicles behind.

I also experienced such a situation recently when I was about to participate at a radio event organised by a local radio station. The event was supposed to be aired live and I was one of the key participants representing our own band. In fact, the radio event aimed to promote newly emerging band groups so that the mass people could come to know about the band groups and to praise their songs. The band group named – Dark Shadow is formed of five members and I am the vocal. It was set on the last night that I would attend the event as the other members were unable to make time. So, being the leader of the band, I had to take the responsibility to despite my reluctance.

So, the next day, it was probably the mid of March 2016, I started for the radio station. It was located in New Delhi while my residence was near Delhi Cantonment. The distance between my place and the radio station was moderate and it would not take over one hour for me. So, accordingly, I started for the radio station. I failed to ride on public transports due to massive crowds. Besides, I planned to wait for the bus in a queue but the long queue discouraged me waiting there. So, simply I hired an auto and started for the station. I took my guitar with me to play songs at the radio event and some

newly composed songs. Besides, I was prepared to answer any types of questions from the other sides. As this was a live radio program, my band members suggested me answering every type of questions with ready wits so that the audiences could get a positive idea about us.

Unfortunately, I could not reach the radio station in time and I had to wait for around two hours in the traffic jam. The auto driver tried to escape the increasing traffic but he could not do so. Though he tried to cross the main road using the narrows inner streets, he failed as the streets were too narrow to enter and again he had to join on the main road of the city. As a result, he got trapped in the jam perfectly that. So, I had to sit idly for two hours and by the same time I informed the issue to the radio authority who invited me. I urged them to reschedule the slot if possible for them and explained my real situations here. Initially, they said that it is not possible for them to shift the program on any other day but I tried to make them realise that I want them to hold the program on the scheduled day but a few hours later. I know it is difficult for a radio station to shift a program in any other slot, but they did it for me.

I felt worst on the day. Later, I came to know that the traffic congestion took place for a clash between two political parties while police had to control the situation. Some of the people also got arrested from the spots. So, the vehicles could not move easily and entering into the New Delhi streets became difficult for them. The radio authority also paid heed to my request as they might have realised about the real situation. So, they aired the program after I reached the station two and a half hour later after the scheduled time. But it was one of the worst experiences of my life.

Sample Answer 2:

I had an experience of getting stuck in a traffic jam a few days ago. Ordinarily, there is less traffic congestion in China. But if unluckily you are stuck in a traffic jam, it may take your life near to ordeal. The traffic jam may last for an uncertain period of time.

It was Monday and I was on my way to the office. Though I started for the office early in the morning, it took over two hours for me to reach there. Without any exact reason, there was a traffic congestion on the main street. I tried for some shortcuts but it took over 20 minutes to get on the main street track. Then I had to wait for the rest of the moments until the jam broken.

I was going to my office. It was an important day for me in the office. A new deal was to be signed with a party over some environmental issues. I was assigned to prepare the documents on the treaty signing issue. The company I worked for mostly deals with the environmental degradation and a group of the party from the UN came to China to sign the deal. If the deal is signed, my company will be responsible for creating a green environment in workplaces. Hence, it was an important matter for the entire office.

I had spent nearly two and half hours on the street. It was an unbearable experience. Earlier, I had the similar experience to get stuck in the traffic jams. But never had waited for over 15 to 20 minutes. This was a different experience with me. Luckily, I took a book with me and started reading the book to pass the time. Almost all the vehicles on the street were a standstill. I do not know what actually happened on that day. Waiting during a traffic jam is never expected by anyone. It kills time unnecessarily and makes the moments boring.

The feeling about the traffic jam was unpleasant. It made me late to reach office. So, I had to undergo some pressure from my superior authority. The deal was set to be signed at 10.00am while I reached office late. And also made late to prepare the necessary documents. In fact, all the documents were ready and needed a proofing and printing. The processes were simple but performing all the tasks took time unnecessarily. I blamed the traffic jam for all the undesired events. If there were no traffic jams, I would have reached office in time and did everything within due time. But it was my bad luck.

Describe an event that made you happy.

You should say:

- what event it was.
- when it was
- what you did

and explain why this event made you happy.

[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:

I live in a nuclear family with my parents and two siblings in Malaysia. A few days ago, I was happy for the success of my elder brother who succeeded in getting admission in a university after several attempts. I was very happy with the matter.

Getting admission in a public university is difficult indeed for anyone and my elder brother got the chance to get admitted at the University of Malaya which is mostly known for its academic excellence in the country. Before the admission, he had to undergo different tests and preparations. Since his higher secondary result not up to the local standard for admission at any university, he was worried about his future. Moreover, my dad told him that he would not be liable for him anymore if he fails to get admitted to any public university. Thereby, the worries attacked him. But instead of being panicked, he struggled hard to get his desired admission. His hard efforts allowed him to get admitted at the University of Malaya and I am happy too much. In fact, I am proud of my brother.

My elder brother passed his secondary in the early of 2015 and repeatedly tried to get admitted to a university, especially the public university. So, immediately after appearing at the higher secondary level exam, my brother started taking preparations for the university admission. The boy always wanted to be with his friends and never stayed home at the day times, but when he started university admission preparation, he turned into a cool personality. He never went out of the home, without extreme needs, and even kept his mobile phone switched off so that nobody could reach him. He started reading the preparatory texts from the early morning and started following a boring daily routine. Often I could not understand how a man like him got changed in this manner suddenly. Later, I realised that it was his urge to get admitted in the university had brought the change in him.

I, in fact, could not do something special for him. But as a higher secondary level student, I helped him to continue his university preparation. I helped him in getting prepared with the relevant subjects which were supposed to be important for the exam, and also suggested him for reading some other

materials. The questions were supposed to be made from the texts of the previous level and thus the teachers also emphasised on the former subject for the university admission preparation. Since I am not his superior, I could not dare suggesting him something else and instead, I always was with him if he needs some sort of support from me. I helped him in remembering the texts and answering questions from the suggestions. Besides, I took his other cares like preparing coffee for him, brought his food etc. Often he fell asleep amid his books, and I had to organise the books in order. This is actually an interesting task and being his younger sister, I happily performed everything.

I was highly happy for my brother's success as it was a turning point of life for him. If he failed to get the desired admission, the situations would have been unimaginable. My dad was too serious about the issue. He warned my elder brother to be serious in his studies but the boy did not pay any heed to the suggestions of dad. He was always involved with his friends and mates. Even it was quite natural for him to come home late at night. When he appeared in the exam, he could not take the right preparation and in the end the result was unexpected. He has passed all the courses with scoring a minimum grade. Finally, it appeared that he owns only the required score to appear for the university examination and if he fails, dad would take strong punitive measures against him. So, when he occupied a seat in his desired subject, chemistry, every one of my family was happy with him. I also was happy as I had some small contributions to his success.

Sample Answer 2:

I had been longing for a brand new mobile phone and I got it last month. It was the event that made me too happy. This is a wonderful question for me. Thank you for the nice question.

One of my maternal uncles presented me with a nice mobile phone set. It was an iPhone 6S. the present came marking my 19th birthday. I was so happy with the phone set. In fact, I had long been waiting to arrange money to have such a mobile phone. But it was not possible for me to arrange such a huge amount of money alone. Thereby, the present was a blessing to me.

I turned 19 years old yesterday. My parents had organised a family party centring the day. Almost all of the family members were invited to the event. All of them were intimate with my family. As we never miss any invitation from them, they also did not miss it. But I was really happy with the presents that

they bought for me. In fact, I got some of the remarkable gifts on my birthday. The mobile phone was the best among them. I unpacked the mobile phone at the end of the event and was greatly surprised seeing the mobile phone.

This was not a formal event. So, I enjoyed some freedom. I talked with my relatives and cousins. I also spent some time by watching a horror movie with the cousins of my age. It was a nice experience to enjoy a movie together. Moreover, I also helped my mother in serving the foods. I forgot to say that I also took part in preparing the foods. In fact, most of the foods were prepared by me and they were delicious too. Everyone enjoyed their meal. I also greeted the guests when they took leave of us. To make the long story short – I was the centre of attraction on the day, and thus had to manage almost all the things.

This event made me happy for several reasons. First of all, it was my birthday. I became older one year. I also got some more freedom in my family. Besides, the invited guests also blessed me and wished a bright future for me. The other happy event was receiving the mobile phone. To be honest, it was the most important thing that made me happy on this day. I do not know how my dream came true on this day. At first, I did not realise that it was a mobile phone. When I opened the wrap, I was extremely surprised with the iPhone. It was golden in colour and its specifications were standard as I desired. So, this event made me really happy.

Describe an important change in your life.

You should say:

- what is was about
- why the change was required
- how it affected your life

and explain why this was an important change in your life.

[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:

Life is filled with numerous desired as well as sudden events. People are to form different habits in different parts of their life and changes in life are inevitable. I would like to talk about a great change in my life that I consider as one of the best things to happen in my life. I was quite idle and highly inactive and liked to sit idly always. Now my idleness has been removed.

Before my admission to the university, I was affected with inactivity. I felt that I have been made to sit idly. My parents, relatives and friends started terming me as the King of idleness. They were true to a great extent. Even my mom had to feed me in this matured age as I was reluctant to take my foods by myself. So, I turned into the laughing object for all and I, in fact, did not care about the issues. My mom also helped to complete my school and college home works. I was also dependent on my siblings for some of my tasks like I asked them to have some chocolates for me from the superstores or sometimes I asked them to bring some books for me. But if I wanted, I could have done the works all by myself. My laziness did not allow me to do the things. But when I was in my university, I had to change my idleness and lifestyle.

I needed to do all the things by myself. Living in a dormitory does not allow the students to keep their parents with them for the household chores!!! Everyone here needs to do their own work. I had to clean my clothes, at times make my coffee as well as clean the room. Often my parents came to visit me at the dormitory and they were surprised to see me doing the necessary things for me that I could not do at home. When a student is in university level, s/ he comes to a point where there are fewer chances to rely on others. When a student enters into a graduate level, s/he becomes capable of taking care of them. They do not need someone else to depend on for the daily activities. Rather, relying on others sound weird in this stage. So, for me, the changes were required as I entered into my university.

The effects of the change were wonderful. When I used to rely on others for my purposes, I experienced a combined reaction from them. Some of them criticised me for being lazy and I got hurt with the negative criticism. Some others were on the view that my parents are caring me much which will have a detrimental impact on me in later stages. But some of my relatives and friends were sympathetic to me and tried to defend me in such situations. But when I changed, I mean removed my laziness from my life, everyone seemed to be happy about me. They were happy as I did all my necessary things by myself. In

fact, I was too lazy and I became dependent on others. Everyone, especially the family members of mine, helped me greatly in providing all the necessary supports. They never declined with any of my demands. But now, I am able to complete all of my necessary things all alone. My life has greatly been changed.

Removing the idleness was the best ever change in my life and I was happy with that. Now I am in my third year of graduation and able to do all the necessary things for me. I do not need to be dependent on someone else to do my homework or assignments. I am able to do everything, alone. I can now move from place to place, alone. I can ride on public transports and sometimes I cook for me as well. The changes are positive for me and I am able to cope up with every situation once which was impossible for me. The removal of idleness from my nature has made me a self-reliant man. I am now confident to perform all the tasks for me and even I help others in their needs. All these are shaping me into a new form. I love the change!

Sample Answer 2:

Before hosting the annual sports event organised at my college by the authority, I did not know that I can speak so nicely. Speaking in public was an important change in my life. Thank you for the question and I think I should share the entire event with you.

The event was organised marking the annual sports completion in the college. I did not want to attend the event showing some excuses. In fact, I was shy in nature and liked to keep my emotions secret. But some of my friends urged me to host the event. I agreed finally and successfully performed the role of host. It was the very experience for me to speak in public. And it brought confidence inside me which was helpful too.

To be honest, I needed the change. Often I had to read loudly in class. Most of the teachers asked me to read loudly for my lucid voice. But feeling shy, I was unable reading louder. I thought what the other students or people will think of me and my voice. But hosting this event, all the shyness was gone. In the beginning, it was difficult. But later, I handled everything smoothly. This was a great change to me and helped me a lot in my real-life.

The earlier barriers of public speaking with me were gone. I started talking smoothly with people of different strata of the society. Moreover, it also

helped me to grow in the college. Before removing the shyness, I could not participate in activities where public speaking was involved. Even if someone asked my name, I started feeling a sense of tremble inside my mind. Various types of baseless fears occupied my mind. But once I started talking standing on the dais, I felt that all the nervousness was melt in the air. I felt courage inside my mind. And now I am able to handle even the worst situations.

Everyone needs some speciality in life. It is a kind of signature for them. This is a mark that lets the other people know about you. I needed the change badly. My friends had understood the necessity and they helped me to get rid of the trouble. It was completely a mental state that crippled me though I had huge potentials. Now, I am able to do all the things accordingly and also can deal with lots of people. Reading texts loudly in the classroom is not a problem for me at all. Actually, the teachers are reluctant now to ask me for reading as nobody else gets the scope to discuss anything when I read loudly. It was really an important change in my life.

Describe an interesting place in your home town.

You should say:

- what it is
- where it is
- what it is famous for

and explain why this place is interesting in your opinion.

[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:

Pakistan is a place of historical importance in the south Asian subcontinent and contains several World Heritage Sites. The Lahore Fort is one of them and I've been there for numerous times for its attractive features.

The Lahore Fort is a citadel and locally this is known as the Shahi Qila. The fort is the example of rich Mughal architecture. The citadel is located in the Iqbal

Park in Pakistan. The history and origin of the park are not known precisely but so far it is revealed that the fort was made during the Mughal Empire. Emperor Akbar had built the Fort in the 15th century. The fort was well maintained by the Mughals until their fall. After the downfall of Mughal Empire, the fort was assigned to the Sikh and subsequently the British rulers ruled on it. The fort has two entrances and one of them is known as Alamgiri gate which was made by Emperor Aurangzeb. The Alamgiri gate is faced to a mosque better known as the Badshahi mosque. The first gate was made by Emperor Akbar and was named as Maseeti. The gate is facing the city of Lahore. Now, the fort is using the Alamgiri gate by closing the Maseeti gate permanently.

The Lahore Fort is located at the Iqbal Park in Pakistan. Iqbal Park is the largest urban park in Pakistan. Both the park and the fort are located in the walled city of Lahore. To be more transparent about the issue, the Lahore Fort is located adjacent to my residence in Lahore. I live with my parents in the walled city of Lahore in Pakistan and the Lahore Fort is visible from our balcony. Geographically, the Shahi Qila is situated in the north-west part of Lahore. The fort is accessible from anywhere in the city and thus a good number of visitors come to visit the historical place. Strategically, the location was important to dominate some of the strongholds in Multan, Kashmir and Kabul and thus the solid brick made fort has been built in this region.

The Lahore Fort is famous for several reasons and the most important cause is its architecture. The fort is dominated by the Persian gardens and the buildings inside are still own the striking look. The entire fort is divided into separate sections, spacious bedrooms, concealed residential parts, entrance etc. Besides, some small gardens are also notable and have increased the beauty of the fort. Diwan –I – Aam is one of the halls, which was made by Emperor Shah Jahan in 1628, to meet with the common people of the locality and the design is similar to that one of Agra Fort. The Sheesh Mahal is made with glasses and the Mahal was built by Mirza Ghiyas Begh. The Mahal contains a large hall and was considered as the harem of the fort. The fort has experienced some modifications during the British period to meet the needs of the British army.

To me, the Lahore Fort is interesting for several reasons. I have visited the fort for several times and each of the times I was amazed at the designs of the Mughal artists who built the fort. Though some of the parts of the fort have been modified for several reasons, the other places are still at their best look. The wonderful 17th century Moti Masjid has increased the beauty of the fort. The Noti Masjid contains five arches and three domes above the roof which

have increased the beauty of it. Unfortunately, the masjid was converted into Sikh Mandir (temple) during the reign of Sikh Maharaja. The gates of the fort also have a grandeur look with the semi-circular bastions. I also visited the Naag temple inside the fort which is mostly famous for fresco paintings. Overall, the entire fort is a place to enjoy the past and thus I like it most.

Sample Answer 2:

Paris is the city of multicultural people. They come here and enjoy the beauty of the city. Beyond the beauty, there are some places which also attract attention from the global population. Disneyland Paris is such a place which is renowned for its special features and attractions. This is a great cue card topic to deal with and I am happy to talk about it. Thank you.

Disneyland Paris is actually an entertainment resort. It is originally known as Euro Disney Resort. The resort is located around 32 km away from the city of Paris. Despite the distance from Paris, the park is one of the most visited theme parks in the country and in Europe. There are two theme parks inside the resorts and comes with many other hotels, shopping centres and entertainment complexes.

The resort is located in Marne-la-Vallée. This is a new town in a corner of Paris. The city has been famous since after the initiation of the resort. The town is accessible from anywhere in the city and provides modern facilities to the visitors. It is the place where people gather to get entertained. Besides, the establishment of the Disneyland resort has helped the town greatly to grow up within a short time.

The Disneyland resort is famous for many reasons. This is the only resort that is being operated outside of the USA. But the number of visitors is remarkable too. The resort is owned by the Walt Disney Company and covers over 4500 acres of lands. The resort also accommodates some other resort hotels, golf course and many more additional recreational and entertainment facilities. People come here and enjoy themselves greatly. The entertainment facilities are opened for the visitors of all ages. Among the visitors, the young people enjoy more than the kids in this resort. There are several attractions inside the theme park and among them, the most notable are Small World, Big Thunder Mountain, Space Mountain: Mission 2, Pirates of the Caribbean etc.

This is one of the places where one can enjoy himself. This is the place where

you can do whatever you want. You can get a ride on the roller coasters and shout out loud. Nobody will come to interrogate you for the shouts. Besides, you can earn points in shooting games and check how sharp you are in games and sports. Riding on the unusual types of rides will make you forget the worries of your mundane life for the day. Participating the golf will also be a remarkable experience for you. At the end of the day when you will have the fresh foods before you at the resort, you will be satisfied completely. The memories of the resort will remain fresh in your mind for many days.

Describe a children's park you have visited lately.

You should say:

- what type of park it was
- when you went there
- what you liked there the most

and say why you chose to talk about that park.

[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:

Though I have passed my childhood long ago, I did not have the chance to visit the local parks and children centres for different reasons and most importantly I had to remain busy with my academic studies. Besides, my parents did not allow me to go there alone and unfortunately they also could not manage time to be with me there.

i-City is a theme park at the Shah Alam area in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. This is a stunning park and attracts a large number of audiences. This is a theme park and looks gorgeous at the night time for its colourful lightings. The park contains some exciting rides for all and the museum inside the park is awesome. The park is popularly known as the City of Digital Lights as it is strikingly decorated with LED lights. The park is accessible from anywhere in the city and always remains crowded by local and international visitors. The park offers some exclusive facilities to the visitors and features an exciting

water park. The wax museum inside the park is also adorable while the snow covered areas of the park is considered as the largest snow park in Malaysia. The 3D features of the park also appear magnificent to the visitors.

On a Sunday evening, I was sitting idly in my room until my parents entered into my room. To my surprise, I discovered that my mom and dad have bought three tickets of the i-City theme park. In fact, it was their marriage anniversary and they wanted to surprise me. Later I came to know that it was my mom's idea to take me to the park as I have never been there despite the park being a 10-minutes walk from our apartment. They hurried me to get prepared and we started for the park around 5.30pm. We rushed to park with the thought that it would be crowd-free in the evening but we were wrong. The park was crowded and we hardly managed spaces to ride on the park rides. We passed around three hours inside the park and had lots of fun. I enjoyed the rides.

The attractions are not few and it is difficult to mention about any specific thing at the park. I rode almost on all the rides of the park and the bright Ferris wheel attracted me most. When I was on the top of the wheel, I was feeling a weird sense inside my abdomen and when I looked down, I was greatly surprised by the height of the wheel. Besides, I liked the decoration of the theme park and the lighting styles. The small trees are illuminated with small lights which make them look beautiful. Besides, I also liked the booths for stuffed toys. The foods inside the park were yummy as well. After the sunset, the park turned into a small forest of pine and maple trees. Some other animals were also illuminated with the LED lights. The crowd of the park took me to a heavenly environment as long as I was there.

I am not a college student and have passed my life amid different restrictions. I was never allowed to get out of home alone, and my parents set my daily routine which included going to my school and come back to my home. Beyond the routine, I have nothing else to do. So, life was boring to me unless my parents allowed me to take somewhere for visits. Most of the cases, my visits were in the place of our relatives living the adjacent areas. Besides, my parents did not allow me to play outside of home fearing if I fall in any danger. So, it was difficult for me to enjoy something independently. But when they took me to the i-City theme park, they allowed me to do everything all by myself. I, thereby, enjoyed the rides, strolling inside the park walkways and the other things. They also gave me some pocket money to do things I want to do in the park. I truly enjoyed the visit and it was a memorable event in my life. So, I choose to talk about the park.

Sample Answer 2:

Recently my visit to Dunia Fantasi was a great experience for me and my family. In fact, it was a nice get together for us. Due to the hectic daily life, I was unable to take my family for outdoor recreational activities. And this was a great day for us. This is a very nice question. Answering it is a pleasure for me.

Dunia Fantasi is one of the renowned theme parks in Indonesia. It comes with many interesting amusement facilities. It has over 40 exciting rides and many other attractions that keep the visitors engaged round the day and week. The location of the park is also in a suitable place. It is facing the Java Sea in North Jakarta. The most important information about the theme park is that it is compliant with the ISO standards and the admission fee inside the park is reasonable too.

I went at the park in last weekend. All of my family members were asking me to arrange for an outing with them. But owing my occupational engagement, I was unable to make that. Finally, I took leave from all of my activities for two days. In fact, being a merchant of international trading, it is really tough for me to arrange the extra time. Sometimes, I remain too busy in dealing with people, customers and foreign clients that I cannot manage time for myself. My daily routine changes in such days. But receiving the continuous appeal from the family, I decided to take a leave from my works and went at the theme park.

There were lots of attractive rides and things to do inside the theme park. But among the other things, I liked the Halilintar most. This was a roller coaster ride. The roller coaster was from a reputed manufacturer – Arrow Dynamics. It gave me and the other family members a great fun. I was afraid lest I fell down from the coaster. But finally, I did not. The thrills were extreme. The Niagara flume ride was the other ride that I liked as well. My kids also rode on the Ferris wheel which they described the most amusing one for them.

I had been looking for a suitable place to take my family for entertainment. Accordingly, I gathered information about available amusement parks in Indonesia. Each of them was some sort of troubles and finally, I selected this one based on some grounds. It came with the best features and a suitable place to be with the family. It provided all the necessary rides suitable for

every one of the family. Moreover, it was located in a convenient place and had some standard features. So, I picked the park and discussing it right now.

Describe a feature of your personal character that you find important.

You should say:

- what it is
- why is it important to you
- What difference it makes in your life

and explain why it is important to you.

[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:

Human beings are subject to imperfection. They will not be perfect despite numerous attempts. This is natural. But they might be able to own some special qualities which make them great. I am humbly proud of my honesty. This is the only feature that I find important in me.

Honesty is a great virtue and everyone is almost known with the saying that honest is the best policy. Yes, undoubtedly the saying is true for all. If people could remain honest during the lifetime, they will be rewarded in the long run. To be frank, I have been enjoying a pleasure that cannot be expressed in language. The honesty inside me leads me to do everything with due sincerity and perfectly. For being honest, I am adored by everyone and especially by my colleagues. Since my early childhood, I have never got involved in any dishonest act and thus everyone respects me.

Honesty is globally respected. In each of the sectors of life, people need honesty. The number of dishonest people is on the rise and thus it has become a rare virtue in the present days. So, when I found that everything is becoming corrupted, I should walk in the opposite track. I got the learning from my parents, especially my dad, a former police official here in Singapore. He advised me to be honest in every sphere of my life and I would be successful.

How right he was! By dint of my honesty, I have overcome all of the troubles of my life so far. I have a good job at a local real estate call centre with some standard benefits. My parents, neighbours, colleagues and friends love me. But if I did not own the virtue, I think I would be treated like the other people. Besides, my honesty makes me feel better. I get encouraged from my inner self to perform the works more efficiently. Besides, I am following the advice from my parents. For all these reasons, I think it is important for me.

After adopting the policy to remain honest in the rest of my life, I have gained much. Firstly, I gained the job currently I am performing in, I gained the love of my surrounding and overall the blessing from my parents. I have experienced that the people with dishonesty are shining in their life and life is a luxury for them. But my shabby life is enough for me and I am satisfied with what I earn in honest ways. My neighbour (I do not want to expose his name) once was poor and now he has built a huge residential complex on his land next to ours. But he is not respected in the society as everyone knows that he gained wealth by dishonest means. Even he does not receive the importance as I get as a junior from the others. Honesty has brought a sense of self-dignity to me. I feel glad when people greet me and adore my virtue. I take humble pride in those greetings. This has changed my thoughts about life and living.

Honesty is a divine gift and it is not placed upon anyone. So, I think I am divinely blessed with the virtue. This is a unique feature of mine that has made me popular among everyone. I have got my job only for my honesty. When they asked me about my academic background, I did not hide anything to them though they called for someone with a shiny academic career. Moreover, I am able to impress people with my speeches as I am a trustworthy person to all in my locality. Almost everyone knows me for my feature of not lying. Besides, when I sit at the store with my father - the retired government official, people make crowds in our grocery store to collect their daily necessaries as we always provide the exact measures. No dishonest means are followed here. Honesty has made everything for me. I have a happy family, better career and hopefully a bright future. Everything has been possible for my honesty. Thereby, honesty is truly important to me.

Sample Answer 2:

Seeking perfection in everything is one my important personal features that has made me different from the other people. Sometimes, I am in trouble with the feature but finally, I get the best things. Thank you for the great cue card

topic. Here I will describe the feature in brief.

I love to do everything in a perfect manner whatever it is. If the task is not done perfectly, I actually do not get the peace of mind. Everyone blames me for being so perfect. I think they have a sense of jealousy with me when they find my works are the most attractive one and get the best rewards. But often I need to undergo lots of stress and struggles to make the things in my desired way.

This is important to me for many reasons. The most important reason behind seeking perfection is that I love to do the things in a neat and clean way. I also prefer to do the things following the proper procedure while many others do not follow the right way of doing the things. Being perfect is important to me because the perfect deeds get the recognitions quickly and help people to change their conditions. I have also seen how negligence brings disasters in life from my early age. If the works were done with carefulness, they could have been the very best works of the century. But alas! They brought only disasters for the people. Based on the grounds, I pledged to be perfect in every of my steps.

I have noticed some remarkable changes from the very first day I thought to be perfect. I noticed the changes in my office. I work for a multinational tobacco manufacturing company. A lot of other people are engaged here. But most of them do not work properly and are insincere. As a result, the rate of recruitment in this company is higher. In fact, teams change in every six months from top to bottom for their insincerity. But there were no issues with me. Rather, I have been promoted in thrice in past three years. And this has happened only for my sincerity and perfection in the assignments.

I do firmly believe that being perfect is the best way to gain success in life. But it is also true that nobody can be perfect all the time and we are to admit this. We have some limitations. Considering everything, we are to deal with the situations and do the very best from our part. The sincere attempts will bring the good result and make a visible difference between us and others. By keeping the practice of being perfect, someday certainly people will be perfect in all of their activities and be the winner in life. Hence, this is highly important to me.

Describe a science subject that you learned in high school.

You should say:

- what subject it was
- who taught you this subject
- what you learned from it

and explain how this subject helped you in your life.

[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:

In my school days, I was fond of the science courses and took pride in that with my cousins as I knew more than them on space-issue. Space Science was the favourite subject of mine in school and now still I am attracted to the subject.

Space always attracted me and I loved watching the moon. My grandfather had a telescope and I used to observe the sky with that. When I got promoted to the eighth grade, I got attached to the space science, one of my science courses. The course was filled with the descriptions of the stars, planets, galaxies and more other issues. I read the book more attentively than my other courses and experimented with the telescope which I inherited from grandpa. Gradually I developed a sense of interest over the subject and now having my post graduation over the same course. Gradually I came to know about different wonderful facts about space.

Mr. Andrew Robert was assigned as the teacher of the Space Science. He was one of my preferred teachers in the school days and still I share a bond with him. He used to teach us the subject with care and each of the students at the class listened attentively to his lectures. Unfortunately, he was allowed to take the class thrice in a week. So, each of the students, fascinated with space issues, eagerly waited for the class and I was one of them. He taught us different matters about the space and also made us skilled in figuring out the stars and planets. Mr. Robert was the man who made the tougher issues simpler with his deep knowledge about space. Once he invited a couple of students at his home and I also attended the invitation. To my surprise, I saw that his reading room is filled with books and almost two-third of the books belong to space related issue.

I learnt a lot from the course. The subject had several books - one of them was used as the main textbook while the two other associated books were prescribed for earning further knowledge on space. The notable things I learnt from the subject are – I can figure out the stars with their names, I can determine directions at night times without any compass, I know a good number of information about the solar system and the surrounding planets of the Earth. Being informed about the information of the surrounding planets and the internal conditions, I was greatly surprised. Besides, before attending the class, I was unaware of the names of the stars, their positions, how they changed with the passage of time, how they are linked with mythological characters etc. and when I completed the course, I was amazed about them. The entire universe and the other galaxies like us, potentials of life etc. made me excited.

Initially, I could not apply the knowledge in my real life until I went to an adventure on the sea. In fact, the adventure was not that much planned and happened all on a sudden. A couple of my friend planned to have a trip to the beach and then suddenly we experienced a low storm which took us to a nearby island. Since this was not a planned sea voyage, we did not have the right tools with us to survive on the sea. We lost the directions of the mainland. I applied my knowledge of stars to determine the direction to the mainland and finally reached there after lots of struggle. If I did not have the knowledge of figuring direction with stars, something worse might have happened.

Describe a book that influenced you.

You should say:

- what it was about
- when it was written
- why you decided to read it

and say why it had a strong effect on you.

[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:

I like to read books since my early childhood and have read a large number of books so far from different writers. But I did not get inspiration from all of the books, some of them made me amazed while the rest others entertained me to some extent. I was influenced by the book of Mark Twain with the title – The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

Recently the book is known as 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' but previously it was known as 'Adventures of Huckleberry Finn'. The entire book is about a little teenage boy who is unable to stay steady for a moment. The book is lead by Huckleberry Finn and his friends address him as Huck. The events took place in different parts of the USA including Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, and Arkansas. The entire book is illustrated with the adventures of Huck and his friends. The story starts with the setting of a fictional town in Missouri. Huck is associated with his friend Thomas, better known as Tom Sawyer. Both of the kids have gained a lot of money from their former adventure and Huck is the narrator of the book. He describes all the events to inform the reader and thus the reader becomes aware of everything that happened to him and his friends in the last episode.

The novel was first published in 1884 in England and it was published in the USA in the following year. The book is famous for the lively descriptions of different places, especially the geographical locations of the USA. The book is considered as the sequel to the previous book named – The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. The plot centres around the events happening with Huckleberry Finn. In the previous book, Thomas (or Tom Sawyer) was the protagonist and led the events. But now it is the turn for Huck to lead the events though Tom tried to influence some of his activities. The book has been written based on a society which existed about 20 years ago. Some of the complexities of the then time have been pointed here.

There are several causes behind reading the book. Firstly, I was inspired to read the book by watching a movie of the same name. But I could not enjoy the movie being too older and some of the dialogues were not delivered properly on my DVD player. So, I decided to read the book and accordingly I collected the copy. But it was difficult as well for me to collect a well-printed copy of the book. Further, being a Chinese national, it is really difficult for me

to read books in English. But the events that I enjoyed on the DVD made me inspired. The other reason behind reading the books is that I also was a kid like Huck and underwent many adventures in our locality. Often people use to meet my mom to submit their report against me. Like Huck, I also smoked the pipe in my early childhood and stole the tobaccos and pipes from my dad. So, all the things that Huck did were similar to my own experiences.

When I read the book, I not only enjoyed but came to know about many unknown issues. I was completely unaware about slavery and after reading the book; I researched the issue on the Internet and came to know about many horrific events. So, I felt pity for Jim – who wanted to be free and meet his family. Moreover, I also was hurt when Huck's father died. It is tough indeed for a teenager to grow up without a family. If he were in a family, he would have a different life and everything could have been changed. So, I think Huck turned into a naughty boy as he did not experience the tie of a family. He was sent to different people to be taken care of but the care of a family is entirely a different thing. Every feature of Huck sometimes touched me while reading the book, and I also made me laugh, often. I wish I could be a boy like him and get back my teenage again!

Describe a typical day in your life when you were a child.

You should say:

- who looked after you
- some of the people you saw
- what you ate

and say what you most enjoyed doing.

[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:

Childhood is the best part of our life and there is none but wants to go back in the childhood. The days were awesome and magical. People realise the days when the childhood is gone and regret. I also dream to go back to my

childhood days which were filled with enjoyment.

It was the 90s when I was a child and experienced numerous things that the children of the current days are unable to watch or enjoy. Presently, the age is advancing and with the advancement, there have been great changes among the family issues. I used to live in an extended family in India. The family consisted my parents, my grandparents, paternal uncles and their families. I used to meet regularly with all the relatives like my paternal uncles, aunts and cousins. We had a very good relation and still I share the bond with them. Besides, relatives from my maternal sources frequently visited us. They also loved me much as I was the youngest boy in my mother's family. So, everyone from my maternal part loved me. My grandparents loved me much after my parents. Unfortunately, now they are in heaven and I pray for them.

Since the family was bigger than the other families in the area where we lived in, cooking was an interesting issue. My mother used to cook for everyone at the family while the aunts (wives of my paternal uncles') came to assist her. The cooking was done by the noon and everyone came to take their lunch. Traditional Indian foods were cooked every day and every member used to take the meal with great satisfaction. But the menu got changed following some religious or local occasions. I can remember that I took some rich foods like polaw, biriyani, different kebabs etc. during the religious occasions. Moreover, my mother changed the menu accordingly when guests from distant parts of the country came to visit use. In the morning the menu contained ruti, with sabji (a type of mixed vegetables) and often egg fry. A cup of tea or coffee followed the breakfast for everyone. During the lunch, most of the times, rice was cooked and was served with fishes or meats. Sometimes, we ate vegetables only on the supper.

As I grew up in an extended family, I had the chance to pass my days with my cousins. We were around eight kids together and I was the eldest among them. Though I was eldest, I also had to stay under the care of Ramu Kaka. Ramu Kaka was our private watchman who was appointed for the kids alone. Since the parents could not look after the kids, they appointed Ramu Kaka to look after us. He used to be with us and despite his angry figure; he was too gentle to us. At first, we thought that he would punish us for our misdeeds but he, in fact, did not. Often he had hidden the misdeeds from our parents lest they beat us. He took all the blames on him when any of the kids broke any glass, plate or committed any such mess. Still, I have not found a soft man like him. In the early days of my life, I have done lots of mess with others while Ramu

Kaka took care of everything.

Now I am a grown up and miss the days. When I was a kid, I used to play with all of my cousins including boys and girls. But now the scenario has been changed. All of us have become busier with our respective tasks and hardly can manage time to be together. I actually miss the days when all of us used to play different indoor and outdoor games. Most of the times, I was the winner in the indoor games like chess and card but my cousins performed very well in the outdoor games like crickets before the lawn of our house. Besides, I used to make fun with my sisters and often got caught with them while smoking cigarette secretly. In fact, I enjoyed the matters much and want to get back in the olden days of my childhood.

Sample Answer 2:

In my childhood, I have had some special moments. But I could not enjoy the moments to the fullest extent as there were fewer family members. I lived with my parents and an older sibling. Thank you for the great candidate task card topic. It reminds me of my childhood days.

My mother was a homemaker. So, she was responsible for everything inside the home. She was also responsible for caring for me, feed me and perform other necessary activities for me. I am highly grateful to my mother. In fact, she is the inspiration for me and without her direct support, I think I would not be able to stand at this level today.

Despite being a nuclear family, my parents were social and invited people in our house. In fact, the house was always filled with guests and other people. And when it was any occasion like birthday or marriage anniversary, it was difficult to manage the flood of guests. So, I was accompanied by many people in this time. I can remember my aunt, uncles and other relatives who used to visit the house regularly. I used to play with the little kids of my age. It was the age for me to be charmed, and I became so. My parents did not buy me any toys considering many aspects. So, I used to play with the toys of the kids invited to our home.

I took the traditional meals like the other Indonesian people. In Indonesia, people usually take the traditional meals in their daily life. So, my foods were not an exception. I used to take rice, meat, poultry, vegetables etc. Sometimes I took street foods. The foods are a bit different in regions. The food which is

usual in one region appears to be traditional in another region. Besides, the cooking process is also different in some cases. When I went in other regions for purposes, I tasted the foods and the experiences were different.

I mostly enjoyed playing with the other kids of my locality. In every evening, we all used to get out of the home and get involved in various types of outdoor sports. Besides, I also like the video game playing. My father bought me a video game, that played a few types of games. It was a great attraction for me and my school friends. They also used to play with me and I shared the device with them, but for few minutes. I also enjoyed the family gatherings where people came with different types of gift items for me. But the days are gone and the social bonding is not seen today as it was before. I miss those days too much.

Describe a time when you heard some good news.

You should say:

- what it was about
- when you heard the news
- who else heard this news

and say why it had a strong effect on you.

[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:

Everyone wants to live a better life and some good news can tremendously change the course of their lives. It is only some good news that can affect the mental faculty of human beings and bring some good luck for them as well. I also heard a couple of good news last month and got relieved on the issues I was worried about.

I live in a nuclear family in Singapore. I have five family members and I am the eldest among the two other siblings of mine. The smallest one was worried about the admission in a college, while the only sister of mine, who was born

after me, was concerned about her university admission. Both of them have applied for the admission tests to a local college and a public university but they were concerned about the result that if they would secure the marks to get a seat. By the same time, my father was experiencing some troubles in his business. So, the entire condition of my family was awful and each of the members was affected by mental torments. So, when we heard the bunch of good news, all the tensions were windup and the happy and peaceful environment returned once again.

I was at my office, where I work as an executive and I heard the news from my mom, a homemaker. She informed me that my siblings have got chances for admission in their desired college and university respectively. Now they need to appear for a formal interview with their respective authorities and have to show their documents. Then they will be permitted to get admitted to the institutions. Apart from this, she also informed me about that my dad has got rid of the troubles. In fact, he was suffering the problem for about a month. Some of his imported goods from Russia were barred entering in Singapore as some of the documents against the purchase were missing. The port authority needed the documents to release the imported goods. So, dad tried his best to convince the agencies in Russia to send the documents again. They delayed sending the documents which caused the trouble.

For all the troubles, my entire family was unbalanced. All of the members here got worried about the issues. So, once the troubles are gone, my mom informed the issue to other relatives of us. Despite being a nuclear family, we maintain a close tie with our relatives. We share our happiness and sorrows with them. Most of the relatives live in a scattered manner in the locality of Woodlands in Singapore where we live now. So, they were also happy to hear the news. They all congratulated us, especially my siblings received much appreciation from all of them for their success in securing admissions in the college and university. My father was also happy as he would get back his imported goods. He went to Russia to order for the products and did the other necessary things so that the products could reach Singapore within the budgeted time and in good condition.

I was strongly affected with the bunch of good news. As an active member of my family, I share a close bond with everyone. When I see them worried, it becomes difficult for me to tolerate. I actually cannot see the faces filled with nervousness, and even often my mom made mistakes in cooking. For her tensions over the entire troubles of the family, she turned inattentive in her

daily chores and even cooking became difficult for her. My dad was so tensed that he started smoking cigarettes again while my younger sister and brother started maintaining unusual silence. So, it became impossible for me to tolerate the mental torments of my family members. When the troubles were gone and everyone started smiling, I felt comfortable. The situation was a great learning event for me as well.

Sample Answer 2:

It was about two matters happening together. Actually, it is really wonderful to have some good news around you. So, the experience last week was a blessing for me. Thank you for your option to discuss the matter with you. Here is a brief description of the events.

My bank manager told me that I would not be eligible to apply for a loan to get some necessary things done. Besides, my promotion was stuck in the office. But suddenly, there was a change in everything. I got the loan and simultaneously I was promoted in the next day. Both the news was good for me and I felt lucky.

I was working in my office. Suddenly I got a telephone call at around 11.30 am. It was from my bank. The phone call said that my loan application has been granted. Earlier, the manager showed some excuses that they do not provide loans for the purposes I am seeking for. They did not have such policy. On the other side, my promotion was stuck for about three months. I received an envelope before getting the phone call. It would sound weird that both the things happened together. After finishing the phone call, I opened the envelope and found that it contained my promotion letter. It was a great surprise for me.

I immediately informed the matter of promotion to my wife and other family members. But since the loan issue was completely personal, I did not inform it to anyone else except my business partner. Actually, I was trying to start an export import business and needed a smart amount of funds which I applied for. Finally, everything went well. I got the loan, I got promoted. But the consequent impacts of the promotion were interesting. I had to organise for a large party at home marking the promotion and invited all the colleagues and relatives. Everyone was happy with the matter and even my boss admitted that he made a bit late in evaluating my performance.

Both the news had a strong effect on me as I had long been aspiring for them. I am independent in nature. So, I wanted to do something by myself and required money. So, I got a partner but the money we had was insufficient to start the business. Later, I applied for a loan to my bank and got refused. Besides, the promotion in office was another thing that I needed badly. I was unable to adjust to the increasing living costs in this city of Durban. Hence, both of the matters were equally important to me. I believe that this was a heavenly blessing to me. I got the loan and promotion on the same day. I was happy indeed.

Describe your favourite family tradition.

You should say:

- what the tradition is
- when it occurs
- what you do

and explain why it is your favourite tradition.

[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:

I was born and brought up in a Muslim family in Malaysia and found that my family follows different tradition related to Islam and my country. Obedience to the superior is the tradition of my family and I think this is a great virtue as well. Most of the people follow the similar tradition as well across the country.

Currently, we are living in the modern world and everything is becoming modern and in some cases, ultra modern. Consequently, everything is changing the shapes and forms while the issues of morality have greatly been changed. Most of the people are now devoid of sincerity, honesty, degraded ethical values and more other matters. Obedience to the older people is not found anymore with the modern people. They prefer doing everything by their sweet will and even do not care if the tasks are damaging others or not. In such a state, all of the members of my family obey their superiors' commands and

suggestions. In the western countries, the young people mostly disobey their parents and immediate superiors. They are reluctant following orders. But each of the members of my family obeys the directives from the superior and this is a great tradition for me to follow.

The tradition occurs each of the moments in the lives of my family members. Each of them is well aware of the rights and responsibilities. Thus they try to follow the traditions. Obedience is the first and the most important tradition that comes with the other issues. If someone denies following the tradition, the superiors make him or her understand the importance of this specific practice, how it is beneficial to us and other relevant issues. Once they understood the importance, they start following the tradition. So, the tradition of obedience is always under the practice in my family, and in fact, this is not a celebration for us. This is part our everyday life. All of the members of my family even the most junior one is obedient to the seniors.

To follow the tradition, I have to do whatever I am said by my superiors. But it should be noted that the superiors never ask to do something which appears dangerous or illegal or may affect me negatively. So, I perform all the tasks smoothly with respect. My part is just to implement some orders or suggestions. For instance, if guests come to visit us and I am asked to take care of them for a few moments until someone else appears on the spot for their entertainment, I have to do so. I did such small tasks and as a result, the guests praise me for my taking care of them. Further, someone of the family has fallen sick and if I ask someone younger than me to look after the sick, s/ he will do that until they are removed from the job. I am obedient to the tradition but it does not refer that the superiors will provide me offers to participate in the illegal activities or I will do those. If the task appears to be suspecting to me, often I try to justify the fact that if the task would be right for me or wrong. When I find my suspicion wrong, I do that task gladly.

Obedience to the other members, especially to the senior members, of the family is a wonderful tradition. This helps to build confidence among the members of the family and at the same time increases the bond among the family members. Besides, I like the tradition as it helps to learn discipline. Indiscipline begins when someone rejects to do something which was supposed to be done by him/ her. The indiscipline leads to different other troubles. But if the thing is done in the beginning, there are lesser chances of chaos. Besides, when someone is obedient, a sense of trust is grown among people and thus the bonds among them get stronger.

Sample Answer 2:

China is one of the largest countries in the world. There are some family traditions available in China and followed strictly which is not found among many other nations. This is an interesting question. Thank you for this auspicious cue card topic and I would be able to inform others about the tradition of my land.

Basically, the male members of the family are responsible for everything. They are to be responsible for maintaining the family, pay the bills, arrange for the things necessary for the family and many other activities. They are the bread winners for all the family members. On the other side, they are also treated with great respect.

Actually, this a continuous process. There are no specific times for this to happen. It takes place round the day and years. And has been going on since an ancient time. There are certain matters that have initiated the tradition. But in the present days, women are also participating in the out of home activities and earning their livelihood. And they want to keep pace with the modern world. Nonetheless, they are largely dependent on the male members of their respective families. It is impossible to ignore the rules of the society and disobey the male members. This trend has been going on for centuries.

As a female member, I follow the orders from the male members of my family. But it should not be considered as the superiority of men over women. Rather, every one of the family maintains a very cordial relation between each other. This is not male domination. The male members do not impose any order or task to us which is not possible for us to complete. In fact, home making is the key activity at home. So, I assist my mum in line with other female members of the family to keep the home neat and clean. I also pass some quality times with my dad, uncles and brothers.

This is my preferred tradition because of some benefits. In fact, without the presence of male members of the family, it is really difficult to manage the everyday activities. They are to play different roles together. They are the wage earners for the family, they look after the family members and do many other activities which are really praiseworthy. They are always ready to sacrifice even the dearest thing for the sake of their family. Besides, they can do the tasks easily which is really impossible to do for us. They are able to take

unprecedented risks for the sake of the family. But they do not also care if they are disrespected as well. They work selflessly. Hence a man is all in all in his family but never exploits his opportunities. Therefore, I like this tradition.

Describe the member of your family who is most successful.

You should say:

- who this person is
- how often you see each other
- what this person does

and explain why he/she is successful.

[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:

The family is the ancient platform of socialisation and everyone has their own families. I live in a nuclear family in Russia with my parents and a younger sister. My father is the most successful of all the family members.

My father, Viktor Nikolai, is the eldest son of his parents and the most amazing man of my family and in fact, he is the most successful individual in his entire family considering both of his parental or maternal sides. He is a businessman and deals with clothing business. He owns several large shops and stores in the local market, adjacent to our residence and takes care of them. The shops are conducted by our relatives and my father is responsible to do all the other required jobs including importing clothes and other materials for our store to adjust the balance at the end of the day. He has shined in his life for his hard efforts and sincerity to his business.

I meet with my father every day and it has become a rule for him to wake me up in the morning for the morning walk before I go to my college. Sometimes I ride with my father to reach my college on his motorbike. He never allows me to drive the bike as he believes that I am unable to drive the bike carefully. Besides, I meet with my father mostly at the night hours when I go to the shop

and accompany him with any tasks if needed. Sometimes, I help him to adjust the cash amounts and figure out the daily sales. In the off days, my father sits with me to check about my learning and college issues. Often he helps me to solve my mathematical problems and the issues on geography. He is good at sciences and able to make the lessons simpler.

In the beginning of his career, my father was a reporter in a local newspaper after completing his graduation. But he was unable to bloom in his journalism career. By the time, he got married with mom and with her inspiration, he started the business. When he started the clothing business in the local market, he even could not afford a small shop there. He had to sell clothes standing in a corner on the markets street. But with his hard work and sincerity, gradually he started developing the business. He took some loans from a bank and bought a shop in the marketplace where he used to sell clothed by standing. The business started growing as the clothes he sold were of the finest quality. In fact, my father did not compromise with the clothing quality and thus his reputation as a cloth merchant spread near and far. Gradually he started the business with some other products and now he is a very successful man.

Success is the word that comes to those who adore it. My father knew that he could not shine in his former profession and thus he left the job of a journalist. Instead, he started the clothing business and at that moment it was truly difficult to sell clothes on a basket by standing on a corner on the street. He struggled a lot but did not take any support from his parents or anyone else. He wanted to be successful by his own attempts. He experienced numerous troubles in his life but none of the obstacles was strong enough to prevent his journey for a success. The key to his success is that the never lies to people about the garment quality and if someone came with any defected clothing, he smilingly changed that item with a fresh one. Besides, he travelled to different other parts of Russia and the world to bring out the finest materials for his business. Thereby, his sincerity, devotion to the business and the reliability that he has gained over time have made him the most successful man in my family.

Sample Answer 2:

I live in a joint family in Goa, India. My elder brother is a successful businessman and is also considered as one of the most successful men in the entire family. This is a very nice question and I thank you for this great

candidate task card topic.

My brother is really a gentleman. He looks like the Bollywood film heroes with a wide forehead, solid muscles, attractive physique and obviously his gentle behave with everyone. He owns a medium-sized travel agency that is doing very good now. But in the beginning, it was hard for him to deal with everything. He is serving the nation and making a smart profit in a legal way.

I frequently meet him. In fact, I meet him in some certain times of the day. We have few family traditions. First of all, we are to take our breakfast and supper together. So, this is the time we discuss and share everything that happened or will possibly take place in the day. I am happy that every one of the family, including my elder brother, remains present there. He sits beside me, and loves me too much because I am his only sister and the only young girl in the family. But if I need to meet him for other purposes, I make a phone call and reach his office or contact with him by other means.

In the beginning of his career, my brother had suffered a lot. He did not get the desired job and most of the times, he was unable to comply with the official rules. His independent attitude made him compelled to start his own project. He is now a successful businessman and owns his private tourism company. He has around 15 staffs and all of them are hardworking. The company arranges for customised and general tours inside and outside of India. In fact, with the sincere services, the company has become one of the leading one across the country. Despite being the owner of the company, he loves to work hard but allows flexibilities for his staff.

My brother is successful as he is hard working. When he was in a job, he could not work hard. He tried to represent his worth but experiencing the official politics, he was unable to do so. Often he had to be humiliated even if he did the right things. So, he changed a couple of jobs and the situations were the same everywhere. Then, he started his private tourism company on a small scale and invested his labour as much as he could. Finally, he was successful after struggling a lot. He cared for his business and employees. In return, he achieved the success.

Describe a rule you did not like in school.

You should say:

- what it was
- how others thought about this rule
- have you ever violated this rule

and explain why you did not like this rule.

[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:

The days of school were best in my life but I could not comply with one of the rules and that is attending at the assembly in the early hours of the day. Serangoon Garden Secondary School is highly strict over the issue.

Now I have crossed the boundary of school and studying Diploma in Business at a local college here in Singapore but the days before attending here were awesome to many extents. But there were some unpleasant issues as well. Due to my lifestyle, it was impossible to wake early hours in the morning. My school, the SGS, started its activities from 7.20am. I had to reach my school by 7.10 am and then placing my bag in the classroom, I along with the other students of my class went to attend the flag raising ceremony and assembly. The ceremony began at 7.20am and most of the times I could not stand well for sleep in me. It was too difficult for me to wake up at 6.45am and get ready for the school and then again stand in the playground for the formalities that ended by 7.35am.

The reactions were mixed. Some of the students thought that attending the assembly was a good practice while most of the students were like me. In fact, attending the assembly would have been better if the assembly and the other events started in a bit late. It becomes difficult for most of the students to get up so early in the morning and the discipline was too strict. All of the students had to follow the rules and regulations strictly and if there were any disobedience about following the rules and regulations, strict measures were adopted as punishment for the students. Often, I have seen that many of the students are avoiding the assemblies as they are unable to stand at the playground under the sun. Sometimes they used to hide themselves in the

toilets and on the other corners of the school from where they were able to skip the ceremony.

Yes, I have often violated the rule. I did that after I got promoted to the highest grade of the school. In fact, we had a group of students who used to violate the rule. In most of the cases, we used to hide ourselves in the toilets of the schools. Besides, we also had some special places to keep ourselves hidden till the assembly ceremony was over. When the ceremony got ended, all of the students used to reach their respective classrooms following a queue and we, the naughty students, used to penetrate with them in the classrooms so that nobody could doubt us. Sometimes, we used to make late and it was a bit flexible for the students of the last grade to be a little late for the class. Besides, when we did not have the intention to attend classes, sometimes we hid ourselves at the small room located on the rooftop. When the class was finished, we got down from there and took our seats at the last benches.

From my early childhood, I was naughty and still I am today. Thereby, my parents got me admitted at the school as its discipline is strict. The students are not allowed to go out of the rules and thus they become disciplined. But I was a bit different from the other students and remained busy in violating the rules. Though sometimes I tried to follow the rules, it was a bit difficult me to comply with all the rules. It was irritating for me to stand in a queue for the morning assembly and the most important reason was the small playground with no shade. All the students had to stand under the bare sun in the morning and some of them turned fade. I used to sweat a lot and when I stood under the sun, my school uniform got wet with my sweats. Besides, it was impossible for me to tolerate the same lectures every day at the assembly. The teachers used to make us take the pledge to do the good things and avoid the bad things. Definitely, their intentions were good but it was intolerable for me to pledge all the memorised verses in every morning. So, for all these reasons, I did not like the rule.

Sample Answer 2:

School days were the greatest days of my life. But there were some rules that I could not like in those days. Getting punishment for not bringing homework was one of them. This is a great topic and I would love to talk about it. The question reminds me of my childhood.

The school had a rule that if any student fails to bring the homework, s. he

would be punished. Without considering the background, the teachers and the school authority imposed the rule on the students. We had no other ways left. They thought that the students want to bunk the assignments and thus they created the provision of punishment. For this provision, innocent students also had to suffer a lot.

The majority of the student were against the rule but had no way to express their opinion. I admit that there are some students who are wicked by nature and they must be punished. But forgetting to bring a homework for complying with the other courses or some other reasons and getting punished was not wanted at all. I also had fallen victim of the punishment several times only for forgetting to bring the homework. In fact, I had completed them but forgot to take them with me through the school bag. This was a usual scenario for a majority of the students. So, the provision was undesired to all.

To be honest, I tried to violate the rule but each time I failed. Actually, the teachers wanted us to be perfect human being in all terms. So, they were too careful about the homework issues. The more we showed excuses, the level of punishment increased. In fact, they did not want to believe us. One day, to avoid punishment, I told my teacher that I forgot to bring the homework and if I am allowed, I could bring that within a short time. Despite bringing the homework within next 15 minutes (my residence was adjacent to the school), I was punished.

I think this was something extreme for the young students like us. The teachers did not punish us with corporal punishment. Rather, they asked us to complete the homework standing inside the classroom. Actually, it was really annoying to compete for the homework that I did before at home. By the same time, it was impossible to focus on the class and the homework together. As a result, the students who were punished had to sacrifice the lessons of the class. To make the issue clearer, it was waste of time for the students. Still, I feel perplexed that how that type of punishment was beneficial for a student. For all the reasons, I did not like that rule in my school.

Describe a funny text message you have ever received.

You should say:

- what it was about
- who sent it to you

- when you received this message

and explain why you think this was a funny text message.

[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:

Sending text messages instead of making phone calls is annoying to me, and I think it wastes time. But I enjoyed a text message from one of my friends and that text message was sent to me marking my birthday.

The message says that I was born to pressurise them on different issues and they want to get relief from the pressures. It also quoted that I shall feel some pains as they experience in the next day when I will at college. In fact, the friend was wishing my death on my birthday. But I know this was not his actual desire rather he composed the text message for me to have some fun with me. I know all of my friends and it is true that I put some pressures on them often to make the things done, especially the college projects. Most of the time, it is me who is responsible completing the college projects though the projects are meant to be done in a team. But some of my mischievous friends try to avoid the assignments. Then I have to force them to complete the tasks and thus being angry (!) one of them has sent the message on my birthday to make me aware of the pressures.

I received the message on my cell phone and it was sent by Michael Steve. Steve is one of my closest buddies in the college in Hyderabad in India. I have many other friends here and most of them are wicked in nature. They love to irritate other people and at times they are also irritated by the others which become painful for them. There are different events about such irritations. Once they took a boy to a local restaurant to feed and all of them get out of the restaurant without paying the bill. The boy had to pay all the bills and was greatly shocked. Steve was one of the foreign students studying here and also took part in such wicked activities and sometimes I accompanied them as well.

I received the text message at 12.00am on April 17 in 2016. It was the date when I was born in 1996. Interestingly, I did not disclose about my birthday to anyone in my college for several reasons. The first and most important thing about me is that I am a bit of introvert in nature. Often I dislike meeting or

greeting people without any specific reasons and whenever the works are done, I leave them. I also dislike staying outside the home. But when it is about my studies or something important for me, I try to do as much hard work as possible for me. Often my college for architecture asks my team to have some team works and I have to lead the team after the orders from my respectable teachers and instructors. So, I put a little pressure to make the things done hurriedly and in a perfect manner. Otherwise, I do not have a close interaction with them in a regular manner. I was surprised with the SMS that was sent marking my birthday as I never shared about this with someone of the team.

If someone else sees the SMS, it will appear that the SMS demands my death. It refers that if I die, they man who has sent the SMS will be relieved. He will be relieved of some troubles that I cause to him and others. Actually, there are no such personal issues found in reality. The SMS has been sent to make fun with me. It was entirely funny to me that the students who irritate all the others round the day; they are irritated on me for my activities. I also felt good inside that they have somehow collected my birth date and made the fun through the SMS. The last part of the message indicated that they had some arrangements for me and I, in fact, was surprised as they arranged a birthday cake for me at the college. I was amazed at their love towards me. But the SMS was too funny for me and even today when I check the SMS, I laugh by myself every time.

Sample Answer 2:

While browsing my mobile phone during the class last week, I received a text message from an unknown number. It was too funny that after completing the tasks dictated in the message, I laughed. Thank you for the question. It is my pleasure to share the event with you.

The text message was regarding a small exercise that I realised later. The SMS read that I should turn my head to some certain directions. Accordingly, I turned my head towards the mentioned directions. In the last part of the messages, it thanked me for the exercise. But once I completed reading the message, I realised that it was only for fun.

Jim, one of my closest friends, had sent me the message. In fact, he was the naughtiest boy of the class and loved to irritate the other students. But none of us was irritated with his behaviour. Rather, we were entertained greatly and

the smile on our face brought him the pleasure. Jim sent me the message as I was sitting motionless in the class. Jim is the person who cares for almost everyone. And when he sees someone in distress, he tries to come in help for the distressed. It was such an event for me and Jim helped me greatly on that day.

Actually, I was a bit afraid as I forgot to bring the assignment on the day. And was worried about what the teacher would say to me. In such a crucial situation, Jim tried to remove the agony from inside my mind. He composed the text message, and sent to me. After reading the message, I saw that it was Jim and he was staring at me. I did not realise that he had sent the message as the phone number was not saved on my mobile phone. Gradually I discovered that Jim used the mobile phone of another classmate to send me. And I received the message just before the teacher entered in to the class. As soon as I completed reading the message, the teacher entered.

It was a funny text message for some reasons. Firstly, it was all about making fun. The message asked me to look left, right, up and down to find out the message sender. When I find none, I went through the message. And finally, the sender thanked me for reading the message and having the small exercise of my neck. I laughed at the last statement. I was glad. In fact, the funny tone of the message relieved me from the worries. Though nothing happened on that day and the teacher did not ask for any assignments, I was really amazed by the message. The funny tone removed my worries in the beginning of the class.

Describe a library you have visited.

You should say:

- where it was
- why you went there
- how you know about this library

and explain your experience in this library.

[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:

Last month, I went to Berlin in Germany to have some business deal (I deal with plastic materials) and visited the Berlin State Library. This is a universal library and thus contains all types of printed materials and books.

The library is located in Berlin under Germany. It is commonly known as Stabi and mostly contains the properties of Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation. This is one of largest libraries in the European continent. The library is of great importance for its universal collection of book, research materials, oldest bible, novels, references, oldest books and more others. The library is known as universal for its huge collection and it proudly contains almost all the famous items of the world. The library is also important to the German-spoken people as most of the collections are composed in the German language. The library also collects cultural works of all languages which are not found anywhere else in the world. It also contains some rare collections of world famous artists' creations like Symphony no.9 of Beethoven, manuscripts of Mozart etc. the library mostly serves the role of research to the people who visit there.

I went there to have some knowledge about a universal library. I have heard about the universal library and its speciality but have never seen before in my life. So, I was eagerly waiting to visit the library. Besides, I also wanted to read something inside the library and did not miss the chance here. In fact, I had no intentions to read about research or perform any academic activities at the library rather the sole aim was entertainment. I wanted to know about the library, its history, its origin, how it preserved the media and books and more other issues. Besides, I have never entered into any big library like this before. In fact, I was curious to know about the inner events of the library like this one.

I came to know about the library from the Internet. I have some specific ways to do things. Whenever I go to a new place, I try to get information about the location earlier so that I could not fall in any unwanted danger or situations. I have started practising the method after experiencing some real life 'situations' and I had to pay the price unexpectedly for my ignorance. So, before moving to Berlin, I had some home works. I browsed about the entire locality like information about its streets, nearby stations of my place where I will stay, police stations, adjacent visiting places, locations of superstores and

shopping malls, routes to arrive in my residing hotel and many more. During the search on the internet, I came to know about the library. Then I decided to pay a visit if I could make some changes and the intention came true.

The experience inside the library was marvellous. I never expected that I could be able to enter into a huge library like this. The library contains a large number of rare collections. Most of the collections are too rare to be found in any other parts of the globe. The collections of the library are splendid and the preservation system is also a standard one. Thousands of books on different subjects are stored on shelves and I failed to count the books in a single shelf. When I sat with a book inside the library, it appeared that I am carrying a history in my hand in the form of a book. The pages were faded while some of the pages got torn. Besides, the reading tables made with heavy woods also had a great impact on my mind. The entire environment reminds me of the olden days and when I read a book over the German history, it appeared that the events are taking place before me.

Sample Answer 2:

My first visit to the National Library of Malaysia was wonderful. In fact, I had never seen such a huge collection before. Besides, the library came with some other features too. This is an interesting question and thanks for asking it to me. I will describe the event now in brief.

Physically the library is located in 232, Jalan Tun Razak, in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. The library is almost in the centre of the city. And thus it is accessible from any parts of the city. It is mostly responsible for gathering knowledge and serving people in their needs. The library collection is enriched with various types of books, magazines, reference books and lot more types of reading materials.

I am a postgraduate student at the University of Kuala Lumpur. Often I need to go through references for my academic purposes. Before reaching this level, I had managed everything with the library of my university. But after reaching the postgraduate level, I needed some authentic and strong references for my research works and those were available only in the National Library. As a result, I had to visit the library at least thrice in a week and spent over three to four hours in studying the references. I did not know how the time passed by.

In the beginning of the post-graduation, I took history as one of the mandatory courses. I had no idea about the subject and thought that it might be easier. But when I attended the classes and ordained to perform some research on certain historical issues of Malaysia, it was really difficult to me. Based on the recommendation of my university dean, I went at the National Library. It was a great suggestion for me. In fact, I was unable to buy the expensive reference books for completing the research and projects. So, the service from the university was highly beneficial to me.

I have had an intimate relationship with the library and its staff. Actually, I had to visit the library frequently and each of the time I enjoyed my stay there. The enriched collection had met my needs and necessities. Though I knew about the library, I did not have the clear idea about the library service and how to use them. When I came to know about the facilities, I was really glad to have them. The most interesting experience was maintaining the silence inside the library. I have never been rejected during the use of library service even in the early part of the day. To be honest, it was a smooth experience for me. I will always remember the facilities I received here and also will try contributing for its further improvement.

Describe a time when you got into trouble.

You should say:

- what type of trouble it was
- how you got into it
- how you handled it

and explain how you felt about 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 1:

Life is difficult and often people are to experience some sort of troubles. I also had to face a trouble when I was unable to remember the lines I read on books against a particular question.

In last December, I had to appear in the year final exam of my college first year and it was difficult for me to cross the barriers as the questions were too hard to answer. The exam was about literature and I had to answer some critical questions about the history of English literature. The questions were about the writing style, plots, relation with the past history of the modern days and more other issues. The problem was that the question-maker might have forgotten about the syllabus that was prescribed to us by the college authority to be followed for the year final exam. Surprisingly, almost all the questions were beyond the prescribed course outline and it caused great trouble to all of us; especially I was one of the worst sufferers.

Unfortunately, I did not get the prescribed course outline as I was sick heavily. Thereby, I could not attend the final classes before the examination where the suggestions were delivered. Moreover, I failed to communicate with the other mates and friends of mine. As a result, I was completely unaware of the texts and suggestions for the exam. The course was titled - English Literature-contemporary and old texts. The course materials were available to me but I had no idea about what to study. So, it was difficult for me to decide what to do and how to do, and I was greatly troubled in the exam hall. With a high fever, I went to appear on the exam. Before getting to the college, everything was uncertain to me that if I would be able to appear on the exam or not.

However, with the great inspiration from my parents, I started for appearing on the exam. I reached the college in time and took my seat. I felt that everything was spinning and it happened for my physical weakness. After few moments I felt better. But I was shocked at the questions paper and gazed at that for about five minutes, silently. Then I started writing the answers. I felt the trouble when I started to relate the events of the literary pieces of the past and present time. I was unable to read the current literary pieces as I was sick for several days before the examination. When I tried to relate the events, it was a bit difficult for me. There were texts about the literary pieces in middle age while we also had to read the literary pieces of the modern age. Certainly, there are some changes in the writings and the themes were not the same. But when it was asked to analyse about two different pieces together, it caused the trouble. When I was unable to answer the questions, I sought help from the invigilators. Fortunately one of the invigilators was the lecturer of the course and he was kind enough to provide me with some hints about the relations (as he knew about my sickness).

The feelings about the exam are worst. I had no preparations at all. I thought

that I might not pass the exam and even if I do, my score will be lower than others. But in reality, the scenario was different. I passed the course with a reasonable score and it appeared unbelievable to me. But the feelings that I underwent at the exam hall were disastrous. The exam held for three hours and it appeared to me that its three decades. I frequently watched my wristwatch if the time has passed or not but the theory of relativity started working on me. Time was not passing and each of the seconds appeared like an age. My college does not allow submitting the answer scripts before the exam hour ends and thus I had to wait longer to submit my copy. Finally, the exam was over and I submitted the copy. I was unable to answer all the questions; especially I left two short questions unanswered for my ignorance over the texts.

Sample Answer 2:

I was supposed to attend office before 9.00 am for an important meeting but I was late. It was not my fault rather it was the unwanted traffic congestion that made me late. Later, the consequences that I experienced were extremely detrimental to my career. This cue card topic reminds me of the day. Thank you for the opportunity to let me talk about it.

I worked as the manager for a local medical company dealing with importing foreign medicines into India. On that day, an important meeting was slated to be held where some of the big shots will appear with their proposals to work with us jointly in the market. I prepared a presentation but could not present that as I failed to reach at the venue in time.

Usually, I start for office at least one hour before of the working hour and easily reach office. But the day before this event, I had to work longer hours to prepare the presentation. So, I made late to reach home. Everything was late on the previous day. Despite making the late, I tried to get up early in the morning. I did everything accordingly but got caught in the undesired traffic congestion. It happened for an accident between two buses. The entire road was blocked and it took about two hours to clear the obstacles and make the road suitable for vehicular movement.

When I reached the office, it was around 12.00 pm. Everyone was unhappy with me. Even my superior boss also was displeased. Though I informed the matter to him over the telephone, he was unwilling to consider it. The parties, who came to attend the meeting left the venue. Everyone blamed me for the

failure of the contract. The things that I did was the worst experience of my life. I went to each of the parties' office and described them about why the meeting was cancelled. Then I individually presented the presentation to them and it was really difficult to arrange for the presentation. Most of them were reluctant to be our partner and I persuaded them with my own charisma.

Everything was fine in the later stages. Everyone agreed to work with us and the contract was signed. But I also had to undergo some stress for completing the task. In fact, to be frank, my career was under a great threat. If I failed to complete the task, I think I would have lost my job. When I described the matter to the to-be-partners, they appreciated my efforts and cordially signed in the contract. As a result, it was a specimen of my sincerity and responsibility to my job. But the feelings were seriously difficult to control for me.

Describe a traditional meal you enjoyed recently.

You should say:

- what the meal was
- where you ate this meal
- what occasion it was

and explain how much you enjoyed this meal.

[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:

Singapore is the country where people of different races and nations come together and pass their days. As a result, the foods of the country are also featured with variations. I have tested two of its traditional foods and the tastes are splendid!

Chicken rice is one of the traditional foods of Singapore and is taken by almost all classes of people. I also tasted the chilli crab with the chicken rice to have a variation. The foods are available everywhere in the country and are also cheaper in price. I found it interesting that the chickens were hanged on the

food stores and when the order was placed, the chickens were added to the rice that made the meal. However, the tastes of the dishes are not same everywhere and the price also differs based on the chicken size. If you take a large chicken, you are to pay more and if the chicken size is small, the price is comparatively lower. Besides, the chilli crab, the national seafood of the country, was also delicious. It was spicy and I enjoyed them much.

I went Singapore in the first quarter of April in 2016 and had tasted the foods. I went there to have some shopping and business deals with the local businessmen over exporting attires for male and females. My business partner accompanied me and before meeting with the importers, we travelled around the Singapore city. There were street shops selling different types of foods and we sat by a shop to have some of the traditional food items. Though the shops were at streets, they were cleaner than ours are in India. Most of the shopkeepers were clean and they used gloves while moving the foods. The cooking process was also adorable. They prepared all the raw food stuff and cooked them before the consumers as per the placement of the orders. Moreover, their cooking style was a bit different and took less time than ours. We took the meal at a street shop located by a large shopping mall in Singapore city.

Actually, there was no special occasion to have the meals. It was just testing the local and traditional foods of a foreign country. This was my first trip to Singapore and thus I was more excited than my partner on this trip. My office had sent my partner before to visit Singapore but this is my very first visit here. So, I was more curious than him and tried to explore the entire city. I asked him to be with me and he agreed and also played the role of a guide for me. It is Michael Thompson, my British partner in India, who helped me greatly to taste the foods. We simply got out of our hotel and started roaming on the streets. When I felt hungry, I proposed Thompson to have some foods and he stopped by a street food shop. At the beginning, I was amazed at the menu as we, Indians, love to have chicken biriyani or chicken-polaw. But I was unfamiliar with the way of selling chicken rice. Definitely I have taken chicken with rice but this time, the presentation was entirely different.

To be frank, I enjoyed the meal greatly. It was one of the most delicious foods that I took outside of my country. The foods were cooked finely. It was a medium-sized chicken with a plate filled with the cooked rice. The rice belonged to the finest quality, fragrant and was whiter than we have in India. The menu is also available in almost all of the large restaurants in the country.

The recipe basically belongs to the Chinese and was adapted from the early Chinese immigrants in the country. The chilli crab was also interesting. The chilli crab tasted spicy as different types of spices were implied on the crab. At first, I thought that the crab would be hard to eat but I was wrong. It was soft and yummy. In fact, this was the very first seafood for me. I enjoyed all the foods to the fullest extent. If I could have a chance to go back there, I definitely will have the foods again.

Sample Answer 2:

I was amazed at one of the traditional meals of Spain that I had an opportunity to enjoy. The country is renowned for its diversified foods. In fact, the foods are really delicious and enjoyable too. I will remember the meal for a long time and this is a great question to deal with. Thank you for asking me the question.

The meal was bean stew accompanied with salads. It was one of the most favourite traditional meals of Spain and majority of the locals were in love with this meal. A good number of beans are available in Spain and they are mostly used to prepare the delicious stews. I had the meal with kidney beans and it was said that the kidney bean stew was perfect for every occasion.

I am an undergrad international student here in Spain. Because of my extrovert nature, I have formed a deep sense of friendship with rest of the students in the class. But my friendship with Nicolas Santiago was not usual. In fact, he was my best friend. I took the meal at his home. There were many other food stuff available there but I liked the stew most. I had the experience to get the taste of other Spanish foods but it was a different experience to me. I have never tasted the bean stew with salads. So, the other food items lost their appeal to me.

Marking the birthday of his younger sister, he invited me to the event. I took the meal at his residence located near to our university. It was an interesting event indeed. Many other guests were also invited and I felt special among them because I was the only guest from Santiago's university. So, it was a matter of pride for me. I took a nice present for the young girl and she was happy too with the present. Santiago introduced me to some of his family members and relatives. It really was a nice evening. In fact, all of them accepted me as one of their family member which they do not usually do to their unfamiliar guests.

I enjoyed the meal to the fullest extent. Actually, I did not taste the other meals as I did with it. The bean stew and salads made with various delicious ingredients was the best for me. Later, I came to know that the beans were really delicious and being internationally sold from Spain. Moreover, there are over 20 varieties of this bean is available and I decided to taste almost all the types. I also came to know about the cooking process of the stew. The one I tested came with a light layer of meats that increased the taste of the stew. Overall, it was a very nice experience to me.

Describe a peaceful place you have visited.

You should say:

- where it was
- when you visited there
- who was with you

and explain why you think it was a peaceful place.

[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:

Travelling not only helps to widen knowledge, it is useful to entertain the travellers as well, and if the location is at any natural, beautiful and peaceful place, the trip turns excellent. I went at an island of Indonesia in last month to pass some days in a tranquil environment.

The island is named as Belitung. Some of the commoners term it as Belitong while the island is also known as billiton to some people. Whatever the name is, the island is a wonderful place to visit and this is a perfect place for some solo visits. It is located at the east coast of Sumatra in Indonesia. The island is divided into two districts – Billiton District, the key locality of the island and also the main attractive place, and the remaining part is known as the East Belitung District. The name of the island is derived from a local word which refers the strike of the sea. The area earlier was hit by the sea waves and that

caused serious damage to the people and properties. The island is well populated with Malay people and several languages are found here. The island is also filled with natural resources which help the locals to earn their living.

After completing my graduation from the National University of Singapore (NUS), I took a short break for few months. The break is currently going on. After completing the break, either I have to get engaged in my family business or I have to seek my own fortune out of my family. So, my parents advised me to have some trips in the surrounding areas for pleasure and they also advised me to get some practical knowledge about what life is. So, I undertook the trip onwards to follow their advice in the middle of March in 2016. I planned to pass a week in any peaceful island in Indonesia as my parents went there on their honeymoon. They adored the places so much that I set my destination to go one of the natural islands in Indonesia. I planned for the trip and inquired about everything I need there. I prioritised on the issue of natural beauty and found that Belitung matches with all of my requirements. In a moderately hot day, I started for the island from Singapore.

I did not take any company with me as it was my own journey. In fact, I wanted to gather some real-life experiences. I needed to learn about moving alone as I have never moved so. When I was in school, my used to send one of our domestic staffs to be with me, and my college was adjacent to my home from where I passed my higher secondary. In my university, dad arranged a car for me with a chauffeur. So, I did not have chances at all to move alone and know about the world. Thereby, I decided to have the journey all by me. I took the initiative and arranged all the necessary things for me. I collected the aeroplane tickets, booked a hotel at the island, and also collected the other required things for the travel like organising my travel bag, collecting the route maps, gathering necessary documents like passports, appearing in the embassy for a visa and much more. I really enjoyed all the tasks.

The Belitung Island is really a place filled with natural beauty. The people of the island are friendly and I received a warm welcome after getting off the plane. A staff from the hotel, I booked earlier, arrived at the airport to receive me. The hotel was located in the coastal area, a beautiful place I have never seen before. The beaches are exotic and it appears that the shadow of the blue sky is floating on the water. I mostly stayed near the beach to enjoy the sunset and sunrise. Fortunately, it was a moonlit night and the full moon from the beach was enjoyable indeed. I swam in the blue and clear water and sometimes I passed some lonely moments. The surrounding nature helped to

think deeply about the life. It was the greatest lesson in my life. The place was less crowded and thus peaceful.

Sample Answer 2:

My visit to the Loot Desert was a wonderful experience and the place was extremely beautiful. To be frank, everyone loves to visit in the day time but I am a bit different in this case. I love to travel in nights and have visited a good number of places so far. Dasht-e-Loot is one of the beautiful places that the memories are still vivid in my mind. This is a great question to deal with and thank you for this cue card topic. Here goes a brief description of the place and my experience.

The spelling of this place is varied. And the place is also known as the Loot Desert. In fact, this is a large salt desert and has its area among three provinces including Baluchistan, Kerman and Sistan Provinces. This is also the 25th largest desert in the world. The temperature in the area is higher than average. So, this is not suitable for daytime.

I went to Iran for a business trip for a week and luckily completed the tasks before the deadline. So, I had plenty of times to spend in the country and visited the most beautiful places there. And this was one of the wonderful places in the country. Our guide took us to the desert for some grounds. It was also a UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Iran and one of the hottest places in the entire country. The average temperature of the locality is measured as 700 Celsius. So, all the plans were made during the nighttime.

I work for a multinational company based in Jakarta. It was an official trip to Iran to explore opportunities for my company. Everything went well with the visiting purpose. In this trip, I was accompanied by one my bosses and two other colleagues who were expert in marketing strategies for a new product that the company wanted to launch in Iran. So, it was a team of four members and I played the vital role there. The other companions were also happy after visiting the place. We actually enjoyed the nighttime activities, passing nights in camps and more other enjoyable activities.

The desert was a peaceful place for many reasons. First of all, it was a calm place and there were fewer crowds. Due to the geographical location and excessive temperature, people did not prefer this place. But I found a wonderful beauty of nature there. This was an unforgettable venue for

nighttime activities. During the nighttime, the entire sky was above us and we were mesmerised with the view. Camping was the most attractive activity there and cooking under the open sky provided a new experience to all of us. The ridges and furrows of the desert were also adorable. Based on all the reasons, I think this was a beautiful place.

Describe a difficult choice you had to make in your life.

You should say:

- what it was
- when you had to make it
- how if affected your life

and explain why this was a difficult choice to make.

[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:

Life is filled with complications and the choices amid the complications should be perfect or people are to pay some excessive price for the wrong preferences.

After passing my higher secondary level, I got promoted to the university level and had to pick a suitable subject for. There was a good range of subjects and courses to be studied at the university level and I was told to accept the subjects related to the scientific studies as my background belongs to science. I took science as the major course in my secondary and higher secondary level. But I wanted to study the course of arts, particularly the courses like history, literature etc. On the other side, my parents were on the view that I should get admitted into any medical college so that I could be a doctor and even they were on the view that they should bear all of my expenses for the medical study in a private medical college as they had borne all the expenses of my past studies. In fact, they wanted to see me as a doctor who will treat patients with care. But I wanted something different. I wanted to be a poet or something like that where I could use my intellect.

The issue was too critical and it was impossible for me to go beyond the opinion of my parents. The crucial moment came when I started collecting forms from different universities to study literature and the subjects of Arts faculties. But my parents did not listen to me and they brought some forms of medical colleges located in different parts of India. They were on the view that I should appear the entry test for all of the medical colleges in India and they will do everything for me. If I fail to get admission into any public medical college, they will help me to get admitted at any of the private medical colleges. Thereby, I had to abide by their choice. After passing my higher secondary with distinction, I got admitted into a public medical college.

The admission procedure was great. Initially, it was difficult for me to get prepared for the admission and when the preparation was done, I found it easier than it was supposed to be. Besides, my regular life, as it was before the admission, has been greatly changed and I started following a life filled with a daily routine. Though I had to follow the rules and regulations in my school and college days, none of them was as tougher as it was. Now I am to get up early in the morning to attend my classes. When I was in college, my classes held in the noon (the classes started from 12.00pm and continued till 5.00 pm) and I did not have any troubles with my sleep. I used to sleep at midnight and wake up at 10 or 10.30am. But now, everything has been changed. I have to do everything following the routines and there are fewer chances to break the rules. It is a bit difficult for me to adjust.

From my early childhood, I used to compose poems and songs. I wanted to be a poet or a songwriter. But when my parents compelled me to be a doctor, all my dreams were shattered. My heart was filled with grief that all of my dreams were going to be destroyed. Moreover, it was difficult for me to pick the profession as I was a bit afraid of surgeries, blood and operations. It was truly difficult for me to move to a different track than I intended. I thought that I would study different sorts of literature, history, stories, novels, epics and poems but instead, I have to read the books over medicine and practice on dead bodies to sort out the internal organs of humans. Initially, it was difficult for me but now I am okay with all these. With the passing of time, I am becoming habituated with all the necessary experiments that a trainee doctor need to do.

Model Answer 2:

Life is not a bed of roses. It is uncertain and sometimes people are to take decisions that are really difficult. I also had a similar experience a couple of years ago. After the death of my father, it was impossible for me to continue my academic activities. Thank you for the question. It reminds me of my past. I will describe the events in brief here.

My father suddenly died by a road accident and my family had to struggle a lot after his death. In fact, we were in great danger and there were no sources of income. My father was the only earning member of the family. So, I had to take the decision whether I should continue my education or not. I continued the education and now do not have any financial troubles at all.

I was an undergrad student when my father died. It was 2012. In a fine morning, my father went to his office but on his way to the office, he fell the victim of a serious road accident that claimed his life. After a couple of days, I find none besides my family. Everyone who promised with various supports was absent. It was really a tough time for me and my other family members. So, I had to take the decision whether I should continue the education until the end or should get involved into earning activities for my family. But luckily I did not have to give up my academic activities. I managed everything and joined as a part-time sales executive at a local super shop.

The consequences were detrimental for all the family members. Earlier, we lived in a rented apartment with two bedrooms and other facilities. But after this event, we had to shift in a small tin-shed house. Moreover, my mother also had to experience some struggle with us. She started teaching students of the locality to increase the family earning. In fact, it was impossible to me to manage all the expenses with the little income that I got from the shop.

I was confused to some extent. People offered many jobs and my family could have been in a solvent state if I accepted them. I did not want to get a full-time profession then. I knew that my days were not good in that moment but someday I will overcome the obstacles. Gradually, I completed graduation and post-graduation. Now it was time for me to seek a full-time job that will give me the way to have a better living. Later, I was able to manage a full time in a reputed marketing company. But it was hard for me to stuck in the decision of continuing my study.

Describe a person you recently met.

You should say:

- who the person is
- how you met him/her
- where you met him/her

and explain what you liked/disliked about this person

[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:

I like to travel and meet new people. As a result, the number of my acquaintance is on the rise. Recently I met Mr Joseph Robertson in Singapore.

Mr Joseph Robertson, the tall guy, is a shopkeeper by profession. He owns a small shop at the centre of the city in Singapore. He is middle-aged and proudly owns a gymnast-like body. His eyes are dark blue and he has been living in Singapore since his birth. His family shifted there about one century ago. He is great in nature and loves to gossip. I discovered that he owns a capacity to make people comfortable with him. I was amazed by this capacity. Besides, when he talks, he is never rude even if he gets angry. I have never seen such a cool-headed man in my life before. When his customers try to bargain with the prices, he gently tells them about the product qualities and tells them that the prices are not negotiable.

I met him suddenly when I needed a change of money to pay the taxi fare. The taxi driver had no change with him and it was a troublesome situation for me. I asked for the change to some shopkeepers but nobody came into my support except Mr Robert. He cordially changed the money and helped me paying the taxi fare. It was the introduction between us. Later, I went to his shop for several times and had chats with him for hours. He mostly sold some items made with stone and metal. His shop was filled with lots of such items and all of those were attractive. There were small statues made with metal, hair clips, metal bracelets, metal bangles, stone-made show pieces, Buddha statue made with metal and many other tourist knickknacks. As the sitting arrangement in his store was not too much comfortable, at times we sat outside of the store and talked till he closed his small shop.

I went to Singapore last month to have some business deals with a local trader there. But unfortunately, the trader went India to have some other business and apologised to me for such unusual event. He also advised that I should stay in a local hotel and he should bear the expense as he made a mistake here. But I refused his proposal and stayed there by my own costs. During the stay, I went to shopping and travelled into different parts of the city. Suddenly one day, I was troubled by the change and Mr Robertson came to my help. His shop was adjacent to my hotel where I stayed in. I had some deep conversations with the man, and I came to know about many issues of him. I also shared my own experiences and events of my life. Gradually a sense of friendship developed between us. I added him on my social network and invited him to visit my country.

Initially, I thought that he might be pretending to be good and grab me as one of his customers. But when I met with him and passed moments, I found that he is a gentleman. He is a very good man with an amicable behave. He never becomes rude with the others even if he receives some misbehaves from the other people. The most attractive part of him is the speeches he delivers. He is a man of intelligence and smartly deals with the situations. I like him as he is honest and hardworking. Interestingly, Mr Robert did not marry and owns a different point of view about marriage. He believes that he is not to be married for his outgoing nature. He is unable to fall in love with a woman who will try to own him only for her. As he did not find such a lady who will not be conservative, he did not marry. He is on the view that he might not get someone liberal and thus he would not marry. I also liked him for his such extraordinary thoughts.

Model Answer 2:

I have recently met Mr. Jeff Parkinson, one of my relatives whom I have not seen since my birth. He was living in Australia and now has returned to his native land in Huston. It was a nice meeting with him. Thank you for the question, and I am happy to get this in my share.

Mr. Parkinson is a maternal uncle of mine. He left the country in search of his luck in Australia and passed about 20 years there. In this time, he had less communication with his family. And so, I did not have the chance to meet him in person. I only heard about him to my mom and other relatives. So, the meeting was exceptional.

He came to visit us suddenly. I opened the door and asked about the purpose of visit to our home. Then he simply asked me to inform my parents and suddenly I realised that it was uncle Parkinson. So, I hurriedly informed my mom. Dad was out of home at that time. My assumption was correct and my mom introduced me to him. It was the formal introduction between us. Later, the relationship between us deepened. We did many activities together. I took him to visit many of the places that he visited earlier. And he was amazed at the changes.

The meeting took place in my home. He came to visit us immediately after returning from Australia. He is single and I came to know about some past histories from my mom. It was really pathetic. He was in love with a lady here in Huston and was unable to marry her off for his poor financial condition. So, seeing the lady getting married off, he left the country. Still, he remembers the lady and thus decided to remain single. When he came to visit us, he described all the events in brief sitting at my home. The first meeting with this uncle did not last for a long time. In fact, he was in a rush and needed to meet with many other people. So, he took an early leave and we met later.

I could not like his failed love to the lady for some grounds. The lady did not marry him as he was not a wealthy person in monetary terms. But he had a very nice and kind heart. Hence, the lady left him for happiness and got married to another individual. I disliked the passion of my uncle towards the lady. He knows everything about the lady but does not want to interfere with her private life. The most irritating issue about him is that he did not marry considering the backgrounds of his life. Otherwise, he is fine and an adorable person.

Describe a garden you remember visiting.

You should say:

- where it is
- what it looks like
- what people usually do there

and explain why you remember 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 1:

Singapore is the land of beauty and most of its parts are covered with trees and foliage. Singapore Botanic Garden, located at the Cluny Road is one of the best places of the city and the country as well.

The Singapore Botanic Garden ages over one and a half century and is considered as one of the World Heritage Sites. This garden is located adjacent to the Singapore city and the only tropical garden in the country. Moreover, the garden has been awarded as the top attractive park in 2013 and some other prestigious awards for its diversified trees and plants. The history of the gardens dates back to the 18th century when an agri-horticultural society formed it. The garden has helped greatly to expand the business of the locality particularly the rubber industry. Besides, the plants and trees inside the garden are also used for numerous research and analysis. Now it is a centre for orchid study which has brought global recognition for the garden. Moreover, this is a place to gain inner peace amid the natural tranquillity.

The garden is like a small piece of heaven. The natural beauty of the garden is breathtaking. The small lakes reflect the blue sky on them and sitting idly by the lakes under the tree shades is priceless. The garden houses over 3000 species of orchids, both natural and hybrid. The garden was established with the view to evaluate the cultivation crops for economic growth. The garden has some interesting histories and passed some crucial moments during the Japanese invasion in Singapore. But it was protected from the invasion and proper care was taken as there were numerous precious plants and trees. The garden was renamed as Shonan Botanic Gardens and the name was changed again with the help of a university professor. The garden contains different smaller gardens and lakes like National Orchid Garden, VIP Orchid Garden, Symphony Lake, and Ginger Garden etc.

The Singapore Botanical Gardens opens from early in the morning (5am) and remains opened till the midnight (12pm). People of all strata come here with different purposes. There are some health conscious people who come here in the early morning and perform different types of exercises. Many of them walk across the garden and some of them love to jog. Often I go there for jogging in

the morning hours. Sometimes, there are people who come with the pet animals. It is a great place for all to pass some moments with nature. Besides, there are some people who come here only to enjoy the natural beauty. They take some breathing exercises in the open air. This is a helpful exercise for the lungs, I think. In the evening hours, people come here to relax. Mostly the tourists come here in the evening to enjoy the natural beauty and views of the garden. Besides, the garden takes an amazing look during the night time. In the evening, the birds living on the trees come and make some noises which are truly enjoyable.

I remember the garden for several reasons. This is the only place which allows me to take breath peacefully. This is the place where there are no hustle and bustle of the city could reach. The garden allows all types of people to enter and enjoy the beauty of nature. The most attractive issue for the garden is that there are no fees are required to enter into the garden and anyone can stay here as long as the garden remains opened. Besides, there are some stores adjacent the gardens which help the visitors to take foods comfortably. The walkways are built with great care while the statues will make you amazed. I usually go to the garden at 5.30 am every day and sometimes I walk and most of the time I jog here for about an hour. After the jogging and walking, I take rest for few minutes and return home. This is a great place indeed for the nature lovers. I try to visit the garden in the evening and take an evening walk if I miss the morning schedule. The spaces inside the garden are large and the light breezes are adorable. For all those reasons, I like the garden most in the city.

Model Answer 2:

My last visit to Paris is still memorable for some certain reasons. Though it was a business trip, I enjoyed visiting different parts of the city, especially the adorable gardens of the city. The Jardin des Tuileries is one of the most impressive ones that attracted my attention most. Thank you for the question, and I will describe the event here in brief.

During the visit in Paris, I went to Jardin des Tuileries. This is one of the formal gardens of the city and has been designed in 1640. The garden is physically located almost in the centre of the city. Moreover, the garden is accessible from anywhere in the city and there are no entrance fees required for being there.

This is a beautiful garden and it was designed by André Le Nôtre, the gardener of King Louis XIV. The garden is adjacent to the Place du Carrousel. It provides a great view of an unbroken vista that leads to the Place de la Concorde. Besides, being the oldest and the largest public garden in Paris, it contains some special features. The enchanting view of the garden is the most attractive part of this place. The trees and plants are planted in a perfect shape while the shapes are different in places. However, the overall view of the garden is really adorable and this it brings a large number of visitors in this place.

This is a perfect place for relaxation. It comes with natural views, ponds, seating arrangements and many other activities that will make people feel relaxed. The name of the garden has been derived from a tile factory. The factory was on the site of Palais des Tuileries and it was built in 1564. This is the place which is mostly used for some specific outdoor activities. People come here and get relaxed. There are some statues and many of the visitors are enchanted with the status. The majority of the statutes are the works of Monet. The visitors admire the works and take pictures with the statues.

I can remember the place for some reasons. This was the only place that was crowded but I loved that crowd. Everyone was busy with their respective activities. Besides, I went to the garden in the evening. The evening scene was exceptionally charming. I was delighted with the scenes and every day went there to enjoy the views as long as I stayed in Paris. I remember the place for another reason. The seating arrangement at the ponds was one of the wonderful steps adopted by the garden authority. I have not seen such other gardens to be decorated with such a lucrative style. Based on all the reasons, I remember the garden clearly even after visiting it about three months ago.

Describe a child that you know.

You should say:
- who the child is
- how you know the child
- how old he/she is

and explain what this child does when you see him/ her.

[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:

I love to play with children and most of the cases they also become fond of me. My neighbour, Mr. Samuel Richard, has a baby boy and I love to play with him.

Samuel Junior is the child whom I adore most. The baby also loves me too much and when we are together, it becomes difficult to split us. I like to play with the child and when he laughs at me, it becomes the most enjoyable scene. Usually, the child sits on my lap and plays with me. Sometimes both of us make fun with water. I have a common swimming pool before my apartment complex and I take a bath with this kid, in fact, the baby waits every day to bath on the pool with me. We make lots of fun together. Moreover, when it is about watching television, the kids and I watch together and mostly we watch the episodes from Tom & Jerry cartoon series. Besides, when I am at home, the child moves with me like my shadow.

The child lives with its parents just opposite to my apartment. I live in an apartment complex in Singapore city with my parents. My father bought the apartment around five years ago and my neighbour has bought his apartment in 2013. Since then, I am familiar with the child. Besides, both of the families share a great internal relation. Interestingly, in most of the times of the day, Samuel Junior- the child lives at our apartment. I think he finds it interesting to be with me always as I am a fun-loving boy. The intimacy between me and the boy is exceptional. When I return home from college, I knock at its apartment to bring it at my home and sometimes it comes in search of me and waits for me until my return. Sometimes I see that the child is sleeping on my bed and realise that the little fellow has fallen asleep after waiting for hours for my return. Then I wake him up and start making the fun.

Samuel Junior is only five years old but he appears to be more intelligent that age. He owns a sharp sense of right and wrong but sometimes forgets those which appear more interesting to me. Sometimes the baby comes to me to learn and I teach him the alphabets, rhymes etc. Samuel is more attentive in studies than the other kids of his age. He is able to remember several rhymes together and likes to recite before everyone he meets. But few of his activities

are a bit irritating to me like he does not want to get out of the swimming pool. Though he got cold several times for longer stay on the pool, he likes to be there. Finally, his parents have to take him out of the pool forcibly. I think the problem will be okay when he will grow up.

When the child sees me, it becomes filled with joy. I am the only outsider who loves him unconditionally. I allow him to do all the menaces he wants and covers them up when he is in real trouble. I am like a friend of him and both of us plan to perform the unusual things. When he meets me in the morning, usually he wakes me up by pulling my hairs. Sometimes he throws water on me with his water gun that I bought him. He loves to play video games on a computer and I need to be with him there. When he dies or fails to do something on the video game, I am to make the things correct. I have never seen his dull face after meeting me. It appears that he is highly delighted with my company.

Sample Answer 2:

Mr. Robertson is one of my neighbours who has a daughter of three years old. She is very fond of me for some reasons. And this is the only child that I admire most in the entire apartment block here in Austria. Thank you for the cue card topic and I am happy to have it in my share. Here are the details about the child.

She is Julee by name and loves to play round the day. She is the centre of attraction for me when I am at home. In fact, Julee is the child that has become very intimate to me and I know her since her birth. But the relationship with this little child grew more intensive when I started to talk with her on different occasions.

As I said before, I know the child since after her birth. Actually, I was one of the members who took her mother to the hospital during the birth of this child. So, I had a different attraction to this girl. But I was unable to spend time with this little girl as she was too small even to take in lap. Gradually she grew up, and I started to spend time with this child. Gradually, I started spending more time with this child and now we are very good friends. She comes to make some fun with me when I am at home. Sometimes, I bring chocolate and other food stuff and toys for this child.

Julee is only three years old. She looks very nice and cute. She got a few teeth and tries to have a bite of food. Sometimes, I ask her to have a bite on my cheek and she places the bite that makes me feel thrilled. Though she is only two, she is matured than the other kids of her age. She loves to listen to stories and understands all the requests. She knows how to respond to situations and also helps in small types of activities. Moreover, she also loves to watch television commercials and cartoons. She remains silent all the moments of cartoons though she is unable to understand what she sees and listens on the television.

This becomes really interesting when the child sees me. It becomes very happy and jumps on my lap. Sometimes, the baby holds my finger and asks me to take her for a walk. So, I take her to the nearby streets for a short walk. This time, I buy some small items like biscuits, cookies, or chips and chocolates for this little baby. Moreover, it eagerly waits for me to return home. Often she visits my apartment and my family members realise that Julee is there in search of me. In fact, it is really interesting to get in a company of such an adorable baby.

Describe a film/movie that you watched and did not enjoy.

You should say:
- what the film/movie was
- when you watched it
- who you watched it with

and explain why you did not enjoy 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 1:

My very recent experience of watching a Bollywood movie was boring. It was my mistake that I could not select the right movie this time for my leisure. This is a great question and I will describe the entire event now.

The movie was about a bank robbery. A group of young people went to rob a bank, but there were some other events inside the bank. At the same day, another real bank robber went to loot the bank as well. Hence, there were some conflicts between the groups. And later, it was found that the first group was the real bank robber but they came for some other purposes. They came to take a hard disk that was kept in the locker of the bank.

I watched the movie in the noon. In fact, it was a leisurely noon and I had no office on that day. So, I played the CD on my computer to enjoy the movie. I asked for an action-comedy movie and accordingly, the CD salesman handed me the CD saying that it was the movie that I had been looking for. I was happy and started watching the movie. But I was dissatisfied with the movie. The movie plot was not standard and there were too many twists in the movie that I think the audiences will lose interest on it.

I watched the movie with one of my friends who came to meet me on the day. He was also a fan of action movies. So, when he heard that I already have collected a movie and that is his favourite genre, he was happy. Then, both of us started watching the movie. But after a few minutes, we did not find it interesting. It was like the typical comedy movies that try to make people laugh with some artificial attempts. I was considerate with the movie but my friend had got a negative idea about the movie maker and the scriptwriter too. Earlier, we enjoyed many Bollywood movies together but this was an exception.

Basically, I could not enjoy the movie on some specific grounds. The movie plot was not interesting and the movie makers have unnecessarily have applied several layers on the movie plot. The movie actually did not contain any specific plan to rob the bank. Rather it was a random compilation of steps from a couple of youths who wanted to get the hard disk but in some tricky manners. Actually, it was troublesome to watch the movie till the last minute. The dialogues were as usual and the conclusion of the movie could not create any special sense to us. So, I did not enjoy the movie.

Describe a television programme you watched and did not enjoy.

You should say:

- what this TV programme was
- where and when you watched it
- what it was about

and explain why you did not enjoy 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 1:

India is the land of over one billion population and accordingly there are numerous television channels with different attractive shows. Koffee with Karan is one of the television shows that I did not enjoy.

This was a television show, and to be more specific, this was a talk show in participation with the celebrities of India. The majority of the Bollywood celebrities attend on his show and shared their personal and professional events. The show is alleged to create a sense of controversy as the questions asked here are often inappropriate. Most of the times, Karan Johar used to ask private questions which were not supposed to be asked at all, and even media reports have also been made centring the issues. The show has different seasons and been closed for past two years after airing the season four in April of 2014. There are several reasons behind the closure and the directorial engagement of Karan is the key reason. But there are also chances that the show may commence again, shortly.

I used to watch the show at my home after its initiation in 2014. Initially the show was a great success for the show makers. The show was aired on STAR World India and the other channels of the same network. The show was mostly made to reveal the secrets of the Bollywood celebrities before the audience. The show was aired in the evening and I used to watch the show at my own room. A sense of attraction worked here and knowing about the private events of the celebrities was always attractive to the audiences. The show actually had a witty appeal to us. Often I invited some of my intimate friends to come to my house and enjoy the show and it was great to us to enjoy it together. We used to discuss about the questions and the reactions of the celebrities.

I think, mostly the show – Koffee with Karan was entirely made for increasing the TRPs of that specific television channel in India. The show created a sense of attraction for the audiences and the host was the key performer to raise the television rating point. The host used to ask such questions that often the stars and celebrities felt embarrassed for the nature of the questions. Often Karan tried to reveal some personal issues and focused on the scandals with the Bollywood celebrities. Moreover, the other private issues like familial matters, personal feelings etc. were also revealed on the show. Contemporary issues of the celebrities were asked and they used to reply against the questions. Sometime the celebrities tried to hide their private feelings but Karan tried his best to bring the issues on light.

In the early seasons of the show, I enjoyed them. But when I grew up and got matured, started understanding the value of privacy, the show started to lose its appeal from me. Asking irrelevant questions on a television show, insisting over answering the questions, flirting with the female celebrities, irritating them by asking private issues, raise of controversies over the issue, negative media reports etc. all made me to lose interest on it. Moreover, I have observed that when the celebrities were asked irrelevant or private questions, they used to provide misinformation to the audience and it appeared that they did not want the audience to know about them. Besides, the host had a possessive attitude during the show and it appeared that he was introducing the celebrity for the first time to the nation. It was his kindness that he invited the celebrity and without him, the celebrity was nothing. All these attitudes cast a negative impact on me over the show and I stopped watching it from its third season.

Model Answer 2:

My experience with television programmes is not interesting in most of the cases. Whenever I start watching television shows, I cannot find any interesting shows and the experience becomes undesirable. This is a great question to answer and thank you for asking it. Here is a brief answer to your question.

The television programme was about the selection of a chef from a group of people. As I like to cook, I started watching the programme. But finally, I lost my interest on it. The programme was unable to draw my attention anymore. None of the competitors was able to provide any attractive recipe. Instead, it was filled with the advertisement of a specific brand noodles. So, I stopped watching the show in its middle.

I watched the show at my home. My television set is placed in the living space. So, it is comfortable for me to watch television programmes. When the show began, I sat at the living space and started watching it. I also planned to try any new recipe if there is something newer available through the show. The timing was perfect. The runtime for the show was one hour. It began at 5.00 pm and was supposed to be ended by 6.00 pm. My husband also felt interested about the show and completed the show till it was finished.

The show was about selecting the grand chef among the competitors. A local television channel, here in China, organised the show. In fact, this is the annual event to select the best chef and the selected candidates get the chances to serve in the reputed organisation. This is a type of reality show that aims to improve the conditions of the chefs across the country. But in most of the cases, I have found that the chefs are not suitable to invent any special recipe. They work on the traditional meals and bring some minor variations through the ingredients. Hence, this is not something special to me.

I did not enjoy the programme. There are many reasons for disliking the event. First of all, I did not like the idea of the programme. It is not actually the way to bring out the talents from people. Most of the times, the chefs belong to the ordinary class and they got registered with the show based on their interest in achieving fame in short time. A few of them were devoted to cooking and knew. Besides, the organisers advertised for a specific product across the event which I disliked most. Finally, there was nothing new or extraordinary among the chefs' recipe. They just rearranged some of the traditional recipes. In fact, I neither enjoyed nor learned anything from the programme. Therefore, I did not enjoy the programme at all.

Describe a photograph that you remember.

You should say:
- what is in the photograph
- how old it is
- who took it and when

and explain why you remember this photograph.

[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:

Last month I was assigned to clean the personal library of my father, and there I found a photograph of mine where I was sitting in the middle of my grandparents.

It was an old photograph and the corners of the photos were faded. The photo shows that I am sitting in the middle of my grandparents and they are in a posture like hugging me. It reminded me of the day when the photo was captured. I was wearing a school uniform and suddenly I remembered the photo was taken marking the first day of my school. My grandparents were in a jolly mood over my attending school for the first time of my life. Actually, I was also happy on the day and gladly posed for the photo with my grandparents. It was a black and white photo with a square shape and my father kept the photo inside of one of his books and forgot about that. When I showed the photo to him, he jumped out of joy.

Initially, I could not remember the exact day when I posed for the photo. But my father was a smart and conscious man. He wrote the date on the back of the photograph with a marker. The photograph was dated on March 27, 1989, which means the photo is about 27 years old in 2016! Wow!! I really have never seen such an old photo and interestingly I am one of the objects of the photo. When I come to know about the date, I was thrilled. I think to make me thrilled someday; my smart father placed the date behind the photo. This was a lesson for me as well. From now onward, I will place a date and place behind the photo or if the photo is clicked and stored on a computer, I will add a date and time at a corner manually.

As far as I remember, the photo was taken by a professional photographer of our locality. My father hired him to capture photos marking the occasion of starting my school. The photographer also took some other photos on the same day but most of the photos have been lost. The photo with my grandparents was captured on the lawn of our house. We had a large lawn before the house which was used to serve different purposes. The majority of the private events of my family took place on the lawn and it was nicely decorated. On the photograph, I am sitting with my grandparents on a wooden bench which was used to serve at the wooden dining table placed on the lawn

to serve foods for the guests during the family events. In a summer evening, all of the family members were invited to attend the party. I was surprised as the photographer took a few pictures but he had to pay a standard amount for the photography.

After finding the photograph, I remembered the day suddenly. All the events appeared before my eyes. It was the very first day of my life when I went to school. I got admitted at the elementary level. I went in the morning and as it was the first day, I made late to return home. It was almost evening. I got familiar with the other student of my class, played with them in the open field of the school and did more fun. My father went to bring me back and after my return, I was surprised with the party arrangement. However, I remember the photograph as that was the only photograph of mine on that day. I, in fact, did not have the chance to have more photos as there were more other people. The medium-sized lawn before the house was filled with guests and everyone blessed me heartily on the day. When I saw the photograph in the current time, I was thrilled greatly.

Model Answer 2:

While browsing the family picture album in my paternal uncle's home, an old photograph comes under my attention. The photo is about my dad. He was sitting in the park while the photo was captured. Thank you for asking the question. I will describe the event in as much brief as I can.

The photo contains an image of my father's childhood. The photo shows that my father He was about seven or eight years old. Moreover, my father was accompanied by another child and later I came to know it was one of his childhood friends. But the most interesting thing about the picture is that my father looked like me as I was in my childhood. In fact, the photo shows that I was the copy of my father's childhood.

The photograph is around 50 years old. Some of its parts have been faded and torn. But it has been preserved in the family photo album. I have not seen the photos before as it was kept at my uncle's home. While paying the visit, I discovered the photo. Actually, I had difficulty determining the age of the photo. Then, I gathered information from my aunt and she says that she has been familiar with the photo since she was married to my uncle. Finally, I asked

my dad about the picture and he became surprised about the photo. He described me about the photo background and its age.

The photo was taken by a neighbour of my grandfather. He took the photo as he was a photographer by hobby. He used to take photos of people, objects and other things. It was his hobby to take photographs and distribute the photos among the people who were in the photos. I am amazed at the man's generosity and his love towards photography. In fact, such people are rare in the present context that he will take your photos and deliver the printed photos at your home without any fee or charges. It was the most interesting aspect to me.

I remember the photograph for few grounds. The first thing about the photo is that I had never seen it before in my life as it was kept in my uncle's album. Secondly, the photo represents my father in the similar manner I used to be in my childhood. This is called the bondage of gene. My childhood was almost similar to my father. I had some photos of childhood and I found a great similarity with my photos. Another important aspect of the photo was its colour. It was completely black and white. But such photos are unavailable in the present days. So, based on all the matters said here, I remember the photograph.

Describe your favourite animal.

You should say:
- what it is
- where it lives
- what it looks like

and explain why this is your favourite animal.

[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:

Australia owns some unique animals and a notable number of animals are available here with different attractive features. I like the red kangaroo most

than the other types of animals as this is the largest mammal of its own species.

Australia is the land of animals. A large number of animals are found here. There are about 378 mammal species, over 800 bird species, 4000 species of fish, 140 snake species, 300 types of lizards, and over 40 types of marine mammals are available. Over 50 percent animals are unique to Australia as they are not found in any other parts of the world. The red kangaroo is considered as the largest kangaroo among the over 50 species of the kangaroo family. This is one of the most popular animals in the country and mostly they are found in wild. Some of the kangaroos are also available in zoos but they love to live in their natural habitats. Usually, the red kangaroos move by forming groups while the groups are formed with hundreds of the kangaroos. The groups are formed in combination of male, female and juvenile kangaroos. Usually, the groups are led by the male members and the others follow the directives.

Generally, the red kangaroos are found in the western and central Australia. They mostly love to live in a wild environment. The kangaroos love grasslands, deserts, and sometimes the prefer scrublands as well. Most of the kangaroos prefer to live under the open sky and avoids darkly shaded areas while some of them prefer to live in slightly shaded areas. They like to stay under trees for the shade. The red kangaroos have some amazing capacities like they are able to conserve water for longer hours. They also could concentrate urine in the dry summer. They are able to find fresh vegetations and thus they do not have any trouble to live in the desert or in the low raining areas. Their population density is more in the central Australia as those parts are filled with green grasses and vegetation.

The ears of the red kangaroo are pointed and they are large in size, umm… the largest ones among the species. The furs of the kangaroos are brown while it is short for the males. Sometimes, the furs take a fade colour. Usually, the females are smaller in size and shape and their fur colour is combined with a blue and grey shade. The kangaroos are attached with two forelimbs and they have small claws. They use the muscular hind limbs for jumping from one place to another. They use the tail to support them when they want to stand. The legs store and release forces which help them to jump. The sudden release of their energy from the legs helps them to jump a long distance and created like a bouncing situation. Usually, the male red kangaroos can jump over eight metres by a single leap. The body shape for a male red kangaroo is about five

feet excluding its tail.

I like this red kangaroo most for several reasons. The first thing is that they look stunning. Among the other types of kangaroos, they are larger in size and shape and can cover a long distance by running and jumping. They also have a less weight and the body posture is attractive. Besides, the furs are not harsh rather those are felt a bit of velvety while touching them. The natural pouch the female kangaroos contain can keep their kids for over five months. They also have a different feature. The red kangaroos can survive in temperature over 400 C. In that time they avoid movements and stay on shades though they prefer to stay under the open sky round the year. Their communication system is also well improved than the other kangaroo species. All the features described here are unique to them. So, I like the red kangaroos most than the other animals found in Australia.

Describe a hotel you have stayed in.

You should say:
- where it was
- why and when you stayed there
- what facilities it had

and say whether you liked or disliked staying in this hotel.

[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:

I went to attend a seminar at the City University London and stayed at London City Hotel. That was a great experience for me as I have never been out of my native city, Paris.

The London City Hotel, located at the Borough Tube Station, is one of the most luxurious and beautiful hotels in the entire city and that was a three-star hotel with all the modern features. Most of the modern facilities were accumulated at the hotel for its clients. The services were up to the mark while the accommodations system appeared to be one of the bests. The hotel is always

crowded with visitors and most of them are tourists from different countries. The environment is friendly and warm and the treatment as a guest or as an individual is adorable indeed. The hotel is a business run by the family members and thus the values of the noble family is represented by the staffs and crews. Staying at the hotel was truly relaxing for me.

I went with my college team to participate an information sharing seminar. The seminar was organised by the inter-university association of England. They invited almost all the European universities to send their representatives in the mid-December in 2015. As part of the invitation, my university authority selected me and two other of my seniors to participate the seminar. All the expenses were jointly shared by my university and by the organisers. I stayed for about a week in London. The seminar went on for five continuous days and that began in the morning hours and ended in the evening. I used to spend the rest of the time by sightseeing and strolling on the streets of England. I was in love with the city and it became difficult for me to leave London. However, I promised me to come back again only to explore the city areas someday.

The hotel, London City Hotel, contained almost all the modern amenities. The entire hotel building was covered with the central cooling system. The lobby, the bar, the restaurants etc. were nicely decorated. The rooms were top class with some exceptional and stunning furniture. The staffs and crew members were genuinely cordial with their service. They always smiled before taking the orders or performing something for me or the other clients. Since this is a family business, the advisory body for the hotels always tries to reflect the attitudes of the family and it appears the nobility of the family is worth admiration for the visitors. Moreover, the hotel is located in the centre of the London city and thus it is accessible through different vehicles and routes. The hotel has its own spacious parking facility where the visitors could park their vehicles comfortably. I never felt that I was out of my home.

I liked the hotel most for the outstanding facilities it offered me. The first thing was that the entire hotel building in connected with Wi-Fi and I used internet for free of costs. Besides, the foods of the hotel's restaurants were yummy. There were varieties of foods and I liked the traditional European foods most. I also tasted the foods of other continents to know about the flavours and tastes. The services I received from the professional staffs of the hotel were outstanding. Besides, the room service was also adorable. One of the important things about the hotel is that the costs are low for everything. Before arriving in London, I was assigned to book a hotel near the conference

centre and I had to compare costs. I found that London City Hotel costs were lower than any other residential hotels. I was a bit confused about the service standard and other issues but when I arrived here, all my worries were gone. I, in fact, liked staying at this hotel and wish to return again when I will be in London in future.

Model Answer 2:

My recent visit to India was an excellent one. I stayed at the hotel Taj Mahal. This was a wonderful hotel to stay in India. And my experience was great. Thanks for the question. It reminds me of the memories that I left back in India.

The hotel is located in Mumbai, India. This is a five-star hotel and comes with all the modern amenities. The hotel is adjacent to the Gate of India and provides a nice view of the huge gate. The hotel is also known in different names and locally this is popular as 'the Taj' while the complete name of the hotel is The Taj Mahal Palace.

I work for a company, headquartered in Singapore, that imports garment products and sells in the local markets of different other countries inside Asia and Africa. So, often I need to travel in different countries. As part of my business trip, I went to India to meet with some local readymade garment owners to complain about their performance. In fact, they did not comply with the demands that were placed on them. Consequently, the managing body sent me as their agent to deal the matter. So, I visited India last month and stayed for about five days in that hotel.

This is one of the most exclusive hotels in India. In fact, I had stayed in some other hotels in India but did not get the facilities like this hotel. Each of the rooms was well furnished with modern furniture and had some extra features as well. This was the part of the Taj Hotels Resorts and Palaces. And this is the flagship of the group. The Taj proudly own over 500 rooms and there are 44 luxurious suites. To serve the guests, there is 1500 staffs available round the day and night and they have 35 butlers too. The architectural design of the hotel is also wonderful. It looks like a large fort standing proudly in the centre of the city.

Of course, I liked staying at the hotel. It came with the latest services and the staffs were polite up to the mark. The restaurant of the hotel provided the very

best cuisine of the country and I was pleased with the foods too. The Taj is remarkable to me for some other reasons like the instant response from the staffs over any issues. They were seriously cooperative. I needed a bottle of water in the late part of the night, and within two minutes, I was served with the water bottle. I also used the conference room for meeting with the local garment owners and the facilities were up to the mark too here. Based on all the matters, I gave a five star to this hotel in rating.

Describe a TV documentary you watched that was particularly interesting.

You should say:
- what the documentary was about
- why you decided to watch it
- what you learnt during the documentary

and explain why the TV documentary was particularly interesting.

[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:

Owing to my occupational engagement, I am unable to manage much time to enjoy television documentaries but in last December of 2015, I had watched a documentary on becoming an astronaut.

The documentary was about becoming an astronaut and titled - "Tim Peake Special: How to Be an Astronaut". The video documentary was filmed for about two years. This is about the event of a British man who tries to be an astronaut. Moreover, he was the first among the British people who was becoming an astronaut. The documentary was aired on Horizon on BBC. Tim Peake had to take some major risks and pressures to be the astronaut. He had also undergone different extensive training before the final flight. The most important part of his training was to adjust with the environment of the outer space and he repeatedly tried to perform the adjustments. Besides, he also

experienced the issue of weightlessness and participated in mockups over the issue during the training period.

There were some specific reasons for watching the documentary and I selected this one carefully. Since my childhood, I had some dreams to be an astronaut but could not materialise the dreams for different reasons. Whenever I got chances, I tried to gather some knowledge about the space. Space attracts me strangely. I am stuck in the space and in the moonlit night, I look at the stars through a telescope. So, when I came to learn about the documentary from a friend of mine, I decided to watch it. I knew that normally the documentaries are made with real events and footages. I was right about this one and saw many exclusive footages of the training. I was curious about the walking and weightlessness issue on the space. Eating, sleeping and performing other daily tasks etc. were different from the earth. Thereby, all such issues made me inquisitive to explore the documentary.

I had learnt a good number of issues from the documentary. Before watching the documentary, I did not have any idea how life in space was about. My idea was only bookish and I tried to imagine the situations and failed each of the times. When I watched the documentary, I came to know about how life really is in space. I also had no idea about the training and exercises which should be done to live in the space. Moreover, I came to know about the eating habits of the astronauts, how they slept in the weightlessness, drank water and did the other necessary activities. It was a very good lesson for me.

As I told earlier that I was highly interested in space, I did not have the chance to meet my dream. During the admission in my college, I was told to take the Arts faculty as the authority believed that I could do better in the subjects of arts instead of science. So, I missed the chance to get prepared to be an astronaut from the early age. But whenever I got any chance to know about the space, I did not miss the chance. I read all the available articles and essays, watch movies and recently have started watching documentaries. Movies are in fact not that much reliable as everything here is made for enjoyment and many of the information is falsified to attract audiences. But the documentaries are different. They contain the real life events and those are enjoyable. The documentary on Horizon was about the British man Tim Peake. He was the first British ever to travel in the outer space. Before starting the trip on space, he undertook different training, exercises and experiments. The most important thing about the documentary is that it took about two years to make it by adding all the available video clips. I learnt a lot from the

documentary and many of my former ideas have been sharpened. Thereby, the documentary was particularly interesting and enjoyable to me.

Model Answer 2:

'Ancient Aliens' was one of most popular television series and it appeared interesting to me on some specific grounds. I loved watching the episodes. Thanks for the question and I will now describe it in brief here.

This was the documentary that dealt with the extraterrestrial contact with the human. It is believed that the ancient humans came in touch of aliens long ago. In fact, it is all about the speculations that the extraterrestrial beings have wandered on the planet and gained knowledge about many things that they wanted to know. It was also about the discussion of their existence. The documentary also publicised ideas about aliens, monster and many other conspiracies related with them. However, most of the theories presented at the show contained some logics while the modernism is against the view.

I had an interest in aliens. So, it was a great chance for me to know about them and clear my conceptions. Besides, I also was interested to know about if aliens are real or not. I tried to gather knowledge about them but there were no reliable sources that could confirm me about the existence of the aliens. The videos available on youtube and other websites failed to make me satisfied about the matter. So, I decided to watch the documentary. It was really helpful for me to many extents. I was entertained with the episodes and developed an idea about the reality.

I came to know about many interesting facts about aliens, monsters and other extraterrestrial beings. The show mostly focused on some hypothesis. The hypothesis reported that the ancient people had their contacts with the extraterrestrial beings. The show exhibited some evidence against its claims. But the modern scientists are against this belief. They do not comply with the evidence showed on the television documentary. Rather they criticised the show for exhibiting pseudoscience. I also learnt that the advanced beings visited the earth in ancient time and gathered knowledge about the people living on this planet.

I know all the facts shown in the documentary is not real. But the documentary makers have made it in a striking way that it has become attractive. It has been on the air since 2010 and despite negative remarks from different quarters, the

popularity of the show did not fall. It was interesting to me as the hypothesis was presented in a realistic manner. Further, the documentary has taken interview of various people who are engaged in extraterrestrial research. It tried to prove the existence of the aliens and that they visited the earth long ago. Besides, the evidence against the claims also drew attention from my part. So, based on all the grounds, the documentary appeared interesting to me.

Part 3: Discussion topics:

Different types of TV programmes:

Q. What are the most popular kinds of TV programmes in your country? Why is this?

Well, there are good numbers of audiences are available in France and their choices are not the same. So, the types of programmes are different on the television channels. The audiences like to enjoy drama serials, action drama, animated serials, comedy drama, satire drama, documentary series, historical drama, Science fictions, horror serials, a variety of shows, talk shows, reality shows, police drama, crime drama and the most importantly – news. The choices are different and I think this is natural. They key reason behind the diversified choices is the age of the audiences. The audiences are of different age groups and thus their tastes are dissimilar. Some of the audiences may like to enjoy cartoons as they are kids while the rest others may not prefer the same television programme. Further, some may want to enjoy animated movies while the rest other may opine to enjoy real movies. So, it appears that the differences take place for the diversification of the choice.

Q. Do you think there are too many game shows on TV nowadays? Why?

Yes, there are too many game shows and they are televised with different names. Most of the games shows are currently termed as the reality show, and they are becoming popular in the current days for several reasons. The key cause behind the shows is that they can engage audiences. Some of the game shows are planned to take the audiences as participants. When the number of participants becomes more, the game shows become too much popular. It also helps to increase the Television Rating Point (TRP) for the television channels. I think engaging the audiences with the shows is done based on some commercial grounds. When the audiences will participate in the shows, they

are to watch the television shows and if they watch the shows, they also will have to bear the trouble of advertisements. I believe this a corporate strategy to make profits by engaging the audiences with the shows and thus the number of the shows is increasing gradually.

Q. Do you think TV is the main way for people to get the news in your country? What other ways are there?
Umm … yes, TV is the main way to get informed about news and other issues in my country, France. There are some other ways as well to know about the happenings like reading newspapers, online news portals, using social networking websites etc. But I think television is the main way to get informed. Most of the people cannot be online to know about the happenings using their social networking accounts. They lack access to the internet when they are out of the home. Many of the smartphone users do not prefer to use their cellular networks for the internet surfing. Moreover, newspapers usually publish the news on the next day with the happenings of the present day. Many of the readers are reluctant to browse the online news portals as those are filled with advertisements. So, they have only one platform left – television. Thereby, most of the people in France rely on television for news. The television channels broadcast a wide range of events and issues while some of them are telecasted live based on the importance.

TV advertising:

Q. What types of products are advertised most often on TV?
A wide number of advertisements are aired on television and the majority of the products are about consumption. The products include edible items, cosmetics for male and female, perfumes, cars, attires, shoes, electronic gadgets, mobile telephones, drinks and more other. The advertisements are made with great care and none of them arouses irritation. The themes are clearer and the ideas are excellent. Most of the messages are sent to the audiences within an enjoyable environment. Besides, the advertisement makers exhibit their creative faculty which is also interesting and thus they try to persuade the audiences to get their respective products. Sometimes, the advertisements are made with the association of local and international models who praise the products highly and inspire on using them for meeting up the regular needs.

Q. Do you think that people pay attention to adverts on TV? Why do you think that is?

Well, the question is a bit tougher to answer. There are some preconditions to get the attention of the audiences for the advertisements. Most of the audiences do not pay attention if the advertisements are in the middle of any attractive programme. When the television authority airs advertisement on any exciting show, the audiences get irritated no matter how better the advertisement script is. Even, I myself also become bored when the advertisements are aired in the middle of any TV event. But when people sit idly to enjoy television shows, they pay attention to the advertisements which actually are aired on the beginning of the programme. Usually, people get excited in line with the excitements of the TV programmes and when the advertisements are on the midway of the event, they feel a sense of deep anger to the advertisers and television authority for their idiotic sense.

Q. How important are regulations on TV advertising?
Umm … I think regulations on TV advertisements are important. Most of the advertisements are aired during the middle of programmes and news. It is highly irritating. The regulations should take of the issues. Besides, the regulations should direct the TV stations to air advertisements during specific hours. It happens that the TV stations air the advertisements around the day and they do not have any specific schedule for the airing. It appears that they air the ads based on their will. So, I think the regulations on TV advertising are highly important.

Describe a day when you thought the weather was perfect.

You should say:
- where you were on this day
- what the weather was like on this day
- what you did during the day

and explain why you thought the weather was perfect on this day.

[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:

It was a hot summer day. I was planning to move inside the city of Paris in France. The weather was perfect for a stroll in the city.

Usually, I do not get out in the noon as the sun is too hot and the heat becomes unbearable. But I tried to do something unusual and started to move in the city of Paris. In fact, I had never taken leisurely walks in the city during the noon. So, this was a great experience to me. I had a sunglass in my eyes and a cap on head. Thereby, the heat had less effect on me. This was a sunny day of mid-June in 2015. As a student of the local university and a part-timer at a coffee shop, I did not get enough holidays but I took a day off on the day so that I could get around the city as the regular works and studies were a bit droning for me.

The day was bright and the sky was clear with a burning sun. Besides, there was some breeze which made the heat bearable to some extent. Initially, the weather was dull in the morning and I thought that it might rain, but my idea was wrong. Within an hour, the weather turned back to its natural form. The clouds were floating in the sky and the sun started shining. It was a perfect weather for taking a swim at any beach, but alas! There were no beaches near me where I could jump off. But I wandered the streets of the city, alone. None agreed to accompany me on the mid noon under the sun. Besides, the low wind was passing on which made the walking comfortable and I saw many of the people were doing the same. But some of them were walking with umbrellas or through the shaded areas.

I had no exact plan about passing the day. So, I thought that I should walk along the streets and if I find something suitable for me, I should take part in. Accordingly, I started for the stroll under the burning sun. Suddenly, after walking for around half an hour, I met with one of my university friends who was going for watching a cinema at the adjacent theatre and proposed me to accompany him. But I humbly declined his proposal as I am unwilling to confine myself in a theatre whereas I am out to explore the city. So, started walking again, and when I felt thirst, I bought an ice-cream from a street vendor. After strolling for about one and half hour, I decided to take a rest. I took a seat at the Parc des Buttes-Chaumont. I passed about half an hour there and then started for my place again.

In fact, the summer is too hot in Paris and if you are out of the home without any protective measures, I am sure you are to suffer a lot. The first annoying thing is that you will sweat a lot, and have to carry a large hankie to remove the sweats from your face and body. This is a common issue for many of the people travelling in Paris at noon. Moreover, there are less shaded areas where you could take a shelter. But on the day when I got out, it was perfect as the sun was bright in moderate level. Though the sun heat was almost unbearable, the mild breeze has made it easier for me to take the walk. Usually, the summer days are hot and the temperature does not fall to a tolerable level, but on that day, there were some changes in the temperature. At the afternoon, the temperature fell to a great extent and walking became easier for me.

Model Answer 2:

It was bright day in Autumn. I was planning to move out with my friends. And finally made the plan successful. Thank you so much for the question. I am feeling lucky to have it in my share. And I will describe the day now that I passed in Mumbai.

Generally, I love to move out in the evening when the sun is on its way to set. But the day was bright while the sun had less heat. But streets in Mumbai are crowded at the time. So, I made a few phone calls and persuaded them to be my company in this morning. Moreover, it was a holiday. So, we did not have any other engagements for the day. Once my friends arrived at my home, we set out our indefinite journey for the day.

The temperature was moderate. The sun was shining with less heat while the sky was clear. The clouds were floating lazily in the sky. The entire environment was filled with joy. It appeared that this was the perfect day for a leisurely walk in the streets of Mumbai and have fun. In fact, I have never seen such a day before. It appeared in mind that the days is inviting me to wander into the world. The weather neither was cloudy nor was too much dry that I needed any precautionary measures while going out.

The day was excellent and meant for travelling on feet. I made my place clear to my friends that we will walk round the day. They agreed with me to walk around the Mumbai city. It was a different experience for us. Generally, I take my lunch at home but in this day, I took lunch out of home after many days. Moreover, we enjoyed many other events that took place around us. In the last part of the day, one of my friends suggested moving for a cinema to enjoy

a newly released film. We all agreed with him and enjoyed the film to the last minute. Consequently, I had to return home late and deal with my parents.

During the Autumn, the sky is not that much clear here in Mumbai. It happens for the excessive dust on the environment, smokes emitted from vehicles, factories and many other environmental disorders. Actually, in autumn, the sky should be bright. The clouds will move across the sky. The brightness of the sun should be dimmed so that movement becomes easier on the daytimes. Everything on this day was perfect. The sky had a very charming look, the surrounding environment was neat and clean. Everything appeared in order on this day. So, I failed to keep my mind stable at home and planned for the day-long trip in the city.

Part 3: Discussion topics:

Types of weather:

Q. What types of weather do people in your country dislike most? Why is that?

Well, people in France like hot weather most as the days are filled with heat. The scorching sun makes life unbearable. Most of the people are against the summer days as they cannot continue their regular tasks. Sometimes, they are unable to go outside under the hot sun and if they are to go, they take different preventive measure. Sometimes, the people take umbrellas with them or use sunscreens to protect them from the ultraviolet ray emitted from the sun. They dislike sun most for another reason. During the summer days, most of the time the tourists in Paris do not come out to roam around the city, in fact, nobody does so. As a result, the people who are engaged with the street business cannot have a good business during the daytime and they cannot keep their stores open round the night. Moreover, the common citizens of Paris are also irritated with the sun. They are always in need of air cooler and running air coolers around the months is expensive as well. For all such reasons, many of the people do not prefer the summer days.

Q. What jobs can be affected by different weather conditions? Why?

Thanks for the question. There are different professions which could be affected by the weather and climatic conditions. Mostly the professions dealing with the outside activities get affected by the weather changes.

Agriculture suffers most for the climatic changes like sudden floods or natural disasters etc. affect most to the sector and the farmers have nothing to do with the changes. Besides, in the city areas, there are many people who sell products on streets and they also have to suffer to some extent by different weather conditions. Moreover, people working in the coastal areas are also affected by weather conditions. When there are sudden changes in the weather pattern, they are to risk their lives and living.

Q. Are there any important festivals in your country that celebrate a season or type of weather?

Well, it is a matter of regret that there are no such festivals in my country, France. There are a good number of festivals and celebrations available but none of them celebrates any specific type of weather. Seasons come and seasons depart and it is natural that people will continue their respective tasks in different seasons. They celebrate different national and private events but there are no such initiatives to celebrate any seasons. I think there are no such celebrations of seasons as the people are unsatisfied with them. The majority of the people participate in the national celebrations round the year while some of the tourists are also seen participating there. National holidays are always observed by the people and they generally take a break from their regular works on the day.

Weather forecasts:

Q. How important do you think it is for everyone to check what the next day's weather will be? Why?

I think it will be a good idea to check the next day's weather. The people who will check the weather will be benefitted from several aspects. The first and most important benefits will be that they will remain aware of the weather conditions. Usually, the weather forecasts declare a tentative schedule of the weather and the people who will check the forecasts may be able to take the necessary measures after the declaration. If it rains, they may take precautions like carrying an umbrella or a raincoat with them. Or if there are chances of storms, they may not get out of the home or even if they are out of the home, they may take shelter to any suitable place before the storm kicks off. If the forecasts say about snowing, they may take snow prevention gears, or take necessary measures at the garage so that they could start their car in the morning amid the snowing.

Q. What is the best way to get accurate information about the weather?

Umm … there are no exact ways to get informed about the weather conditions as it changes randomly. But I think listening to weather forecasts on radio or television is one of the best ways. Moreover, there are some weather apps available for the smartphones. Since everyone, in the present days, use smartphones, they could download the apps and check the weather condition periodically. Besides, one can also understand about the weather by using their senses. When the sky will be cloudy, it naturally points that there is something wrong with the weather and it may rain. If the cloud is accompanied by strong winds, there are chances of a storm. If the day is bright and hot, it points that this is a sunny day. Easy!

Q. How easy or difficult is it to predict the weather in your country? Why is that?

Well, it is easy to predict the weather conditions in my country. Usually, the summer days are hot while it is too cold in the winter. But the predictions may not be always correct. During the summer days, it is easier to predict about the weather and in the other seasons, it is a bit troublesome to predict about the weather condition. During the monsoon, there are rains but not all the time. Sometimes the sky is clear with a dark blue shade and clouds fly freely. But in the summer, it does not rain for a single drop. In winter, sometimes it turns difficult to check if the sun is up or not for the dull weather. Thereby, I think it is a bit difficult to predict the weather conditions. Sometimes it has happened that the weather forecast was about snowing in the next day but in reality the day was bright.

Describe a writer you would like to meet.

You should say:

- who the writer is
- what you know about this writer already
- what you would like to find out about him/her

and explain why you would like to meet this writer.

[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:

Sir Vidiadhar Surajprasad Naipaul, better known as V S Naipaul is my favourite writer and I like to meet him someday in my life. He is a Noble Prize winning writer.

V S Naipaul was born on August 17 in 1932 and most of his writings contain comical elements. He is considered as a genius to provoke thoughts inside the readers. The writings of Naipaul are highly interesting to me. It appears that the events are taking place right before my eyes. Born in a Hindu family, he is well aware of the facts about the cast and creeds of the society and accordingly he has manifested the issues on his writings perfectly. Besides, the comical events of his writings are highly enjoyable and the readers need to have a perfect sense of humour to comprehend the comical events. Moreover, the endings of his writings are adorable indeed.

Naipaul was born in Trinidad and it is known that his ancestors shifted to Trinidad from India in search of living. Most of the got involved into the local business and they did not have a close contact with their relatives living in India for some unknowns reasons. Besides, the generations of Naipaul was brought up in an environment when they had no scopes to meet with the relatives of their native land. He has mostly written novels on autobiography, travel and other relevant issues of life. He married Patricia Ann Hale in 1955. Hey had a very happy conjugal life that lasted till 1996 when Patricia died. She was the most important critique of Naipaul and helped him greatly to work on stories. Sometimes she also added her comments on his pieces to make them improved and Naipaul worked accordingly. Naipaul again married to Nadira Naipaul. He was awarded the Knighthood in 1989. The number of his books is over 30 and they include both the fictions and non-fictions.

I actually want to find about his private life and know about his intellectual fame. He had to remain busy with different tasks for his living and at the same time, he has composed some masterpieces in global literature. His writings are adorable in many senses and most of the times, I have observed, the readers turn his fan after reading only a single piece of his writing. He has some magical sense to make people amazed with the words of his books. Some of the statements of his writings are so interesting that the readers could hardly stop laughing and imagine the situations. He has been writing for over 50 years and this is a kind of miracle to me. If I meet him someday, I would ask him about the inspirations behind his writing career.

There are different reasons to meet this writer. He is one of the greatest starts in the arena of world literature. Most of his writings are genuine and interesting to read. Besides, he is a man of great heart (as I have heard). Presently, a man like him is rare to find at. He is also a man of letters and I think if I could spend few moments with him, it would be a great advantage for me to learn many interesting things. If the writer permits, I also want to have some photos with him and his autograph on the book – A house for Mr Biswas, which is composed in 1961 and brought him a global reputation. Moreover, I also would like to know about his feelings and emotions about writing and how he applied the comical elements even in some serious situations.

Model Answer 2:

I am very fond of English writer Joanne Rowling and want to meet her if I have the chance. She is familiar with her pen name J. K. Rowling and mostly famous for her series Harry Potter. She is also a film and television producer. Thank you for the question. Here is a brief about the novelist.

She is the author of the globally reputed series and her books been sold over millions of copies. Her outstanding writing style, narrative technique, character selection and the plots – everything is perfect. She also has won multiple awards for her fictions and now adored around the world. Her fictions have also been used to make films that made more popular than before.

I know lots of information about her. In fact, she had to struggle a lot in the beginning of her career. Many of the publishers have rejected her manuscripts of Harry Potter series. The idea to generate the series happened in 1990 while she was waiting for a delayed train. Before pursuing writing as her career, she worked as a researcher. Her private life was filled with agonies before she completed the first novel. Her mother died, she got a divorce and her child was born by this time. So, she had to take care of everything and continue her writing at the same time.

I would like to know the secrets behind her success. She was extremely sincere about her writing. She suffered frustrations and rejections from the publishers. But she never gave up. She dealt with the hardest reality of life but now she is having a peaceful life. I want to know about the key to success from her. Her valuable suggestions will help me to get some ideas to deal with the cruelty of

real-life. Moreover, I also would like to know about her feelings after becoming a successful author in the world. She became a multimillionaire within a short time and of course with her efforts. I want to learn something from this author that would elevate me to an upper level.

I like to meet the lady for some reasons. She is the inspiration for me. To be honest, I also want to be a famous person like her. In fact, I am trying to pen a novel and need her directives for the success of the project. I do not want to be famous overnight, instead, I want to grow gradually. She is the author who experienced huge ups and downs in her life. And so if she shares her experiences with me, it would be a great lesson for me. I would be able to set my goals and identify the obstacles and set strategies to deal with them as did she. It is the key reason to meet her.

Part 3: Discussion topics:

Reading and children:

Q. What kinds of book are most popular with children in your country? Why do you think that is?

Well, usually children in India mostly prefer to read comic books. But there are some other children who prefer thrillers and detective novels and fictional books. The children mostly like to have the comic books for several reasons. The first and important feature of the comic books is that they are illustrated. The colourful books always attract the small children. But children who have entered into their teen prefer to read thrillers. Sometimes they also read novels of different writers as well which help them to get different ideas about the world. Science fictions are the other genres that the children like most but when the books come with some illustrations, they become more popular than the other books. Since the children are young in their mental faculty, the glittering states of the books attract them most and the comic books are advanced in this case. When they grow up, their tastes of reading books change and this is quite natural that they will move to some other genres to explore the realm of knowledge.

Q. Why do you think some children do not read books very often?

Yes, there are some children who do not prefer to read books and they are

habitually engaged with video games or use social networking sites. Besides, they are also attracted to television. In fact, they are not responsible as they lack the reading habit. It is their parents who did not inspire them in reading books from their early childhood. Reading is a habit and it needs to be formed from the early part of life. But a majority of the parents do not buy books for their children instead they buy smartphones for their kids so that they could get connected with them and everyone in virtual manners. If they had inspired them on reading different sorts of books, it would have been better for the children.

Q. How do you think children can be encouraged to read more?
This is a grave question to reply. Presently, a majority of the children are unwilling to read books and they prefer to pass their times with video games, social networks and watch different events in television frequently. I think this scenario should be altered. Children should be encouraged on reading books and for that, they should be presented books. The parents may present books on their birthdays or at any other occasions. But it should be considered that only presenting books will not inspire them. The parents should also take care over the issue that they are reading the books. Sometimes, participatory approaches may also be taken like the parents may ask them about the events of the books in brief which may appear effective to inspire the kids on reading books.

Reading for different purposes:

Q. Are there any occasions when reading at speed is a useful skill to have? What are they?
Well, there are some particular occasions when someone needs to read at a speed. When you are complete a large chapter for your examination, you need to be a quick reader. It happens before the examination that the students are to race against time and thus they need to read in a speedy mode. Further, when you are seeking something important, particularly on newspaper, you need to read quickly. The newspapers are filled with numerous information and you are to sort out specific information for your needs. Speedy readings will be a helpful skill for you at that time. Moreover, when you need to find out any specific lines from a book or any text, speedy reading is the most effective way.

Q. Are there any jobs where people need to read a lot? What are they?
I think when people have to get involved in any research, they need to read.

Before taking any decision for the research, they need to go through different important texts to get ideas. Moreover, when people are engaged in journalism, then they are badly in need of reading as without reading, they are unable to write about any issues. Further, teaching is another profession that requires reading. If the teacher does not read frequently, s/ he would be incapable of disseminating information among the students. Doctors are also to read more and more to know about the latest happenings in the arena of medical science. Newer life-saving technologies have been invented and many are in the pipeline and if they read frequently, they would be able to imply the knowledge of their patients.

Q. Do you think that reading novels is more interesting that reading factual books? Why is that?
Well, there is some confusion in me about this particular issue. I actually find interest in reading the both types of books. When I read novels, I feel a different sort of pleasure. It refreshes my mind and helps me imagining the events before me, while sometimes I become the characters of the novels. If I consider the other side, reading the factual books, I also gather knowledge from those types of books. The factual books come with knowledge about different matters and facts and informs about the reality. But to be truthful, the interests are less than the fictional books. And I think you would agree with me on this point.

Describe a house/ apartment that someone you know lives in.

You should say:
- whose house/apartment this is
- where the house/apartment is
- what it looks like inside

and explain what you like or dislike about this person's house/apartment.

[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:

My maternal uncle lives in a large house in Noida, in India. The house is considered as one of the splendid edifices of the modern architecture in his locality.

Mr. Gautam Sudhir is my maternal uncle and works as a senior naval officer in the Indian Navy. He is a bit luxurious in nature and loves to live in a beautiful space. So, he has made the house with great care. The house is a one-storied building covering a large space. There is a large garden in front of the house with different attractive flower and fruit plants. Some of the plants are unavailable in the country. The small swimming pool has raised the beauty of the house. It also has a spacious roof and my uncle has separated the roof into two parts. He has his study in one part and the other part is gardened with flower plants he brought from different countries during his travel. The house has a grand look and my uncle is also proud of it.

My Uncle lives New Okhla Industrial Development Authority in India which is better known as Noida. It is located in Uttar Pradesh. This is an industrial city but now this is known most for the expensive and luxurious housing. Most of the houses in the city are extremely beautiful and contain all the modern elements. The city has been formed as the people related to the industrial activities, mostly the people of IT related service, started living here. Besides, the city is decorated with plants while the roads are smoother than any other roads in the country. There are different sections of the city and the house is located in one corner of Noida. The connecting road to the house has been linked with the main road of the city and thus communication is easier despite the house been located at a corner of the city.

The inside of the house is beautifully decorated. The house has many rooms including three large bedrooms with some other smaller rooms to be used for several other purposes. The living space is extra large. Most of the furniture is made with the finest woods and proudly shows the choice of the house owner. There is an unusually large mirror in the living room and portrays the shadow of the visitors which is amazing, while the ceiling is decorated with a chandelier. The master bedroom is stunningly decorated with precious furniture and amenities. There is a king-size bed in the master bedroom with some essential furniture. The most important thing about the house is that it is centrally air conditioned which has made living inside the house comfortable.

This is an adorable house indeed, and I like the swimming pool inside the boundary. The house is special in many senses and the most important thing is

the design. The house is shaped simply with the modern architectural designs. The house also owns a gorgeous look and in night times, the house looks more beautiful when all the lights are on. Sometimes, the family members gossip on the side of the swimming pool during the moonlit nights. I also like to play cricket in the lawn but often we need to be careful about the cricket balls so that they do not cause any damage to the small flower plants. Sometimes, I read books and watch television on the rooftop study. Moreover, the electronic entrance is another important feature of the house. Whenever any vehicle tries to enter through the gate, the guard opens the gate electronically. Besides, the modern security system has made the entire house safe.

Model Answer 2:

My friend, John lives in a small apartment here in Paris. He loves to live alone and his apartment looks really nice. Thank you for the smart question and I will describe the apartment now.

John is the owner of this small apartment. It is around 600 square feet. He lives alone here though his parents live in the upper floor of the apartment building. The apartment was meant for commercial purposes but he has got the apartment for himself after lots of struggles with his parents. In fact, they did not want John to stay alone. But John had to undergo some struggles to get it.

The apartment building is located in the centre of the city of Paris and it was meant for a shop or any commercial space. In fact, John's father is a local businessman and he planned the apartment in that way to sell or rent it. But John let not that happen. He is an extrovert and loves to meet with people. Sometimes, he also practices a musical instrument. Since the practice in his bedroom causes disturbance to his family environment, he needed a place of his own. Accordingly, he claimed the apartment and now is happy with that.

The apartment is beautiful. John has decorated that apartment using a professional interior designer. He has made a separate and small space for his instrument practice. Besides, his bedroom is also nicely decorated. The bedroom has a small bed with a set of medium-sized table and a chair. His tiny living space is also adoring. There are four seats altogether with a large bookshelf filled with numerous books and magazines. He also has applied some painting on the living space wall. As a result, the wall has got a different look. The small kitchen is complete with modern tools and cooking

instruments. His computer is in his bedroom while a large television is set at the living space. Overall, John has decorated the inner of his apartment precisely in an attractive manner.

I like the apartment most for some reasons. First of all, it is soundproof. The external noise of the city life is completely absent inside. The inner decoration belongs to the top class. Everywhere you will see the impression of his aristocratic outlook. Moreover, the apartment is perfect for a single person and comes with the modern facilities. I also like the small space where John keeps his indoor plants. Whenever I go to visit John, it becomes difficult for me to come back leaving the apartment. Besides, the apartment is accessible from anywhere in the city. Communication with the apartment is easier. It is armed with modern communication systems like telephone, intercom and others. Everything is in order at the apartment and thus I like it most.

Part 3: Details discussion:

Different types of home:

Q. What kinds of home are most popular in your country? Why is this?
In India, mostly the concrete made homes are popular among the ordinary citizens. The concrete made homes have gained popularity for several reasons. The first and the most important thing is that they are durable than any other types of homes. Once you have made a home with concrete, you can reside there for years. Usually, the homes made with concrete require less take care or repairing and last longer than the other homes made with tin sheet or woods. Besides, higher storied buildings could be built with concrete which is impossible with the other materials. Moreover, the homes are economic and the raw materials are available everywhere. So, most of the Indians prefers to make homes with concrete.

Q. What do you think are the advantages of living in a house rather than an apartment?
Well, definitely there are advantages of living in a house. The first and top most advantage is that one can live peacefully in a house than an apartment. When it is about living in an apartment, you are to abide by some rules and

restrictions which may irritate you. Those rules may appear bar to your free movement in the apartment. Besides, there are some common uses of lifts and services which many of the people may not prefer. For instance, you cannot use the lift for your emergency as you are to get in a queue to ride on. But if you are at your own house, you do not need to ride on lifts as most of the houses are one storied. Besides, you can decorate the house after your needs as there are ample spaces but in apartments, such spaces are unavailable for limited apartment sizes. So, I think living in a house is more advantageous than living in an apartment.

Q. Do you think that everyone would like to live in a larger home? Why is that?

Umm … I do not think that everyone would like living in a larger home as it depends on the mental state. People who have been grown up in open spaces and environments like rural areas usually like to live in larger homes and on the other hand, when people are born in cities, they want to live in smaller homes. They are habituated with the smaller environment and if they are taken to some larger space, they start feeling uncomfortable. So, apparently, people are not always be fitted with a larger home or larger environment. It depends on many things and mostly the early childhood environment influences the issue more than anything.

Finding a place to live:

Q. How easy is it to find a place to live in your country?

Well, in India, finding a place is not so difficult. Anyone could find a place to live. Most of the times, people hire places to live in and the people who are rich and wealthy, they usually buy their own living places. But the number of such people is limited and people prefer to hire places. The hiring process is interesting. In most of the cases, the hiring is done with different websites dealing with property selling or hiring. But there are some landlords who prefer to hang a 'To-Let' sign before the house to be hired. People who need places to live usually are in search of such signs or browse the websites.

Q. Do you think it's better to rent or to buy a place to live in? Why?

This is a difficult question to reply. You know, if you want to buy a piece of land or want to buy a house, you have to spend lots of money. But everyone here is not that much wealthy to buy properties. So, it is better to hire a place than buying. Besides, hiring has some other benefits. If you buy a land, you cannot leave the area in cases like weak communication system or lack of municipal

facilities. But if you are a tenant, you can leave the house in such cases and rent another one that fits your needs. In India, there are such troubles prevailing even today and so, I think it is better to rent than buy a living place.

Q. Do you agree that there is a right age for young adults to stop living with their parents? Why is that?
Umm … I do not agree on this point. There is no specific age for young adults or adults to stop living with their parents. In fact, the parents considered their children as small even if they become parents too. The best idea is to live with the parents and not to leave them for a while. If someone leaves the parents, they are deprived of the parental blessings. Besides, when someone is with the parents, s/ he will get some other benefits like there are no costs for the delicious foods prepared by mom. The foods are absolutely free. Moreover, it will save money for them in some specific cases. All the domestic works would be done on behalf of them which is the other benefit.

Describe the person in your family who you spend the most time with.

You should say:
- who this person is
- what kind of person he or she is
- what you usually do together

and explain why you spend more time with this person than 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 1:

I have a younger sister and I love to spend time with her. She is also fond of me and loves to be with me always.

I am 20 and Georgina, my younger sister, is a teen now and I prefer to spend most of my time with her when I am at home. She is in her secondary grades and loves drawing images of nature, and landscapes. Sometimes, I instruct her on drawing images, solving her math problems, complete her homework and

many more. She prefers to be with me as I do not behave impolite with her and try to make everything simple to her. She believes that I am the smartest brother in the world as I solve almost all of her problems. On the other side, I also miss her when I am out home for my academic activities in college. She waits eagerly for me round the day and when I get back at home, she jumps on me. She never leaves me alone at home and I also prefer to be with her always.

She is an amicable person and owns a very smart and intelligent brain. She is tall with her dark brown eyes. She is highly kind in nature and loves to make friends in her real life. But she has one negative aspect. She is a bit hot tempered as well. Nobody knows when she will be angry and mostly she turns angry with the petty issues. Once I made late to pick her from her school and she did not talk with me for the remaining part of the day. At first, it was difficult for me and later I discovered my mistake and apologised to her, bought some chocolates to resume the relation. But she is generous in nature and loves to share everything with people. Often she shares her foods with her friends and classmates in the school which I am proud of indeed.

Both of us love to watch movies. Whenever we have enough time, we start watching movies and she prefers to watch the action movies of Hollywood and I also prefer such movies. Besides, I like to read and I read out loud the stories that I prefer most. She appears to be a bored with my attempt of reading as my pronunciation of English is not in the right tone (after her opinion). In that case, I ask her to complete the story and she dumps my proposal. Sometimes both of us go for fishing at the adjacent lake. My fishing luck is not as good as her- she gets fishes often and I do not. Moreover, we also participate in chess. She is a great chess player and it becomes tougher for me to beat her. Before going to school every day, she comes to me for remembering all the activities to be done in the evening together.

In my family, I am the elder son of my parents while she is the second and smallest. The age difference is not so much between us. I like to spend most of the times with her for many reasons. The first thing is that she is like my best friend. I share all of my events with her as like she does with me. I like to share my foods, my attires, my money … everything. On the other side, she also feels for me. She misses me always and as her brother, I am like her world. My parents always adore the cordial relationship between us and I think they are happy too. My dad is a businessman and passes most of the time out of home and mom being a homemaker remains busy with the domestic chores always. So, we two do not have anyone to accompany us and thus I like to spend most

of the times of the day with my younger sister.

Model Answer 2:

My grandma is a charming lady even in her 70. She is the woman I am fond of and spend most of the time at my home with her. This is a great question for and I am delighted to have the chance of telling about my grandma. Thank you so much for the question.

My grandma was a school teacher in her early days and now passing her retirement with my family. She lost my grandpa a couple of years ago. So, now most of the time she is alone and I accompany her. She loves to tell stories and share her real-life experiences. I love to listen to the events of her youths. And I also share my emotions and daily events with her.

Being an extrovert, she loves to socialise with people. As a result, she is quite familiar in our locality and respected by everyone. Many of her students are now well established and some of them often come to visit her and take necessary advice over various issues. My grandma never rejects any request from them when she is asked to advise. Moreover, I also love to take suggestions from her about multifarious issues related with me. She is a perfect woman I have ever seen. She also loves to smile always and never becomes rude with anyone. Consequently, often it becomes tough for me to be with her when she moves to visit her neighbours.

When she is at home, in the evening, and I return from my college, we sit together to discuss the issues happened with us. She describes what she did and whom she met. Sometimes, we watch television serials or cricket matches too if we have nothing else to do. But most of the time, we are engaged into conversations about many issues. The conversations are interesting. When I ask her something, she replies in a passive tone that she is not aware of the issue. But once she starts talking about the fact, it is actually hard to stop her.

I spend more time with my grandma for some reasons. She is a wise lady and has travelled in different countries for her teaching purposes. So, she is enriched with experiences and knowledge. She also loves to teach even in this mature age. Besides, she is extremely skilled in mathematics and whenever I am in trouble with the math, she comes to my help me. As a direct result, I have the highest score in the class in this subject. But I am in love with this

charming old lady for her affection. I am the only daughter of the family and she loves me most. Therefore, I spend much time with this adoring lady.

Describe a festival that is important in your country.

You should say:
- when the festival is celebrated
- what people do during this festival
- what you like or dislike about it

and explain why this festival is important 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 1:

Pakistan is considered as an Islamic State and thus there are some religious festivals which are important in my country.

The people of Pakistan mostly observe two religious festivals, Eid Ul Adha and Eid Ul Fitr and between the festivals, Eid Ul Fitr is the most important one and comes after a month long of fasting. The festival takes place at the end of the Holy month of Ramadan. Usually, the Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan, and this is a divine order and is considered as a pillar of the religion. The fasting hour begins with the rising of the sun and ends at the sunset. The Eid Ul Fitr takes place after the month-long fasting as a reward for them. They stop fasting from the Eid day and resume their regular life. This is really an extraordinary festival for us and I am proud of it. On the day, people in Pakistan pray in open fields in the morning which is known as Eid prayer. After the prayer, they meet and greet the other people and take foods. Wearing new dress is another feature of this festival and people are seen in new dresses.

There are many activities on the Eid day. Usually, people resume their regular lifestyle. During the fasting, eating or drinking after the sunrise and before the sunset is prohibited. Besides, some other specific tasks are also banned during the day times and people in Pakistan come back to the regular activities. Usually, they invite the other people on the day after the prayer and take

delicious foods and sweets in the morning. Often rich foods are cooked for lunch or for dinner. This is the most awaited festival for the Muslim citizens of Pakistan. Sometimes they move out for visiting the neighbours and relatives. Exchanging greeting and small gifts is a common scene on the day. Most of the houses are filled with guests and people entertain or get entertained at the houses. Truly this is an event of joy for all of the Muslims living here.

I like to get up early in the morning and get ready for attending the mass prayer on the day. I also like the festival more than anything but slightly dislike the foods especially the sweets. Almost all of the houses make foods and 60 percent of the foods taste sweet. At times, it becomes intolerable to consume too many sweet-flavored food items in a single day. However, I like the greetings most. We greet people and embrace them for three times. Interestingly, on this day, anyone can greet and embrace anyone even if they are not familiar. Moreover, people help the destitute people marking the day and share their joys and sorrows. One thing should be mentioned here that the bonding among the people is outstanding and clearly represents the fellow feelings for each other on this day.

The festival is important in Pakistan for many reasons. The first and the most important issue is that Pakistan is an Islamic country and majority of the citizens are Muslims. So, all the Islamic rules and regulations are followed here. People say their prayers regularly and follow the norms dictated in Islam. Accordingly, they continuously fast for a month. They try to reshape them with the divine instructions and try to apply the learning in their real life. Observance of Eid has been made as the part of following the religion. So, it is a must for each of the Muslims in Pakistan to observe the festival. This is not imposed rather the Muslims observe the day by their own will and participate in different activities which are made legal by the religion.

Model Answer 2:

I think everyone might have heard the name of The Cannes Festival. This is one of the most important festivals in my country, France. Formerly, it was known as the International Film Festival. This is an annual film festival in the country. Thank you for the nice question. I will describe the event in brief.

This is one of the glorious festivals of the world. It is usually celebrated in May each year. A large number of people from around the world come here to

enjoy the shows and get rewarded with prestigious prizes. The festival mostly previews films from all genres and the filmmakers across the world come here with their productions. The festival began in 1946 and since then it is going on smoothly in the town of Cannes in French Rivera.

The festival is for those who are related with filmmaking and film enthusiasts. They gather here and enjoy the films and award ceremonies. In fact, this is a destination for every film lover in the world and they want to be here at least once in a lifetime. Almost all the filmmakers try to win the prestigious Palme d'Or for their contribution in enriching the global film industry. Favourite films stars, filmmakers, producers and other artists gather here and enjoy themselves.

I like some of the specific things of the festival. First of all, it is a gathering of the people whom we seem on the silver screen. It is really a blessing to get all the people in a single place. Besides, the meeting of the global people also helps to create a bonding among the people. People from different countries come here and enjoy themselves which also helps to boost the local economy. This is another positive aspect of the festival that I like most. Besides, enjoying films before their official release is another important matter of this festival that attracts my attention.

The festival is important for France. But this is a non-public festival where only the media people are allowed to participate. This is the annual gathering of the global people related with films and thus has brought fame to the country. The award given from the festival is prestigious and many of the filmmakers wait for the festival round the year to claim their recognition. By holding the festival in its lands, France feels proud. It offers the best facilities to the participants so that they could enjoy themselves. In exchange, the local economy is bloomed. The festival has become the showcase of European films and awards. This is also the symbol of France's aristocracy and pride that has made the country different from the other European nations.

Describe a paid job you or someone you know ever did.

You should say:
- what the job was
- how you/this person found this job

- how long you or this person worked in this job

and how you feel now about this job.

[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:

Last week my father asked to clean the garden before our house and paint the wooden wall as well. I was paid for the job.

We have a big garden before our house in Singapore. Usually, most of the houses here are large buildings but my father is a bit different from them. He does not prefer to have a building to be used as a residence. He likes gardening and if a new house is built, he is to lose the large garden. Due to his professional engagement, he was out of the country for around a month and when he returned the weeds were unusual in the garden. Usually, my father weeds the plants and cleans the other unnecessary elements from the plant, and also waters them regularly. Since the weeds were more and he had to remain busy for some other purposes, he asked me to clean the weeds and paint the garden walls. I agreed to his proposal and cleaned the entire garden, painted the walls and repaired some other tools as well. I completed the tasks sincerely and the garden looked gorgeous after the cleaning. As a result, my father was happy with my sincerity and paid me more than he promised.

I was appointed for the job based on some considerations and recommendations of my mom. I am a college student here and the eldest member of my family. So, it is an invisible responsibility of mine to do all the tasks which are not done by others. Sometimes I feel bored about the issue and when I am rewarded (like this one), I change my point of view. So, when my dad found his garden filled with weeds and craps, he was seeking a person to clean the garden perfectly. He could not manage time to clean the garden for he was supposed to be busy for one more week. When he shared the issue with mom, she told him that I have nothing to do after college and I am the most suitable one for this. Accordingly, dad proposed me and I agreed on his proposal after some bargaining (!) about the price.

I had to work for about four long hours at a stretch to clean the entire garden. We live in a big house and the garden is placed right before the house. It is the

largest private garden in the place where we live in the city. The garden owns different rare plants and most of the plants are brought from abroad. The numbers of plants are not few and thus it took around four hours for me to complete the cleaning. I had to cut the weeds, remove the dead leaves from the bottom of the plants, sometimes I had to cut the branches as well. I worked alone at the garden from 3.00pm to 7.00pm. Thus it took a long time for me. I started working after returning from my college. The most important and difficult tasks for me was cutting the weeds from the small flower plants. I also got hurt with the thrones during the sorting of the plants and when I was said to plant a few flower plants (which dad brought from his recent trip to Indonesia) I rejected the idea straight. It was impossible for me to work again with a spade to loosen the soil, plant the saplings and water them on the same day.

To be frank, the task was not interesting for me then but now I feel that if I get another chance, I will do it for free. Though I was irritated in beginning, I was feeling comfortable with the task. It was simple and the most interesting task was to sort the plants, separate the weeds from the plants and watering them all was also good. Besides, dad game 300 bucks for my labour which was unexpected. Initially, he told me that I would be paid by 150 bucks but lastly he paid me double for his fatherly affection. But now if he asks me for such a job, I will do it for free. I liked the job very much and planning to propose dad that I would keep the garden clean in his absence. As he is to visit in different countries in most of the time of a month, he does not need to worry about the garden anymore.

Model Answer 2:

Completing a thesis paper is really boring and so I hired one of my friends, John, to complete my thesis on climate change. He did that very well. Thank you for the smart question and I am going the tell everything in detail here.

Before the semester completion at the university, I was asked to submit the thesis paper and present it before the class. The thesis was about the climate change and its overall impacts on humans, animals and environment. So, it was really difficult for me to collect all the necessary information. Accordingly, I hired John to complete my thesis paper.

I had completed the initial tasks, collected necessary data and resources for the thesis paper. But I was unable to manage enough time to complete

everything. So, I sought help from my friends and definitely it was a paid job. I posted the job on my social networking profile and many of the friends responded over it. But I picked John for some specific reasons. He was skilled in completing thesis paper. He just has submitted his own thesis paper and is well aware of everything of such a thesis completion project. So, after talking with him, I requested him to complete my project. I agreed on the payment that he demanded and in fact, it was a reasonable amount.

It took about a week for John to complete my entire thesis. As I said before, I collected all the necessary information and he just placed the information in their order. He worked almost day and night to make the thesis paper a successful one. By this time, I had to accompany him for each of the needs. Sometimes, I made the information clear to him or supported him with narratives and literature. The work was not as simple as it sounds. In line with John, I also had to participate in some other tasks for the thesis paper. The most challenging task was the formatting of the paper on the word processor. But John did it successfully for me.

I was worried about the thesis paper that if I could be able to submit it within the prescribed deadline. In fact, my final grades were depending on this thesis. If I could complete it by the time and the supervisor approves it, I would pass the course and be a graduate. But if there are troubles with the thesis, I need another semester to complete my graduation. So, it was really a matter of concern for me. Without the help of John, it would have been difficult for me to complete the thesis paper in due time. I did everything in time and have completed graduation. Now I am relaxed about the matter.

Describe an event that you feel happy about.

You should say:
- what the event was
- when it happened
- where it happened

and explain how you feel happy about 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 1:

When I got promoted to the rank of the senior marketing executive at my office, it was a happy moment for me indeed.

I got engaged into jobs immediately after my graduation to support myself and entered at a local restaurant. The restaurant specialises in making foreign foods like Thai foods, Chinese foods, and Japanese foods etc. Besides, the restaurant also serves the local Indian foods. I got the job of marketing executive for the restaurants and was primarily responsible working with the marketing manager and deal with clients. Sometimes I also had to visit the clients for making newer deals or for other necessities. After serving for a couple of years, they promoted me to the rank of senior marketing executive and also revised my benefits. It happened for my sincere efforts and devotion to the duties.

It took nearly three years for me to get promoted. I have completed my graduation in 2012 and got the job in 2013. Initially, I was appointed as a part-timer at the restaurant on the post of the marketing executive. They wanted an unskilled individual who could serve the job of marketing executive for four hours in a day. So, accordingly, I applied for the position as I long had been seeking an option like this. After appearing on the interview, they confirmed me the job, and I started working from the next day. I passed three consecutive years and experienced numerous ups and downs to implement my duties. All of my efforts resulted in 2016. The restaurant authority was highly pleased by my activities and promoted me as their Senior Marketing Executive. It is a remarkable year in my life indeed.

I live in Mumbai in India. I have my family living with me and as I wanted to be self-reliant, I stopped receiving all types of supports from my family. I worked for myself and also sometimes I shared my little income with my family. The event of being promoted to a higher post took place at the restaurant where I started to work a couple of years ago. Before joining here, I used to teach mathematics to students of lower grade and used the earnings for my study. Despite having born in a solvent family, I always tried to be self-sufficient and joined on earning activities to meet my regular expenses. I am too lucky that the restaurant authority has evaluated my efforts and promoted me to the post. The restaurant is located at the centre point of Mumbai city and one of the most important features is that the prices are too lower comparing the restaurants set in the adjacent areas.

To be frank, this is the first positive achievement for me in my career. I do not know how long I shall continue with the restaurant or shall I continue the marketing profession, the promotion is pleasant for me, truly. The authority has never shouldered too many responsibilities on me and in case of failures, they tried to inspire me. I think you are aware that dealing with customers is always unpleasant and convincing them is more difficult. Many of the times I had to return with a broken heart and also endured impolite behaves and attitudes from the clients. But I was strict to my goals and tried to achieve them gradually. After a certain time, I discovered that everything is becoming easier with me and I turned able to influence even the toughest client with my own techniques. So, I think I deserve such a gift from my employer and they did the right thing for me.

Model Answer 2:

I got married last year. And it was a happy event for me. In fact, I had to undergo lots of pressures from various ends. But finally, it was a successful marriage. Thank you for the question. I will describe the event now in brief.

It was my marriage ceremony that made me feel happy even in the present day. I had to deal with numerous unwanted situations and with a very cool head, I had to deal with them. My in-law's family was reluctant to marry their daughter off with me because I did not have a stable job at that time. Moreover, they had a large and rich family and they thought I would not be able to socialise with the family. Finally, everything went well.

In fact, I need to add some more issues here to make the scenario clearer. I got married with my girlfriend in June last year. We continued our affair for around two years and got married in the third. The matter was exposed to her relatives and they tried to marry her off to someone else. With the firm determination and support from some of the friends, I stopped her marriage and persuaded her parents and relatives to select me as the life partner for their daughter. It was not an easy task. But the memories are still vivid in my mind.

The marriage took place at the local convention centre here in Singapore. A notable number of guests were invited to the ceremony and almost all of them arrived in due time. I tried to negotiate with all the relatives and issues with

them so that there are no troubles of the day of the marriage ceremony. But some of the relatives tried to create a situation that my father in law handled strongly. He was on my side then and the relatives had nothing to say. I was happy with everything.

I felt happy for some grounds. First of all, it was the girl whom I loved most. Not everyone is able to marry their first love. They need to move to the second or third for some reasons. There were chances of separation in my case too but I was adamant. I took some tricky measures so that I do not get lost in the battle here. Finally, all the attempts resulted in positive outcomes. I was able to marry her after crossing the obstacles. So, the feeling was excellent to me. I was happy because I was having the most valuable gift of my life. It was my wife. She was also happy for the marriage and contributed a lot to make the marriage happen. So, everything made me happy.

Part 3 questions/ Details Discussion:

Q. Do you think it is important to be happy?
A. Yes, there should be no doubt over the issue. Happiness is the most desired thing of the world. Everyone wants to be happy. If you look around, you will see that people are seeking happiness in their surroundings. They want to be happy and thus they are getting involved in different sorts of activities. Everyone is adopting numerous ways to be happy. There are several reasons to be happy in life. If someone is unhappy, the first and most important thing is that they would be unable to do the required things the need to do to save their lives. Happiness is considered as a peaceful mental state. When people have an unsatisfactory mind, they cannot perform their tasks and make mistakes. Consequently, they are lead to devastation. But if they were happy, they could have done the right things in the right manner and everything around them turned into a blessing for them. So, I firmly believe that it is important to be happy.

Q. Do you think that children are less happy now than the past?
A. Umm … I do not think so. There are some particular logic and arguments against this belief. Earlier, the age was old and the children passed their times by their own ways. They used to participate in different games and sports and had a simple life. They were happy. They had no complaints against anything

unless they were obstructed to do or have something. So, it is evident that the kids in past were happy. If we consider the present day, the kids are also happy. They are living in a modern age and have their modern toys while some other kids are seen engaged with social networks. They also participate in sports and other events (though in limited scale than the past days). It appears that they are happy too. They have no allegations against anything and they are doing everything they need to entertain them. So, clearly, it comes into sight that the children of the present are happier than the children of past.

Q. Do you think that some people are born to be happy?

A. Well, this is a complicated question. There are some people who are always happy and they become able to adjust with any situations. I think this is a special quality and requires a strong mental state to be so. I think people cannot be happy from their birth rather they achieve the qualities gradually by dealing with difficult situations. In fact, most of the people cannot be happy always for they are affected with the surrounding negative impressions. On the other side, there are some people who own some special mental abilities to remain calm always and even in the most difficult situations. It is done naturally. They do not need any training or schooling for the purpose. When they are in deep trouble, they are seen with a happy face. They know that troubles will not last forever and thus they do not want to hamper their happiness for a temporary difficulty.

Q. What makes people in your country happy?

A. Well, happiness has a different meaning to people and not everyone is happy with what they have. The idea of happiness is dissimilar to a majority of the Indians. In India, people are mostly run after earning money by different means. They run after the riches to fill up their needs, and they feel happy when the needs are met. But in general, most of the people turn happy when they are free of wants and own plenty of wealth. Usually, the ordinary people are on the view that if all the necessary requirements and basic needs are met, they believe themselves to be happy. For instance, if an ordinary man in India owns a living space with the basic needs, he considers himself as a happy man in the country. But if you ask about happiness to a rich man of the country, he will share a different view. He might be in need of two more BMWs for his son and daughter or might be in need of more money from the bank to set up his new factory and similar other issues. So, as I said before, happiness varies in person.

Q. Do you think being happy is important in our life?

A. Yes, I do. Happiness is the thing we need most in our life. There are a good number of examples could be cited here. I am planning to have a good IELTS band so that I could go into a different country. What shall I do there? Certainly, I have to get engaged in different tasks which are better than my current job. But have you ever considered that why I want to go abroad? The answer is happiness. If I could go abroad, I will be able to lead a healthy and solvent life which in turn will make me happy. So, I am seeking my happiness in the life out of my country. If I am not happy, I think it would be difficult for me to survive. Without the mental stability and peace, it is impossible for anyone to live on. So, everyone is seeking happiness by their own means as it is truly important to be happy in life.

Q. What can we do to bring happiness for those we care about?

A. If you think that only money can buy happiness, I will say you are in the wrong direction. Happiness is a mental state and is brought by the peace of mind. But I am not rejecting the importance of wealth as well. Crying inside in a Mercedes is always better than crying on a broken bicycle. Everyone cares for their near and dear ones. To make them happy, we do not need to perform something special or spend bunches of money. Rather some simple ways are enough to make them happy. Paying attention to them, ask them about their overall situations, giving small presents sometimes, making a phone call or texting etc. will make them happier, I think. Besides, a day out will also have the same impacts. It will help them to gain the desired mental peace which will gradually take them towards happiness.

Describe a song you like.

You should say:

- what the song is
- who is the singer
- how often you listen it

and explain why you like this song so much.

[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:

The song is known as 'Shape of My Heart'. The song is by Sting, an English rock musician who is most popular for the song Desert Rose.

The song – Shape of My Heart is from the fourth solo album of Sting titled Ten Summoner's Tales. The song was first released in 1993 and has a deeper meaning to the audience. The key theme of the song is love in association with morality. The song describes a man who loves to play cards. But during the playing, he does not follow any ill measures or cheating. In fact, he is not a bad player but currently lacks concentration on the game as he has experienced many ups and downs of life and now pondering over the issues.

Commonly known as Sting in the music arena, Gordon Matthew Thomas Sumner is an English singer. He is a man of talent. He is a musician, singer, songwriter, instrumentalist, actor, philanthropist and activist. He was a songwriter for a band until launching his solo album. He owns a successful career and has also achieved several prestigious awards. He is the winner of Grammy Awards for 16 times. He has also been the 62nd man of the 100 best living songwriters for the outstanding songs and lyrics. His collaboration with the other musicians is also noteworthy.

The song highly motivates me. So, I play the song whenever I have chances. It makes me feel encouraged to change my attitude to everything I see and feel. The song also has a different kind of charm. When the song is played, it creates a sense of satisfaction inside me. The tone of the music is breathtaking; especially the playing of the guitar is simply wonderful. The key message of the song is that the player wants to prove that he is not like the other people. He has a different mind and he wants to live his own way. The lyric of the song also makes me emotional as well and thus I listen to the song.

This is one of my favourite songs and I like it for some special reasons. The song creates a different mode in me. The lyric is outstanding and tells that the man who plays the card as a meditation. He has no attraction for money or respect rather he plays for some other reasons. He knows each and everything about the cards and knows how to deal with them. He may adopt some unfair ways sometimes if he wants. The entire song is about a human philosophy, I think. Human life is like playing cards. One may know everything but may not take the right decisions at the right time. And finally, they are to regret.

Model Answer 2:

Usually, I am not the lover of music in a traditional sense. But sometimes, I listen to music for relaxation. So, the number of songs that I like most is limited. The song “Summer of 69” by Bryan Adams is one of my favourite songs. Thank you for the question. It reminds me of many untold emotions. I will describe the events here in as much brief as I can.

The song is about nostalgia. A good number of events have been exhibited through the song lyric. The song describes the past days of the singer, the disbanding of a reputed band, landing on the moon. And the most importantly, it is about the character who bleed the finger while playing his guitar. In fact, such devotions to the guitar are not available in present days. Actually, the song is the combination of a notable number of things that took place during the olden days of the singer.

Bryan Adams recorded and sang the song. In fact, it was from his fourth album naming as Reckless which was published in 1984. The song was jointly composed by Jim Vallance and Adams. The other person was a long companion for Adams. The song was released in 1985. The song belongs to rock genre but it has attracted all types of people across the world. After the release, the song received a huge appreciation from the audiences around the world and stayed on the top of the music chart for a notable period of time.

As I said before, I am not a music lover but listen to music in some preferable moments. When I feel alone and want to get back in my past days, I listen to this song. Generally, I feel alone when I get back home after a hefty day in office, I play the song at a loud volume. Moreover, in the weekend evenings, I love to listen to the song. It creates a different type of appeal to me.

I like the song for no particular reasons. To be honest, this is the song that drew my attention only for the lyric. The lyric takes us to the past and lament for the old days. Human nature loves to recall the days those are gone. The theme for the song is outstanding indeed. The other reason behind preferring the song is that I love the songs composed and recorded by Bryan Adams. He is the person who makes some quality songs and gets global appreciation. He is also sincere in all the matters related to song composition and takes sufficient time to produce a song. As a result, the songs get the best quality. Based on the grounds, I have set the song on my favourite list.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a song you like."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe your favourite song.
- Describe song you remember from your childhood.
- Describe a piece of music or song you really like.
- Describe a popular song or music you know about.
- Describe your all-time favourite song.
- Describe a song you often listen to.

Describe a time when you forgot something important.

You should say:

- when it was
- what you forgot
- how you managed the situation

and explain how you felt about 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 1:

It was on the day of my formal interview at a multinational corporation for the post of Market Research Executive (MRE) when I forgot to take my interview invitation card.

I can exactly remember the day, December 23 in 2015. I was invited to appear on the formal written test for the post of MRE. As per the instructions, I applied for the position after collecting the advertisement from a daily newspaper. I applied following all the procedures instructed on the advertisement and accordingly they confirmed my candidature for the post after justifying my detailed curriculum vitae. They had sent me the invitation letter a week before the date. On the day fixed for the formal tests, I went there.

I work for a local corporation and I am also responsible for their entire market research. So, I had to be very busy most of the time and the interview was set on a working day. It was set at 12.00pm sharp and I have to be there (at the headquarters of the corporation) at least 20 minutes before the test begins. So, I hurried there. I was asked to bring all the relevant documents with me including the printed version of the invitation to prove my candidature on the entrance. I took everything except the printed copy of the invitation card. I had printed a copy and kept that on my office desk. With the tension to reach the place in due time, I forgot to take the printed copy with me which caused me a great trouble.

Managing the situations was so difficult for me. The security personnel did not allow me to enter in the building as I could not show them the interview card. I tried to make them realise that it was my mistake and due to the rush I forgot to bring that with me. But they argued a lot and by the same time I was racing against time. It was around 11.50 am and the security officials were arguing with me that why should they allow me to enter ins the building. I was like a security threat to them as I did not have the interview invitation card. It was a great regret for me. I also did not have any contact number then to inform the authority about the delay and the situation. Finally, I showed them the e-mail version of the interview card from my email. When they allowed me to enter the building, it was nearly 12.00 pm.

The feelings were not so good at that time. Can you imagine that you are racing against the moments and someone is blocking your advancement? The feelings are terrible. I am lucky that I use a smartphone with active internet connection. If I did not have the phone or the internet connection, I might not have been able to attend the interview. They took my written test, oral test, and I also had to present some ideas. Overall it was a fine interview but finally, I disagreed to occupy the position as they wanted to negotiate with me over the salary and other admissible benefits.

Model Answer 2:

It was really awkward for me when I forget to bring a pen drive just before an important meeting. Actually, it happens with me frequently and the experiences are not desirable at all. Thank you for this outstanding question. I will describe the event now here in brief.

It was the board meeting and I was told to bring some necessary documents and presentation through a flash drive. Everything was okay and I inserted the necessary documents and information on the flash drive right before leaving the office. I was supposed to take the pen drive to the meeting venue where it will be presented before a selected group of people to make them aware of the next project of the company. I forgot to bring the pen drive and it created a mess there.

Actually, I prepared the pen drive and kept it beside the computer at my office. But when I went out, I was in a rush and thus forgot to take the drive. Amid the business, I completely forgot about the matter that I did not take the pen drive. And when I was asked to give the pen drive, I remembered that I did not bring it with me. I informed my immediate boss that the pen drive is missing. I did not tell him that I forgot to bring the pen drive.

My immediate boss was a man of letters and knew how to deal with situations. At first, he made a phone call to our office and asked an employee to check about the pen drive. Luckily, the employee made the phone call with the good news that he recovered the pen drive and was on his way to deliver it here. Our office was a few blocks away from this meeting venue. When he reached, I thanked the man for his kind support.

I was feeling guilty. Such an irresponsible act from a senior official like me was entirely unwanted. On the other side, I was unable to tell that I made the mistake. If I admit my guilt, I might have to lose my job. It was an important meeting and everything was on the pen drive to be presented and make the audience agreed with the proposals. So, I was in a double-way trouble. But luckily, I was saved on that day. I forgot to take the flash drive with me as I made late to prepare all the necessary things. Besides, I also had to prepare some other presentations and documents. By the same time, the office was closed and everyone left the building. Then I also took the leave and to make hurry, I forgot about the pen drive. I really felt sorry for the event.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a time when you forgot something important."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a time when you were late.

- Describe a time when you were sad.
- Describe a busy day you recently have had.
- Describe a difficult situation that you handled well.

Describe a useful website you have visited.

You should say:

- what type of website it is
- how often you visit this website
- what services or information it offers

and explain why you think this website is useful.

[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:

This is the age of technology. The Internet is one of the important aspects of technology and websites are the entrance to the vast virtual world. I have visited *www.youtube.com.*

Basically, YouTube is a video sharing website and mostly the users upload different types of videos on this sharing website. This California based website, YouTube, is available across the world. The website visitors could share a good variety of videos, watch video songs, view movie trailers, dramas, serials and sometimes movies, educational videos and more other entertaining video clips for free of cost. They do not need to pay any charge for using the website. After its inception in 2005, the tech-giant Google bought it in 2006 with over 1.50 billion US dollars. The users are able to upload, share, comment, and rate the videos on the website. Currently, the website is also used for video blogging. Though many of the video clips are uploaded by private initiatives, many of the organisations also use this website for their video contents.

I visit the website frequently in a day and in fact, there are no exact statistics of this visiting. There are no specific times or schedules to visit the site for me,

and I think this is for anyone who is familiar with the website. I usually browse the website from my personal computer when I am at home. I use the official laptop when I need to visit during the office hours and sometimes use my cell phone to browse the site when I am on my way to somewhere. Basically, the website could be browsed from anywhere and I take the advantage. I use all the available platforms to browse the website and get my tasks done (mostly enjoying songs).

YouTube offers a wide range of services and mostly those are related with videos. For instance, you sing very well but you do not have familiarity or audience. Okay. You may shoot a video with your cell phone camera and upload the video clip on YouTube. If the video does not violate the YouTube standard, the authority will publish the video on the website is perfect, it would be watched, enjoyed and shared by millions of people which will bring you fame. Besides, one can download the necessary and available videos if needed. All the videos on YouTube are free of cost and there are no hidden charges as well to enjoy the videos. It mostly gains profits from advertisements on the site. Since the number of visitors is more, the advertisers pay the YouTube authority to promote their respective products.

This is a very useful website for several reasons. The most important thing is the cost-free feature. We are in need of many information and videos in our everyday life and if we had to buy all the information, it would be impossible for us. But here we are having the information only by browsing the website. Besides, this is a unique platform to share and enjoy video clips. One can have almost all types of videos including entertaining or educative. People mostly use the website to enjoy the latest video songs, know about the latest movie trailers, pass their leisure hours by enjoying drama, movies, video songs etc. Most of the times, the video contents are useful to the viewers in many aspects and could be used for different purposes as well. Take a simple example. Someone has captured a real murder scene and has uploaded that on YouTube, consequently the video clip could be used as visual evidence against the murder and arrest the criminals.

Model Answer 2:

I often need to know about DIY tips and tricks for my college projects. So, in most of the cases, I rely on www.doityourself.com. This is a very special website that comes with all the necessary and latest tips and tricks about the things to be done by one. This is a great question indeed and I would like to

thank you for the question.

This is a website dedicated to the people who want to do things by themselves. In fact, it is really an outstanding task to do the things by individual than recruiting some external people. It helps to save time and money for people. Besides, when the things are done on a DIY basis, the tasks become perfect and you can customise the stuff after your necessity.

I visit the website regularly. And I need it most before the assignments. I am a student of architecture here in Paris and completing my graduation. Most of the times, I am assigned with a good number of things to present before the class. In fact, the other students of my class are also asked so. And to prepare the things, I take help from this website. This is the website that comes with the features of doing things by oneself. Definitely, you can get things from outside but they would not be as much better as if it is done by yourself. The website is regularly updated with the latest things and information that is helpful for my studies and assignments.

The website is dedicated to DIY (Do It Yourself) issues. Almost all types of DIY tips are available here. It will guide you to make things for your private use. For instance, you need to have table lamp for your studies at home during the night times. But you cannot get the right piece for you and also do not like the existing models. So, you can make a table lamp for you. The website will describe you about making a table lamp – what materials you will need, how to cut the pieces, and finally how to make it. Besides, it also provides many other services for the users. The website is helpful to its users in many extents.

To me, this is a helpful website for many reasons. I have take ideas from this website to complete any of my projects. In fact, without the direct help of this website, I would not have been successful in crossing the barriers of my exams. I have also made much stuff for my regular use. I took the details from the website and implemented the idea into reality. Finally, I was happy with the output. Based on such considerations, I think this website is really useful for everyone.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a useful website you have visited."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe your favourite website.
- Describe a website you often browse.
- Describe a website you think is helpful for others.
- Describe a blog you or someone else you know owns.

Describe a place you would like to visit.

You should say:

- where it is
- what the main attractions are
- how you know this place

and explain why you want to visit this place.

[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:

Travelling in historical places always helps expanding the realm of knowledge. In fact, this is the way to gain real-life knowledge. So, I love travelling and would like to visit the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt.

This is the largest pyramid among the pyramid complex located at El Giza in Egypt. The pyramid is better known as the Pyramid of Khufu. Moreover, this is one of the oldest Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. This is the only one that has been not been damaged so far. It is known that the pyramid was made by Pharaoh Khufu who belonged to the fourth dynasty of Egypt. The pyramid was built as a royal tomb with the span of 20 years. The pyramid is also famous as it remained as the tallest man-made structure on the planet for a longer time. Egyptologists are on the view that pyramid was made around 2500 BC

Egypt is the country where different mysteries are found and in the current days the mysteries make the people thrilled. Pyramids are one of the attractive things of the country and have many specialities. The Great Pyramid was made wish casing stones for a smooth outer surface. The pyramid construction is still unknown to all but there are some hypotheses about the construction. The

most impressionable hypothesis is that the stones were brought from a quarry by dragging and then those were lifted using some special techniques to be set in their places. But no scientific evidence or explanation has been found yet over the actual construction style. The place is special for another reason - there are three burial chambers inside the pyramid whereas the other pyramids do not have such chambers.

I am a graduate student of history at the Western Sydney University and one of my courses deal with the ancient civilisation. Thereby, I came to know about the past stories of the earth, men, cultures, customs and many other relevant issues. One of the chapters in this course is dealing with the civilisations of Egypt. The chapter is all about the life and living on Egyptian Pharaohs, common people, Nile and the localities near and centering the Nile. A couple of weeks ago, the teacher for History Mr. Andrew Smith, started the chapter. Since I was highly interested in ancient history, the chapter attracted me most. Then I took help of internet and came to know about many interesting issues about Egypt, Nile and the pyramids.

I have read different interesting information about the pyramids and Egypt. The information has made me curious to visit the place, especially the pyramids. It is known that the emperors (better known as Pharaohs) build the structure as the tomb for them. So, when they died, they were buried inside the burial chamber adorned with precious riches and facilities. The Egyptians believed that the king or emperor may need wealth in the other world. So, they provided the ornaments, precious stones and other wealth. Often they killed the servants to accompany the masters in the other world. They buried the servants with the kings too. Another most interesting factor is the mummification of the dead bodies. They used to preserve the dead bodies in such a way that the bodies remained the same for years and still some of the dead bodies have been found which have not been changed at all. These are highly interesting to me and so I want to visit the pyramids.

Model Answer 2:

I would like to visit the Zanzibar Archipelago, located on the coast of Tanzania. This is one of the beautiful places in the world and I want to pay a visit there. Thank you for your interesting question. It reminds me of the days that I have passed there. In brief, I will describe the facts now.

The Zanzibar Archipelago is near the Indian Ocean. In fact, this is a tropical

paradise. A scenic place to pass leisure days and moments. The place is filled with amazing natural beauties. Besides, the attractions are not limited only to natural views, the place offers a large number of things to do.

The natural scenarios are the key attractions. By visiting some of the specific places, visitors there get an immense pleasure. Actually, the islands here are filled with the beauties. The inhabitants are also helpful and kind for the outsiders. The historic stone town is one of the big attractions of this place. The city was connected with slave trades and spice. In fact, the slave trade continued here in the 19th century. Moreover, the activities like sailing, snorkelling, diving etc. are the other attractions of the islands. Fishing is another important outdoor activity here.

To be frank, I was seeking a nice place to spend a few days. I am a sales executive by profession and work with a renowned computer software corporation. So, I need to remain busy round the year. But my employer allows me a 15-days leave in a year for refreshing myself. As part of that, I was looking for a suitable venue for me and my wife. It was easier for me to select the place after browsing different websites. Initially, I had no plan to visit African lands, but once I saw the stunning images, I could not resist myself from taking the decision to go there.

I want to visit the place for some specific reasons. The most important thing about the place is that it can provide a complete relaxation to the travellers. This is a beautiful place and has a wide number of facilities for the visitors. The outdoor activities in the islands are wonderful and enjoying. The second thing about the place selection is that it is enriched with natural beauties. The sunrise and sunset scenes are the most beautiful scenes here. This is really a paradise for the people with an adventurous mind. Walking down the golden beaches will make you feel amazed. When you will be with your dearest one, and enjoy the sunset scene by holding the hand, the feelings will be unbelievable. Based on all the facts, I have planned to visit the place. I have started collecting necessary information accordingly and will move to the place once I get the leave.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a place you would like to visit."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as

well:

- Describe a place you had been to.
- Describe a city you would like to visit soon.
- Describe your favourite tourist destination.
- Describe a place where lots of people gather.
- Describe a worth visiting place in your country.
- Describe a famous place you have been to.
- Describe a historical place you want to visit.

Describe your favourite season.

You should say:

- what season it is
- what the weather is like at that time of year
- how that season is different from other seasons

and explain why it is your favourite season.

[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:

Usually, there are four seasons in South Africa, namely - summer, winter, fall and spring. To me, spring appears as the best season. It usually lasts from September to November each year in the country.

Spring brings life to the environment. It is spring which makes the country look beautiful and gorgeous. During the other seasons, the environment becomes rough and there are disorders with the climatic conditions. But in spring, everything is perfect. The nature is calm and sometimes there are light rains around which is also effective for producing food crops in the rural parts. Winds are found in plenty and the temperature is in a tolerable limit. So, spring is also preferred by many other people here.

During the summer, the weather is too hot, the temperature rises too high. One cannot usually get out of the home without any protective material like

umbrella or sunscreen. Besides, during the rainy season, it rains all day long and often life becomes standstill as people cannot get out of home for work. Winter is cold here and temperatures get down to some substantial extent. But it is spring when one can enjoy a moderate climate. The temperatures are average and the light wind blows away the heat of the sun from the body. Spring is also considered as the time to travel inside the country. Since the environment is pleasant, people travel places either for their need or for recreations

Spring is completely different from the three other seasons. In spring, the environment gets a massive change. The plants get a new look. They get greener. Besides, the days are sunny but moderately hot. Since the South African climate is just the opposite of the northern part, it is always sunny and hot. But only during the Spring, the heat is a bit slower. During the winter it is cold everywhere and the temperatures are not steady. The days are dry and sunny while the nights are cold with frosting in South Africa during the winter. But spring is different from the other seasons. The temperature is on a tolerable limit both in days and nights. The light breeze brings a sense of satisfaction to the people.

I like spring most for few reasons. I cannot tolerate extreme heat or cold. During the summer and winter, I cannot do my tasks. Going office is a kind of punishment for me in the seasons. Besides, I experience sleeping disorders during the summer nights. But as the temperature is in an acceptable condition, I could do everything smoothly in spring. Moreover, the nature blooms in spring. All the surrounding environments are cleaner and enjoyable. Often the sky turns light blue and the scenes are highly attractive when the clouds fly.

Model Answer 2:

I love the rainy season the most for some reasons. And in Thailand it the most enjoyable season that lasts for a couple of months beginning from May or June each year. This is a very nice question to answer. And thank you so much for this interesting question.

According to my private opinion, rainy season is the best season of the year. Nature is filled with joy. It rains round the day. Most of the cases, people do not have the way to go out of the home and enjoy an unexpected holiday.

Besides, taking the traditional meals is a great way to enjoy the days in this season.

This is a very special season. The weather is calm and the sun is not that much hot like the other seasons. Usually, in summer or in the other seasons, it is really hot here in Thailand. Only it is the rainy season that brings a sense of comfort among the people of the land. The sky remains dark and sometimes it is cloudy. Clouds float across the sky. The entire nature turns peaceful. When it rains suddenly, the regular activities get a halt. People start seeking shelter for them.

This is a season that is soft in nature than the other seasons. In fact, monsoon in Thailand is a kind of blessing for the people. But when if floods, the locals need to take precautionary measures to deal with the flood. Besides, the rainy season varies year to year. It does not rain all the day long. But there are some intervals during the rain. Travelling becomes cheaper during this season. Actually, the tourist spots become less crowded during monsoon in Thailand. So, it is economic for the travellers in this country during the rainy season. Moreover, the cool weather in this season helps to refresh the minds of the local and outsiders. So, it is an expected season here.

Monsoon is my favourite season for some certain aspects. First of all, this is the season when the temperature is under complete control. Moving inside the city becomes easier. There are fewer people in the street. The restaurants and bars provide a better service in this time than the ordinary days. Travelling in a rainy day provides an outstanding experience. Since all the places are empty, you can enjoy thoroughly and take part in the outdoor activities without any hassle. The most important aspect of this season is the beautification of nature. Nature turns a striking look. The photographers crowd in the city to take pictures of various locations and scenic places, particularly the skies. I am also a photographer and have taken many nice shots of nature. Based on all the facts, rainy season is my favourite season.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe your favourite season."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe the most beautiful season in your country.
- Describe the season which you like the most.

Talk about your favourite colour.

You should say:

- what colour it is
- how this colour is different than other colours
- how you feel about using this colour

and explain why this is your favourite colour.

[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:

The world is filled with colours. Everything we see is colourful and usually people are attracted to bright coloured things. I also have a preference regarding colour and that is white.

I think white is the best colour in the world amid thousand of colours. There are several reasons to prefer the colour. The first and most important reason is that white colour makes my mind fresh. Whenever I see white colour around me, I feel a positive vibe. Besides, I try to use the colour in my everyday life. Most of my dresses are made with white colour. The room I live in is white. My office walls are coloured in white. There are white everywhere where I belong. But there are some special cases where I cannot apply my own idea of making white.

To me, white appears solely different from the other colours. The other colours have several shades but white has no such shades. White refers to white. There is no dark shade in this light colour. Sometimes it appears that white has no hue at all for its lightness. This is different from the other colours in this sense that it can contain any other colour on it and could change the entire tone. As a result, the combination gets a different look. Moreover, white is dominating over any other colour and could be easily noticed. White is used in almost all the combination for its lightness and attractive features.

I have a strange fascination for white colour since my early childhood. When I am in touch with the colour, I feel a sense of deep calmness inside my mind.

White looks gorgeous and I try to make everything whiter as much possible for me. When I pick my dresses, I try to have whiter portion more than the other colours. Sometimes, I try to pick the entire white clothes. White brings a sense of satisfaction to me and helps to concentrate on my activities. But sometimes I try to adjust white colour with some other hues so that it does not look irritating. The feelings are inexpressible in a word.

For some specific reasons, I have picked white as my favourite colour. Firstly, it is white which is light and eye soothing than any other colour. A moderate white shade never irritates the eye and one can look at for hours whereas it is impossible for the other colours. This is a light colour and suits every occasion. Moreover, I am in love with white as it goes with me perfectly. When I put on white-coloured dresses, I look stunning. Some may opine that white is colourless or no colour at all, but I am on the opposite view. I believe that white is the key of all colours. You can make different other colours using white. Attractive shades could be made with this colour. If we consider white in our daily life, there are several other reasons to prefer it. When white is applied to home, the space looks larger. Painting in white background is easier and helps making a better painting. The most important thing is that white goes with all the colours and thus I love it very much.

Model Answer 2:

I want my life to be colourful. So, I have picked a specific colour for me and it is 'Red'. The colour is gorgeous and attracts attention from people. This is a very nice question and I will describe the matter in brief here.

Red is one of the warmest colours. I love to wear dresses coloured in red. It makes me look stunning and beautiful. When I wear dresses with red colour, I feel a special vibe inside me. It appears that I am filled with energy and can do all the possible things. The other interesting fact about the colour red is that it is notable from a long distance.

Red is completely different from the other colours. There are various types of colours are available but red is the best of them. This is not the combination of some other colours rather this is a basic colour that helps to formulate multiple other colours. I had an attraction for red since my childhood. Thereby, I analysed the colour with the other colours. This is an eye-catchy colour and you cannot notice it from any situation or angel. I admit that it has some other

meaning in other cases, but regarding dress code, this is really an interesting one. The red-coloured dresses always look wonderful and stylish. But the other colours are not like this one.

My feelings about this colour are unusual. If someone else hears about my passion about red, they will consider me crazy. In most of the cases, I try to have the reflection of this colour with me. If I wear dresses, red is always present there in any forms. Moreover, I also use red in some other cases. Finally, when I use the colour for any of my purposes, I feel very good. It helps me to get an invisible energy and I can complete the tasks with confidence. When I am in touch with the colour, I also feel a sense of joy inside my mind. And I know that the colour helps to increase my confidence level.

Red has become my favourite colour since my childhood. Even today, I am fond of the colour as I was in those days. My bedroom is coloured in red, I try to combine red in each of my dresses and I prefer the red colour in almost all the other issues of my life. I like this particular colour most for its warmness. This is a warm colour. It fades less and lasts longer than the other available colours. Besides, it brings a nice look to me when I am attired in red dresses. Considering all the grounds, red has become my part and parcel.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Talk about your favourite colour."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe the colour you like the most.
- Describe your favourite colour.

Describe a special occasion in your life.

You should say:

- what the occasion was
- how you celebrated it
- who were with you in this occasion

and explain why it was special to you.

[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:

Life is filled with occasions but most of them are ordinary. The event of having an iPhone is very special to me as I bought the device with my own earnings.

I am a college student and work at a call centre here, in Singapore. I live with my family and fortunately, I bear all of my educational expenses. So, it is a bit difficult for me to arrange such a huge sum of money to buy an iPhone. It took over 1000 $ to get the phone. Being a techno-centric teenager, I am fond of the latest electronic gadgets and accordingly try to have those in my collection. Despite my family being wealthy, I prefer to bear all my expenses and consequently did not ask for money to my parents to get the phone. So, when I bought the phone, it was a very special occasion to me.

After buying the phone I made the first phone call to my mom to let her know about the purchase. Then I made the very second call to my father and he was pleased as well about the event. I reached home with some traditional foods and fruits to celebrate the event. I am the youngest member in my entire family and I am learning and earning simultaneously. But working in a call centre as a part-timer is truly a hefty task. The call pressures were unbearable while the number of daysoff were limited. I had to undergo stressful situations. On the other side, it was difficult for me to save money for the phone after all the expenses. It took nearly seven months for me to arrange all the money for this iPhone 6. Besides, my parents were happy that their son has bought the phone with his own expenses. They were, in fact, very proud of me.

When I went home with the iPhone, I was surprised that there were many people to congratulate me. It was not the event that officially I became the owner of an iPhone 6 rather they came to inspire me on my success on saving the money to buy a pricy phone. I found my maternal and paternal uncles, aunties, some my father's friends, and my grandparents. I actually was amazed at their felicitations for me. All of them praised me highly and blessed me too for the future success. It appeared that I am a kid of six years and they are advising me. I was glad, indeed, for their cordial appreciation to my attempt.

My father is a rich businessman in Singapore and one of the elites in our locality. He can do any legal thing whatever he wants and arranging an iPhone

of latest model for his son (me) is a minor issue for a man like him. But I wanted to have the phone with my own earning. I am highly attracted to the electronic gadgets and try to keep in touch with them. But it appears shameful to me to ask for money to parents every time to get the latest version of those gadgets. So, I planned that if I save some money from my daily expense, I could get the iPhone 6 that I have desired for a long. Accordingly, I saved dollars for long seven months and finally my dream came true. I bought the iPhone 6 with my own money, my heard earned money. So, the event was very special to me

Model Answer 2:

Recently, I have completed my graduation from Mills College in Oakland. And it was a special occasion for me indeed. Thank you so much for the question. It reminds me of the hard work that I invested before the exam days. I will describe the events now.

It was the occasion of the graduation ceremony and I was expecting the day from long ago. In fact, I had been waiting for the day for some reasons. Without the graduation certificate, I was unable to apply for a suitable job for me. So, it was necessary for me to get the certificate and I was eagerly waiting for the day to arrive. At last, it came in my life.

I celebrated the day amid great festivity. I went early in the morning at the college wearing a special gown. Usually, the classes began about 8.00am and the examinations were held after a convenient time. But since it was a special day for me, I went so that I can prepare for any other thing. After the certificates were distributed, I took pictures with my friends. When the ceremony was over, I with some of my friends went to have some fun and foods. It was really a remarkable day in my life. To achieve the graduation, I had to undergo lots of sufferings and struggles. Therefore, it was a very special day to me.

The day began with meeting my friends in the college. Later, before the ceremony began, my parents arrived at the venue. The parents of other friends also arrived there. Everyone was happy to attend the graduation ceremony of their wards. So, it was a kind of nice get together too. My parents started socialising with the other parents while some of them appeared to be formerly familiar to my family. I spent my time with my friends as it was a kind of the last meeting with them except the intimate friends.

My graduation ceremony was very special to me for some certain reasons. The most important matter about the ceremony was the declaration of myself as a graduate. With the official declaration from the college, I became a graduate. In fact, I was trying to be self-reliant and seeking job opportunities for myself. But without being a complete graduate, it was not possible to get a full-time job. So, I was eagerly waiting for the day to arrive when I will be declared as a graduate. Besides, it was also the day when all my efforts of past few years were evaluated through the declaration and certificate distribution. Based on all the facts, the day had a special meaning to me. And I am proud to be a graduate.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a special occasion in your life."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe something you have recently bought.
- Describe a device or tool you own.
- Describe something important you own.
- Describe something you bought for which you had to save money.
- Describe a happy event you can recall.
- Talk about a happy moment in your life.
- Describe a day you remember well.
- Describe something you did that others appreciated.
- Describe a technological device or tool you own.

Describe a small and successful company.

You should say:

- where it is
- how you know this company
- who runs this company

and explain why you think it to be a successful company.

[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:

'Unique Design' is a website designing company headquartered in Delhi. This is a small IT firm that mostly deals with the designing of a website and provides other web related necessary services.

The company is located in Shapir Jat, opposite to the Asian Game Village in New Delhi. The company serves different clients with the services like programming, graphic design, web hosting, web management, web consultancy, Search Engine Optimization (SEO), and few other specific tasks related to online business. This is a small company and thus the relationship with the clients and the company authority is friendlier than the large corporations. The company has designed and developed stunning websites and graphic designs which have been admired by both national and international clients.

I am familiar with the company as my friends are the founder. All the founder members of 'Unique Design' are my friends and we have been brought up in the same locality in New Delhi. Even we share some familial relations as well. They started the company in 2009 and experienced different ups and downs to run the company. Besides, the initiatives undertaken by the company is also publicised in local newspapers and media. Often they have also advertised to grab the clients' attentions. Gradually, they started receiving clients and grow their business.

The company is run by an executive committee which is made of a chairman and two directors. All of the executive committee members work here. In fact, they hold the positions during any meeting or at any conference to represent the company. In the other times, they are the employees of the company. Besides, there are five other employees working with the company on different roles including designing, programming and content development. There are nine members altogether in this IT firm who are managing all the daily activities.

This is a successful company is several aspects. Firstly, the company is growing. Earlier, in the starting days, the company had only three staffs (the executive body members) who had to cover up all the necessary works. They also funded for the firm and born all the expenses until they experienced profits. Unique Design has successfully completed numerous projects and still many of the projects are in the pipeline. They are successful because they have created

employment for six other staffs, they have shifted to a new location, their office set up is decorative, they have special equipment for performing specific tasks and overall they are growing gradually. Now the Unique Design might be a small company but for their extraordinary performance and expanding client list, it is anticipated that within next five years, it will be a leading IT Firm in the country.

Model Answer 2:

My friend David has opened a home delivery company to deliver goods and services in his own locality. His company has become successful within a short time after initiation. Thank you for the question and I will describe the matter in brief now.

The company office is located on the top floor of the apartment where David lives with his parents. This is a crowded locality and people need numerous daily necessaries. And if the things could be sent at the doorsteps, the consumers become happier. So, David opened the company in this suburb of Florence in Italy.

I came to know about the company first from David. He told that he wanted to start a company that will deliver products and services to the doorstep of customers when the customers will buy them from online stores. Though the idea was old, and there were some suspicions about company's success, finally it survived. The beginning was a bit troublesome for it. Finding the customers was the most difficult part for survival. Besides, maintaining the service quality was another challenge. However, David did not compromise with any of the matters and started working hard on the project for about one year. He is now successful and has expanded the company.

David is the owner of the company but for executing the other responsibilities, he has some assistants. In the beginning, David used to do all the things and even he played the role of delivery man as well to grow the business. Now his company has been expanded to some other levels too. It has become possible for the earnest efforts from his staffs and other officials. Everyone related to the company is sincere about their duties and responsibilities. So, they gained popularity in the locality.

This is a successful company for many reasons. It delivers different products and services as a third party. When people order something from any online store located in any specific locality. This company has become a successful one within a short time after establishment for its devotion to the business. It never makes late to deliver the products. For instance, you bought an earring from an online shop and the company will deliver the product within next six hours to your doorstep. This company has a close connection with the online shop owners. When the order is placed in the shop, the company agent is informed about that specific order and moves to deliver the product or service on the destination. The company is committed to gain customer satisfaction and works day and night. The company agents are ready to serve you even at the midnight. For all such reasons, I think this is a successful company.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a small and successful company."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe small company from your hometown.
- Describe a business run by your friends of family members.
- Describe a type of business you would like to own.
- Describe a creative company you know about.
- Describe an office or business you have visited.

Describe something you would like to do if you were given a day off.

You should say:

- what you will do
- where you will do it
- what you will need to do it

and explain why you will need day off to do 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 1:

Day off is a rare thing for me due to my occupational engagement. I am a gymnasium instructor by profession and thus I have to remain busy round the

week or month.

If I could get a day off, suddenly, I will do only a single thing. Though there a wide number of tasks to pass a day off, I will follow a different idea. I like to watch Hollywood movies and in fact, I am a fan of action and drama movies made in Hollywood. So, when I will get the day off, I would like to watch movies. I have a huge collection of DVDs but I cannot enjoy those for the want of time. I have a plan to watch as much of the movies possible in a single day. Thus, I have accumulated the movies and waiting for an unexpected day off from the role of a gym instructor.

Watching movies is fun when you will have companies. But in this case, I would like to watch the movie on my residence where nobody could reach me. The taste of watching movies alone is also different. I have a small living room at my home which is decorated with a nice set of sofa, a television, and few small chairs. I will play the movie on the television with the DVD player and sit back on the sofa. This is my own special style for watching movies. I try to have a comfortable position and thus move my legs frequently while I am sitting on the sofa. Sometimes I bend my legs and sit on the sofa and some other times I keep the legs straight and touching the ground.

To watch the movies, I will need a personal computer to play the movies. But a television set with a DVD player will also do the same. Though I have a personal computer, it is located in my bedroom and I cannot bring it in the living room for lack of space. So, I will use the television set with the DVD player. The television set hangs on the wall while the DVD player is connected to the television with a cable. Besides, I will also need a set of large amplifiers. Usually, small amplifiers cannot create a loud environment which is a must for enjoying movies. Sometimes, I may in need of snacks, so enough snacks should be with me during the movie watching hours.

Life is getting busier. Managing extra times for leisure is rare in the current days. With the modernization of the civilisation, people are getting engaged with their respective activities. So, they cannot perform the desired things they want to do. I am also like the other common people who are always busy. So, having a day off is of great importance to me. Despite being a movie lover, I cannot manage enough time to enjoy movies. Due to my engagement with the gymnasium, I have to be occupied. A good number of people come to the gym at different times of the day and I have to instruct them accordingly. So, if I could get the day off, it would be of great help to me. It will allow me enjoying

the movies that I have been longing to watch for a long time.

Model Answer 2:

I love to participate in outdoor activities. If I get a day off, I would like to spend the entire day amid the outdoor activities. This is a great question to answer and thank you for it. Here is a brief description of the day.

I will spend the entire day in various outdoor activities. I have a plan to pass the day by hiking or by cycling in the hiking trails. Besides, I also wish to visit some of the historical places of Greece that will enrich my knowledge. Moreover, I have another plan to spend the evening by sitting near a beach to enjoy the sunset.

Greece is an ancient city. It has many parts to visit. Though I have been born and brought up in Athens, I have not completed visiting the entire country. So, if I get a day off, I will move to any specific place at the night before the day off and start the day from the desired place. Before moving to the place, I will make some home works about the location and if the things are available that I want to participate in. Moreover, I also need to make a detailed expenditure plan for the purpose.

The first and most important thing I need for the purpose is the day off. I am in need of it very badly. In fact, working as a sales executive does not allow me to enjoy the day off properly. Whenever I am in a day off, I get phone calls from my office or from any potential client to meet with them in a specific time and place. So, I need to move out of the home in here and there even if it is my day off. Besides, I will also need some money to bear the costs. In fact, the expenses are still in a tolerable limit in here but I will need to reserve some money for unwanted situations.

I will need a day off to do all the things. Actually, they are not my regular activities. Each of them will take a certain amount of time to continue. These activities are out of my regular routine and I want to enjoy them completely. Therefore, to enjoy them, I need a day off. I want to walk for an hour beside the sea beach but it is not possible on the regular days. I want to sail a ship from noon till the evening. But this is too impossible in a regular working day. I need to remain busy with the professional activities. Only a day off can allow me with plenty of time to do all the desired things. Therefore, I need a day off to do the things.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe something you would like to do if you were given a day off."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe something you do during your weekend.
- Describe an activity you would like to take part in.
- Describe your favourite pastime activity.
- Talk about something you like to do.
- Describe something you like to do at home.

Describe a place where you can read and write.

You should say:

- where this place is
- how you know about this place
- what you do there

and explain why you think it is a good place for reading and writing.

[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:

In my rooftop, I usually perform my reading and writing tasks. The place is just above my room in which house I live in Port Elizabeth.

My grandfather established the house and hence the house is old fashioned. But that has become a blessing for me. Due to the fact that it is an old-fashioned house, there are lots of empty spaces there. The house owns a large garden and a spacious roof located on the third floor. With the permission of my parents and other family members, I have made a room of my own at the roof and use that only for study. The surrounding environment is beautiful and the windows allow me to look at the bright sky whenever I come to the room for reading or writing purposes. The room is located in a corner of the roof so that the other people could use the roof for their respective purposes. Thereby, now I am grateful to my grandfather for making the house in an

antique style.

When I was a kid, I was sent to a boarding school. During the vacations, I used to visit home for two or three weeks. It was a daily routine for me to play with my cousins in the garden. Often we played hide and seek whereas the roof was the perfect place to hide. Gradually, when I grew up and left my school, I thought that the roof would be a nice place for me to set a reading room where I can pass my days and nights. Accordingly, I took initiatives. The roof was large in size and it was empty entirely. So, I planned to make a small garden and a room for me. But I also applied conditions that the room would be opened for all and at any time of the day. Thus, everyone agreed with my proposal.

When I come to the small room on the roof, I feel better. It helps me to feel myself. The room has a small desk with a chair, a rocker, a bed, a personal computer, and a bookshelf. Sometimes I read books sitting on the rocking chair and often I lie on the bed if I feel sleepy during the book reading hours. Often I write on the desk using pens and papers. The bookshelf has a vast collection. Most of the books belong to my father and grandfather. I read books on different subjects as there are books on history, novel, adventure and more others. Often my cousins come here to enjoy movies and I also accompany them.

This is like a small heaven for me. I can see the entire sky when I come here. The bustles of a city are absent here. The entire environment is peaceful here. When the flower plants spread a wild smell, it makes me amazed. Besides, during the moonlit night, the environment turns wonderful and reading becomes easier. I can pay attention in such nights and the surrounding environment also enables me to write several literary pieces. I try reading books at the day times and during the midday it appears that I am alone in this universe for the unimaginable silence. Usually, I write at night and my writing table becomes flooded with the light of the moon. In a word reading and writing in this room is a heavenly experience for me.

Model Answer 2:

The library is the best place to me to read and write. In fact, I use the library facility of the University of Science, Malaysia. This is the perfect venue for me to complete my academic activities. Thank you for this great question. I am really feeling proud to have the chance of answering the question.

The library is inside the university campus. This is one of the enriched libraries in the country and contains a huge number of books of diversified issues. Only the students are allowed to use the library facility. Besides, the environment inside is also outstanding. Everyone is busy with their respective activities. Either they are reading or they are writing but in silent mode.

I was unaware about the library facility of the university. So, after I was admitted to the university, I was seeking a suitable place for me to focus on my study. I could have done it in my own room but it there were some technical troubles. I had to share the room with two other mates and it was not possible for me to provide the right amount of attention to my studies. Thereby, I was looking for a suitable place. One day, while I was reading in the classroom after the class, one of my classmates told me about the library. He took me there and I came to know about the place.

Usually, I pass the day inside the library. I am in love with the place. There are lots of books and other reading materials. A notable number of students are always there to study and complete their other academic activities. In line with the other students, I have become a regular one to move for the library after the class. If I do not have anything to do, I pass my times by reading books inside the library. Besides, this is the place where I can find the peace of mind. Passing times with books helps me to understand myself. I can focus on my studies. I also use some reference books to get support for my assignments and much more. All the things are highly beneficial for me.

This is a very good place for reading and writing. First of all, this is a library where you can have the required silence. In some other places, the favourable condition to study is not available. Besides, you also can have the chances to explore books of various writers and interest. You do not need to buy books for each of your subject or course. Moreover, you can take the books home as well in case of necessity. Considering all the matters, I think a library is a perfect place for reading, writing or performing other academic activities.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a place where you can read and write."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a place where you like to spend your time.
- Describe your favourite place.
- Describe a library.
- Describe your study room.
- Describe a quiet place you know about.

Describe a gift you bought for others that took you a long time to choose.

You should say:

- what is was
- who you gave it to
- how you chose it

and explain why you spend long time choosing 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 1:

It was simply a set of tablespoons and forks that took long hours for me to find out. I noticed the spoons at the residence of one of my maternal uncles and asked him about the location where he bought from. But he replied that he had no ideas about the spoons and forks as he received them as gifts.

In fact, it was a set of finely made spoons covered with simple designs. The spoons arrested my attention as those were different from the ordinary spoons. The medium-sized silver spoons were a bit heavier than the ordinary ones. The spoons were shining in the light. I was invited to the uncle's house for a familial dinner and then noticed the spoons and forks. I have never seen such a combined attractive spoon set and wanted to have a batch for my family or to present someone I admire. The set contained twelve table spoons with twelve forks.

After my graduation from Paris, I came to Singapore to handle our family business. There I met with Sally, one of my closest friends in Paris. She invited me to attend her marriage in Singapore as she had also settled there. Since I was invited as a guest, I needed to arrange for some gift to present her on the

day. Accordingly, I planned for giving her the spoons. I knew that the bunch of spoons will make her happy and whenever she will use those they will remind her my gifts . As per my thought, I bought the spoons. There was a dozen of tablespoons accompanied with a dozen of forks. I also added a dozen of knives with the spoons to make it a complete set of dinner assistive instruments.

Choosing was a difficult task for me. Firstly I am highly busy with my family business which deals with importing food crops and grains from different countries. Thereby, it was difficult for me to manage time to get the spoons. Besides, I was unaware to about the location where I could get the items. I had to visit different shopping malls and street markets to get them. Finally, I found the spoons at an importer's store at a corner of a street market after a lot of troubles and visits to different markets.

I had to spend a lot of time to get the items. It took nearly a week for me to get them and I had to visit different places each of the days. I spent a huge time to get the spoons as those were highly attractive. The outlooks of the spoons and forks were gorgeous and there was no excessiveness in the design. They were strong and it appeared to me that the spoons will be durable. Moreover, the seller said that there would be no dents or spots on the spoons and he assured that he would be responsible for any sort of damages within three years. So, I got the spoons and extended the list with the knives.

Model Answer 2:

It was the second birthday of my nephew. I had been looking for a toy train for him to present marking the day. But I did not get the desired piece. So, it took long times for me to find out the right toy train set for the baby.

In my childhood, I was presented with a toy train set from one of my relatives. It was a nice piece of toy set that had one locomotive with four other waggons. Besides, it had a railway track that needed to be assembled before playing with the train. That was a nice experience for me. So, I wanted to get the similar set of toy for the baby so that it also would get a pleasant experience.

It was my nephew from my elder sister. He just has stepped in two. I have a very good relation with this baby boy and do lots of things with him. In fact, he is so adorable that I always want to be with this baby. Moreover, the baby is also fond of me and loves to be with me. When I go to visit my sister, I take something for this baby and it becomes pleased. But when I attempt to get out

of their home, the baby tries to stop me and stay with him. Based on all the grounds, I wanted to give him the very best gift to play with.

The selection process was filled with complexity. It is really difficult to find out the right gift for someone. Before the gift selection, one needs to consider some aspects about the recipient like as the preference of the recipient, the colour of the present, celebration theme, and many more issues. Though this was simply a birthday, I needed to consider some of the aforesaid matters. He was a small boy of two years of age. So, I need to focus on his entertainment issues. After thinking a lot, I find the toy train will be the best one for this little boy. Accordingly, I managed the toy train set.

It took a long time to choose the present. First of all, I wanted to buy some sorts of cars or other types of toys for the baby. But later, I realised that they boy would not be able to play with cars. The cars need to be controlled by using remote controller. He is not matured enough to control a car using the remote controller. Besides, such toys are not suitable for kids of two. But there are no such issues with a toy train. Once the train track is set, you can place the train on the track and it will move by itself. The boy will be delighted. So, I spend a long time to get this specific toy set.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a gift you bought for others that took you a long time to choose."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a gift you gave to someone.
- Describe something you gave to a friend recently.
- Describe a gift or present you gave to someone.

Describe a person who likes to travel by plane.

You should say:

- who this person is
- how you know this person
- where this person travels to

and explain why this person likes to travel by plane.

[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:

Travelling is always pleasant, and if it is on a plane the joys know no bounds. Travelling on air has some special benefits and there are some people who prefer to travel on an aeroplane for some specific reasons.

Mr Nicholas Alberto, a Spanish national and businessman whom I share the apartment in Paris, loves to travel by plane. He is a perfect gentleman and I have never seen him travel by road for his business and other purposes. In fact, he loves to travel y planes for some benefits. The first and most important benefit, according to Mr Alberto, is the comfort. When he travels on a plane, he feels more comfortable than travelling by road or by sea. Besides, he prefers the speed. He believes that air travel is the speediest medium of transport. In fact, there are some truths in his belief. Travelling by air saves more time than travelling by the other possible means. He also adores the safety issues. To him, air travel is almost risk-free.

I am a student of Paris College of Art and live in a rented apartment in Paris. My parents live in Strasbourg. Since my father is a government employee, he cannot leave his station and my mother is a high school teacher. So, I have to live alone in the city and I hired an apartment here to live in. As it was a bit expensive for me, I advertised for a roommate to be with me in the apartment. Accordingly, Mr Alberto arrived and both of us started sharing the apartment. It has been about three and a half years we are living under the same roof. He is a gentleman and most of the time he remains out of the home for his business purposes. But he shares the rent and some other necessary expenses for the apartment with me.

Mr Alberto has different business and he is solely responsible to look after all the things. So, he is always busy. He imports olive oil from Spain and distributes those in the local markets. Sometimes he also imports spices from different countries to be sold to the superstores and markets. As a result, he is always in a hurry. To maintain liaison with the Spanish businessmen and other people he has to travel in different parts of the globe. Sometimes he travels to Spain, his native land, sometimes in Asian countries including India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka to collect spices and other food ingredients. I heard him saying that he also travelled to the South American countries and have

travelled almost half of the world.

Mr Alberto has some special theories of his own and he always follows them. I have some travelling experiences with him and found that he is fond of comfort. He never compromises with comfort even if he is to pay some extra bucks. Since the air travel is more comfortable, he travels by plane in every case. But if he is to travel inside France, he never uses the public transports rather hires cars from the car rentals even if it is a half an hour journey. Another important issue is that he is to maintain deadlines. If he is late to reach the destinations, he may have to experience losses. So, he does not want to take risks in this case. Travelling by planes is speedier and takes less time to reach places out of France. Besides, the travelling by plane is economic in many cases. You do not need to wait in a queue for tickets or suffer the solar heat in a clogged road. For all these reasons, Mr Alberto travels by planes in most of the time.

Model Answer 2:

Travelling by plane is one of the easiest ways to move to different places. So, Mr. Roberto likes to travel by plane always. This is an interesting question and here I will describe Mr. Roberto and his habit of travelling by air.

Mr. Roberto is a professional coach and works for a local football team here in Spain. I am not citing the name of the team for some reasons. However, this is the man who always travels by airplane. After him, there are huge benefits of air travel and whenever he needs to move from cities, he prefers the air routes.

I went to learn to play football at the local football club. In fact, it was an attempt to regain my fitness. I was seriously ill for past few months and lost my fitness. My doctor advised me to participate in outdoor activities and possibly to run. As part of the advice, I decided to take part in football. So, finding out some connections, I went to the local sporting club to get admission as a student. They had a schedule of teaching football in the early morning. On the very first day of the training, I met with Mr. Roberto. He introduced himself as the coach of the local team and instructor in this football club.

Mr. Roberto is a very busy person and needs to travel in and out of Spain for his coaching purposes. Sometimes, he also needs to be present in different national and international football matches. So, whenever he needs to travel

out of the city and to a long distance, he prefers airplane. He mostly visits in various national and international stadiums. There he either watches the matches or goes to train up the players. In fact, his presence in the stadium encourages the players to win the match. So, he is desired everywhere.

To be frank about Mr. Roberto, he does not use the airplane for luxury. He is always in hurry. So, to meet the deadlines or to be present in important meetings, he needs to move from one place to another. He is a man who moves round the day and thus he needs a speedy mode of transport. The other transportation modes are not as speedy as an airplane is. Besides, attending an important meeting might not be possible if he is not in time at the meeting venue. He might get late to reach the other city due to a heavy traffic or other reasons. Therefore, he has picked the best mode to move. It is actually something more than a luxury for him. Definitely, this is an expensive transportation medium but he bears all the costs by himself. Consequently, he has become an iconic coach.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a person who likes to travel by plane."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe someone you know who travels a lot.
- Describe an interesting person you know about.
- Describe someone adventurous you know about.

Describe a time when you waited for something or someone.

You should say:

- who or what you waited for
- when and how long you waited for the person or thing
- where you waited

and explain why you waited for the person or thing.

[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:

Waiting is always unpleasant but we cannot avoid it. Sometimes we are to wait even we do not want to. In last week, I also had to wait for a friend who came to my place for attending my elder sister's marriage ceremony.

Though I invited few of my college friends to attend the ceremony, all of them could not attend due to their private business and send me their regrets for their absence. But, Stephen Robert, one of my closest friends attended the ceremony and I went at the Amaravati railways station in Maharashtra. Robert came from Delhi where he lives with his family in India. Mostly his family belongs to Britain and since his parents are working at the local British embassy, he is to stay with them. Both Robert and I are in the same college and share a deep friendship. So, he arrived finally after keeping me waited for about two and a half hour.

Right before the day of the marriage ceremony, he arrived at Maharashtra. Since he is unfamiliar with the locality, he asked me to go to the Amaravati station to bring him at my home. Accordingly, I reached the station about 20 minutes before of the train's arrival. But I had to wait long (2.5 hours) as the train missed the schedule. The train made late due to an accident that derailed another train filled with cargo. So, the train could not move until the distressed waggons and locomotive were removed. I wanted to get back home but Robert asked me to wait. He was a bit afraid as this was his first solo travel. So, I had to wait for him.

Waiting was not that much unsatisfactory as I read books on the platform. There were many small benches attached to the ground. I took my seat at a corner and started reading a thriller. By the same time, I was listening songs from my iPod. I also took some snacks from a nearby store. However, the waiting period was not that much pleasant as the station is a crowded place. Trains from different stations are arriving here while some of the passengers are boarding and the rest other are descending. Porters are moving here and there in search of work. The entire station turns lively when a train arrives and becomes calm when the train leaves the station. I have found that some of the people were there to see off their relations. It was truly painful to see someone cry.

I, in fact, waited for Robert for some specific reasons. Firstly, he is a stranger in my locality. The second issue is that he was travelling a long distance. It took

over 24 hours for him to reach Maharashtra from Delhi. When he asked me to stay at the station, I replied him that I will. But I did not have the idea that train will be late. But I waited for the long hours on my moral ground. After all, he is my invited guest and I must be there to receive him. I could have sent someone else at the station but he said that he would be happier to see me there. Considering all the issues, I went to the station and waited until he reached.

Model Answer 2:

Recently, I had to wait for one of my teachers in the university. I had to wait for long three hours continuously to meet him. It was an interesting experience to me. Thank you for asking such a nice question and I will explain the entire issue here.

I had to wait to meet Mr. Rokuro Nori, a professor of history at Kyoto University. In fact, he was my mentor and supervisor for my thesis in the ancient history of Japan. I had to submit the thesis report to him for final checking before the submission to the department. He asked me to meet him in the morning but he himself made late to arrive in the university. Later he expressed his regrets for the unwanted delay. In fact, he really made a great delay. Some other students also had to wait like me before his chamber in the university compound.

As per our conversation on the telephone, Mr. Nori told me to be at his chamber at around 9.00 am. Accordingly, I reached at the university before it was 9.00 am. I took my breakfast at the university eatery as I could not take it at home for making a rush. When I reached his office, I found it was locked and he did not arrive. When I made a phone call to him, it was unattended. The other students present there also tried to reach him but he did not respond over any of the approaches. He finally came at the university when it was almost noon. He explained the reasons behind the late and not responding to the phone calls. Actually, he was in a bit trouble with his wife and had hospitalised her immediately for the abdominal disorder. He had to be too busy to handle the situations and thus he was unable to respond. So, there was late, he explained.

There are some sitting arrangements before each of the teachers' room. The arrangements are done so that the students could wait before meeting the teachers. I took a seat and waited for the hours. Suddenly, I found that the

seats were filled up by many other students and there was some noise. So, later, to avoid the noise, I started walking in the adjacent corridor. When I came back to sit again, I found my seat was occupied by another student. So, I could not find any other place to sit and waited on foot. After one and half hour, I went out to have some light snacks. I took some snacks and went back to the corridor again. It appeared that the time has been slowed down. The moments appeared longer than they usually are. At last, it was over when the teacher came.

I had to wait for Mr. Nori for some specific reasons. He was my thesis supervisor. In fact, without his help, it was impossible for me to complete the thesis course. So, I needed his support badly. Besides, he was the mentor for me and I have learnt a good number of issues from him. This was the final meeting and he told me that he will approve the draft if there are no revisions needed. Earlier, I revised the thesis paper for seven consecutive times and now have completed the draft. He approved the thesis paper and asked me to submit it to the department following the standard submission process (bookbinding). Following his directives, I submitted the thesis and passed the course. If I could not meet him on that day, I might have to suffer a semester loss.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a time when you waited for something or someone."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Talk about an event when you had to wait for a long.
- Describe a situation when had to wait for someone.
- Describe a moment when you got irritated.

Describe an electronic machine you want to buy.

You should say:

- what it is
- how you knew about this machine
- what specific features you want from it

and explain why you want to buy this machine.

[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:

The computer is one of the latest inventions and we cannot do a day without the help of computers. It is a must in our life and I want to have a laptop computer for me as I have to travel in different places for my occupational purposes.

Though I have a desktop computer at home and another one at my office, I want to get a laptop of a renowned brand. There are several reasons for this decision. Firstly I have to travel in many parts of the country for research purposes. So, when I am on my trip, it becomes tougher for me to communicate with the office or other relevant people. If I have a laptop computer with me, I could be easily communicating with them. Moreover, carrying a laptop is easier than shifting a desktop computer. Being a light device, I can keep it with me always wherever I go and with a modem, I could be connected to my virtual world as well.

The laptop is a familiar electronic machine in the current days. I came to know about the use of laptop from my real life experience. Once I went in Andhra Pradesh, a southeastern region in India, for some research works. I had no such electronic machine with me to preserve the research data. I had to script them manually and take the copies with me always. But unfortunately, some of the scripts were missing that made me suffer a lot. When I returned my office, I noticed the issue and could not recover the data as I did not know where I lost them. If I had a laptop, I could have preserved them well. Hence, the necessity to have a laptop appeared in my mind and I came to know about different types of laptops.

A laptop has many features and specifically mobility is the top of them. I will be able to carry the little machine everywhere and start working with that. Power saving is another feature for a laptop. Often I go to places where there are limited electricity facilities and with a laptop, I could work without electricity for longer hours as laptop batteries preserve power. Moreover, I could be connected with the Internet always and transfer or receive necessary data with my office. Often I need to reach my family members and with a laptop, I could use the communicating software like Skype or Google Hangout to talk or chat

with them. Working always may appear boring and I could also use the laptop to watch movies or to play songs.

Laptop is a tiny attractive machine. It is available in different size and shape and I would like to have a small piece among them. There are many reasons to have a laptop and mobility is one of them (as I said earlier). I think a laptop will make my life effective. It will help preserving time and efforts. Writing research proposals and reports manually is difficult indeed. With a laptop, I can do the tasks smoothly and effectively. Usually, I waste my leisure hours without any effective act but if I have a laptop, definitely I would use that for some effective purposes like scripting any proposal or proofing any document or read books. It will be a part of my daily life.

Model Answer 2:

Recently I have got married and started to form my family. As part of building the family, I am in need of various stuff for my home and a refrigerator is a notable one. I want to buy a refrigerator. Thank you for the question and I will describe the matter now.

A refrigerator is an electronic device that helps to preserve food, and other stuff in a cold environment. Usually, this is used to store foods, beverages in a cold environment so that they could be used at a later date. This is a modern device and has become a must for a family. Almost every family has a refrigerator and they use it in their everyday life. In fact, it has become a part and parcel of the families.

There is a saying that necessity is the father of invention. The statement is true and I came to know about the machine at an early age when my family started using it. At first, I was amazed by its feature and glad that my family have one. Later, I came to know about its use gradually. But my mum did not allow me to open the refrigerator alone as I kept that open for a long time. Further, when I felt hot, I used to open the refrigerator, sat inside it to feel comfortable. It was in my childhood. But when I grew up, there were no such issues.

A refrigerator is a machine that helps to preserve foods. For instance, you have bought a can of meat and cannot finish the entire can in a day. So, you need to preserve that. But if you put the can in an open space, the meat inside will be rotten. If you preserve it in a refrigerator, the meat will remain edible in the can. So, I need my refrigerator to be efficient enough to preserve almost all

types of foods and drinks. Further, it should also come with ice making the feature. There are some refrigerators that do not have the features. But I love ice creams and if I have the feature, I will make ice creams whenever I need.

I want to buy this machine for some reasons. First of all, I and my wife both are service holders. I am a sales executive and she is a school teacher. So, we need to stay out of home for a long time in a day. It is impossible for us to cook the foods daily. If the cooked foods are preserved in the refrigerator, it would be helpful for us. We are in fact in a shortage of time. The machine will help to save our valuable times. This is the key reason for buying a refrigerator.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe an electronic machine you want to buy."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe something you have recently bought.
- Describe a tool or device you find very useful.
- Describe a tool or electronic device you use at home.
- Describe the best gift you have ever received.
- Describe something you want to buy.
- Describe something you had to save money to buy.

Describe a long walk you ever had.

You should say:

- when this happened
- where you walked
- who you were with

and explain how you felt about this long walk.

[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:

During the last summer, in 2015, I went to Greece with my parents and other family members and had a long walk on the Olympus Mountain range. The

walking lasted for about three and a half hours.

We walked through the entire range and enjoyed the natural beauties of the local areas. The mountain is considered as the second highest mountain in the country and also admired by both the local and international travellers for its association with the Greek mythology. Many events have taken place in the mountain and it was the residence of 12 Gods of Greek mythology. But currently, the hiking route and the natural beauty is the key attraction for the travellers. The walking routes contained large croplands, peaks, places for collecting foods and other necessary materials etc.

We started the walking using the international hiking path at the E4 starts and the walking ended at the Enipea springs. The entire walking distance was about 1100 meters. During the walking passage, we experienced some stunning natural scenes. The walking trails were marked clearly and there were many ascents and descents across the entire route which made the walking more enjoyable. When we started the walking, the river was left to us and we crossed some beautiful bridges made with wood. We also visited the Agios Dionysios Monastery, a beautiful place. The views of the Enipea waterfalls are breathtaking. Though there were some troubles to ascent and descent on the trail, the entire walking was enjoyable to me.

I was accompanied by my family at the walk. The family members contained my parents, my elder brother and sister and my pet dog. We reached at the entrance with a car and then started the journey. It was interesting for me to walk such a long distance but all the other members could not enjoy like me. As I regularly participate in my college sports, I am physically more fit than the other members. Consequently, my parents and the elder sister had to experience some troubles. They were lagging behind often and could not keep pace with me and my elder brother. Besides, they just took breaks after every ten minutes with the excuse to drink water. However, it was a nice journey for us all.

It was my long desire to go for a long walk or hiking in the mountain. I have many experiences to walk in flat lands but walking ins a mountain trail was a completely new experience for me. During the walk in meadows, I did not have to undergo any stress but in this mountain walk, in fact, I had to take some stress like the other family members. They stopped frequently, but I controlled myself from the taking regular breaks, Moreover, the ascent and descent of the geographical structure also had some impacts on my body as during the

upward slopes, I had to rely on the stick on my hand and sometimes I extended my hand to my mom while my elder helped my sister. When we reached near the waterfalls, everyone seemed to be relaxed as the journey was over.

Model Answer 2:

I have never walked so much before the day of official hiking as a scout in my school. It was the longest walk of my life and had a great experience. It was an expedition for me and my team of scouts. Thank you for the question, and it reminds me of my school days.

I was involved into scouting in my school days and took part in many adventurous activities. As part of the scouting, I had to be the member of the hiking team. The team explored the entire city on foot. It was really a nice experience. But I had some difficulties with walking as I had to carry a certain amount of load on my back.

I walked across the city of Beverly Hills. It is a very beautiful city and attracts people most for the good number of places. The walk was made to make the city familiar to us. Besides, there were some rules and regulations. The city also aimed to help us know about the road signs, how to walk and cross the streets and more other matters related to the street walking. Besides, the hiking was also enjoyable as it was planned to make us feel us a strange feeling. During the walk, I lost direction several times and had to be on the track. It was interesting and felt very happy.

It was a teamwork. So, I had to be with my team of scouts. The team consisted of five other members. Each of us was assigned with different responsibilities. Someone was assigned to carry the water bottle while the another one was carrying biscuits and other snacks. I was walking with the city map. The route crossed almost all the streets of the city. And we had to follow the directions to reach our destination. After walking for about three and half hours, we reached the destination that was shown on the map. We discovered that we could have reached there within less of the time that we spent if we were told directly to be at the place.

It was a memorable walk for me. I have had a different experience here. I walked before but those were for short times. But this was a long walk and I walked continuously. Sweating was a constant companion to me. Finding the directions and signs on the street was extremely difficult for me. Walking with

an opened map was also troublesome. Whenever I made a mistake to find out the direction, I had to experience hot words from the other mates. But when we reached the destination, they thanked me generously. In an overall consideration, it was a nice walk for me indeed.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a long walk you ever had."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe something interesting you recently did.
- Describe a long walk you had with someone.
- Describe a journey you remember well.

Describe your best friend.

You should say:

- who is he/she
- how long you two are friends
- what you do together

and explain why you think s/he is your best friend.

[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:

The human cannot live alone and thus requires friends. The trend has been on since the inception of the civilisation. I also have many friends and have usually pass moments with them. But Jacob Stallin is my best friend.

One might have a good number of friends in different forums but not everyone is considered as the best friend. A best friend should have some specific qualities and responsibilities. Jacob Stallin, a boy of 17 is my best friend for some specific reasons. He is a kind hearted boy and behaves very well with everyone. He proudly owns an adventurer –like look and has a very special hairstyle. He never combs his hair or uses any sort of hair care element. He has a manly look for his large brown eyes and wide forehead. With his sharp nose, he looks wonderful as well. He lives with his family in the block we live in.

We are familiar for around eight years. When I was a child of nine years, my father shifted in the current location (Davao City in southern Philippine). He is a businessman and shifted in this coastal city with the aim to enlarge his business. When I was admitted to the local school, I met with the local students and all of them accepted me cordially. However, there were some invisible distances among us and at last I found that Jacob is also like me. His family also shifted there a few months ago. Since both of us could not be familiar with the local children, we planned to be together. Already eight years have passed since we met first and hope our friendship will last till our death. By the period of eight years, we have had many quarrels but everything was okay after a few moments. In fact, Jacob and I understand each other very well and thus the troubles do not last longer.

We do a lot of things together. The first thing is study. Both of us help each other in studies since we are in the same grade. During or before the academic tests, we share our views and take notes. Often we exchange notes of different subjects and try to make the texts clearer to each other. Sometimes we move for an outing in far places using bicycles. Fishing is a great task for us. We catch fish from the Davao River. Sometimes we board on boats and move towards the sea for fishing. That is the most important way for us to get entertained. Besides, both of us like to enjoy movies at theatre halls. Whenever we see an advertisement of any new movie, we immediately rush to the theatre. During the familiar events, both of us are invited to our respective families and it appears that we have turned the part of the families. All of the family members are well aware of our activities and love us unconditionally.

There are many reasons to pick him as my best friend. When I was isolated in my school, he came forward to accompany me in my distress. The cultural mismatch was one of the key causes of the mismatch with the local children though they initially appreciated me for arriving from a different culture. But they were less cordial with me and treated me as an alien. At that moment, Jacob expanded his helping hand and still he is with me. He is very careful about some issues and with his direct inspiration, I have been performing well in the examinations. Besides, he has a developed an improved sense of right and wrong. When I want to commit any misdeeds, he forbids me. So, often I feel lucky to have him as my best friend.

Model Answer 2:

This a very interesting question to answer. In fact, all the friends are best to me. But if I consider the issue deeply, it appears that Lara is the best of the best. Now it is my time to describe her. Thank you again for asking such a nice question.

Lara is my very best friend for some reasons. She is the person whom I admire most for her personality and friendly attitude. I do not know how a young lady of 18 become the centre of attraction with all her charming attitudes. She is helpful and loves to socialise with people.

I met her first at my university here in Austria. She was the most interesting character in the class. Coincidentally she sat with me and started talking about various issues. At first, I was a bit disturbed for her excessive talking because I am introvert in nature. Later, I realised that she is a girl of outgoing nature. I also discovered some other qualities of Lara that attracted me most. Finally, when the classes were over and we were set for home, I found that she lived in the next lane of mine. It was the beginning of our friendship and it is running for over three years.

We do a lot of things together. The first and the most important thing is that we love to read books. We exchange books. Sometimes we also have some assignments together for our classes. Watching movies regularly has become a passion for us. Besides, both of us has a common goal. We love to shop. So, visiting the shopping malls is a kind of hobby for us. Every evening we move for shopping but we do not buy all the times. Sometimes, we have window shopping. Further, participating in indoor activities is another mutual activity for us that both of us love to take part in. Joining night clubs is another form of entertainment for us that we love so much.

Lara is my best friend for some reasons. Initially, I was not interested in making friendship with her for her extrovert nature. But later I thought that I was jealous for her outgoing nature and thus tried to avoid her. Finally, I came to a conclusion that I should not avoid Lara and be a good friend of her. Now we are having a very intimate and nice relationship. In fact, she is the best friend of mine now. She has occupied the place with her natural quality and also loves me much. She is always with me and provides realistic suggestion to make the things smoother. For all the reasons, I think she is my best friend.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe your best friend."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a childhood friend you have.
- Describe a good friend you have.
- Describe a friend you like to spend time with.
- Describe a friend you have not met for a long.
- Describe someone you really like.
- Describe someone similar to you.
- Describe someone you know is a good person.

Describe your favourite movie/film.

You should say:

- what it is
- when you watched it
- what it is about

and explain why this is your favourite movie.

[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:

I love to watch movies in my leisure hours and have watched a wide number of movies. It is a kind of addiction to me and usually, I watch at least one movie a day.

The Gods Must be Crazy is the best movie I have ever seen and I like it most for many reasons. I have watched the movie for many times and each of the time the pleasure was different to me. It never becomes old with me. The natural reactions against the modernization of the protagonist - Xi makes me amused. His reactions against the modern civilisations are quite natural and funny as well. But the other installments (part two and three) of the same movie appear as those are not up to the mark. Many of the events have been exaggerated which has damaged the real beauty of the movie. So, considering all the aspects, the first part of the series is my favourite movie and I think many of the audiences will agree with my opinion.

I watched the movie first when I was a teen and it might be the 1990s when I

watched that. My father brought the movie that was played on a VCR connected to our television. At that time, watching movies had two ways only. The first one is to go to the cinemas while the second one was to bring the video cassettes at home. My father also loved watching movies and he brought the video tape of the movie. But since I was a kid, I could not derive much pleasure in the beginning. When I grew up, I started understanding the inner meaning of the movie. Sometimes I have watched the movie alone and in some cases, I played the movie at home when someone came to visit us. In my 30s today, still I am fond of the movie as I was in my teenage.

The movie is all about a tribal population (bushman) who live in a remote part of Kalahari Desert in African continent. Life goes on for them but the trouble occurred when they received a piece of Coca-Cola bottle which was thrown by an airplane pilot. The bottle was received by Xi, the lead character of the movie. It brings a change in his family. The family members started quarrelling among themselves. The peace of life was broken for the bottle. So, Xi wants to return the bottle. He believed that since the bottle has fallen from above, it might be the Gods who have thrown it. He starts his epic journey to return the bottle to the Gods and experiences different strange events of his life.

The movie is the best movie to me for some specific reason. It was made in the 1980s and the plot concept is clear. It wants to give a message to the modern people that everything they are doing is not fair. This is a comedy movie but the message it provides in guise of comedy is strong. The movie shows that Xi is praying before killing an animal while the modern people do not perform so. Moreover, every blessing of the modern world was unfamiliar to him and he could not cope up with the complexities of life in the city. He knew how to survive in the desert and jungle but survival in the city becomes difficult for him. In fact, modernization has made life more complex than the uncivilised life. Besides, political turmoil (depicted in the movie) also shows the unstable situations of the modern era. Xi, now wants to go back in his tribe but due to the complicated system, he cannot get back easily. The movie actually shows the simplicity of life. So, like the movie best.

Model Answer 2:

I usually pass my leisure hours by participating in sports but recently I have started watching movies at home. Last month, I watched a movie named Life is Beautiful and now this has become my favourite one. This is one of the special movies that I have ever seen.

The movie belongs to comedy-drama genre. It comes with different issues during the holocaust. Besides, the movie plot is outstanding and the performance of the characters are splendid. The movie was made in 1997 and was directed by Roberto Benigni. He also was the lead actor of the movie. Moreover, he also co-wrote the movie. The plot of this movie reminds people about the Second World War when the Nazi concentration camps were used to punish the opposition and the ordinary people. The movie also demonstrates the love of a father to his son and how he protects the son from dangers inside the concentration camp.

Usually, I take part in sport in the evening hours. But during the holidays, I spent my times at the home. And when I am at home, I watch movies or listen to music. This time, instead of listening music, I watched the movie. I was accompanied by my family members. In fact, my mother loves to watch movies and I developed the habit from her. She loves to watch drama movies and in line with her interest, I also grew a taste for drama movies. Actually, when I am inside the movie, it is hard indeed to detach me from the watching. The similar thing happened with this one. This is the movie, that comes with some comical and dramatic elements. So, I enjoyed the movie till the last moment. I started watching the movie at around 4.00 pm and finished it after nearly two hours. I was glued to the screen by this time and gained a different experience.

The movie is about a couple of things. It appeared to me that the movie has been made to make the viewers aware of the detrimental impacts of the holocaust -how the event destroyed families and people. On the other side, the movie is about the affection of a father to his son. The eternal love of the father to his son is demonstrated here. An ordinary Jewish father sacrifices his life to save his son from the Nazi occupation during the World War II. The father is taken to the concentration camp with his son. After reaching the camp, he meets with many other people. He also meets with his wife. Unluckily the meeting was short. But he uses his extraordinary imaginations to save the son from the Nazi forces. And finally, he becomes successful in protecting the son in exchange for his life.

This is my favourite movie for many reasons. This is one of the movies that has won several prestigious awards. The movie plot is outstanding while the movie making was excellent. The movie plot is the key attraction here. An open-minded Jewish man is held without any charge and sent to the concentration camp. Finally, he lost his life – a soldier shot him before leaving the camp during the invasion by the allied forces. But he saved his son. He developed a

story and played the role of a character in the story to let his son know that the events were a game. The events turned tragic finally. Life was beautiful to his son and wife. He could not taste the liberty. Considering the inner issues, I love this movie.

Model Answer 3:

I love to enjoy movies but my taste is a bit different. I love to watch the comedy movies only. They attract me in a different way. I have watched a good number of comedy movies but The Pink Panther (2006) appeared the best one to me. Thank you for describing the matter here.

Pink Panther is a series of movies and been being made from a long ago. So, the series have gained a huge popularity. The protagonist of the movie solves mysterious cases alone which is not possible for the other police officials to crack. So, the key character is always in trouble with the police chief. But investing his smartness and ready wit, he solves the mysteries in a simple manner. But his initial movement appears that he is a dull and unfit police official. The instalment of 2006 also deals with some such similar events. The central character has to solve a murder case and the story moves on.

I watched the movie on an evening. In fact, I had nothing to do at that time. Besides, nobody was at home. When everybody is at home, it is comfortable to spend time with them. But when alone, it is really hard to pass the moments. So, I planned something different. I started watching the movie. I downloaded the movie from the internet and watched it. Though I invited the neighbouring boy to accompany me, he did not come. Actually, he does not prefer to enjoy movies at all. So, I was all alone. I passed the entire evening by watching the movie. And enjoyed it greatly. The movie plot was highly attractive and does not make me feel bored. In some cases, the comedy movies come with less attractive plots and try to make the audiences laugh with some artificial mockery. But the matter was different here. I enjoyed the evening with this movie.

The Pink Panther (2006) is about the solving of a murder. This is the 10th instalment of the movie series. The earlier series were also wonderful and made some business. But this one is the best among the this is my personal opinion. The movie was about to solve the murder and by the same time to rescue the Pink Panther diamond. The diamond was stolen during the murder. In fact, it was lost after the murder was committed. The main character of the

movie, police inspector Jacques Clouseau was the case. He as officially assigned to bring the mysteries into light. On the other side, the chief of police tried to solve the case by himself. He wanted to make Inspector Jacques Clouseau as a shadow before the media and solve the case from behind. But pathetically, the chief inspector failed to solve the case while Jacques Clouseau solved it in his own way.

This is my favourite movie for several reasons. First of all, it shows some comical event that will make you laugh. The activities of the inspector Jacques Clouseau will make anyone laugh during the movie time. He did some foolish activities. He is always aware of everything but cannot apply his knowledge at the right moment. He tries to protect everyone but fails to do so for his foolishness. He wants to favour the distressed but in reality, he makes the situations worse for them. All such events are highly comical and will make the audiences laugh. But finally, he wins the race with his wit and intelligence. Considering the matters, I am in love with this movie.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe your favourite movie"** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a movie you have recently watched.
- Describe your favourite movie.
- Describe a foreign movie you have enjoyed.
- Describe a movie you would like to watch again.
- Describe a movie you watched with your friends.

Describe an important conversation that influenced you.

You should say:

- when you had this conversation
- who you had this conversation with
- what you talked/discussed about

and explain how this conversation influenced you.

[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:

Travelling is a hobby for me and often I go for travels in different parts of India. Usually, I prefer train journey where I have chances to meet with people of different strata. Last week, I went to Kolkata by train and had a fruitful conversation with a stranger.

I boarded in the train after my supper at the station. Usually, I travel in a chair and avoid berths in order to meet people. A man with a white beard had his seat beside me. After a brief introduction, we started the conversation. The conversation went round the night. We took a short break during the discussion as well. It was a highly interesting experience for me as the aged and enriched man shared a good number of issues with me. Both of us were too attentive in the discussion that none of us cared that the sun was rising. Suddenly I noticed the matter and humbly requested the man to conclude the discussion as my stoppage was also appearing. Finally, I got down off the train in Kolkata while the man was still on board for his destination. Both of us promised to keep in touch.

I had the discussion with a Muslim man named Mr. Mohammad Ameer Ali. He was a scholar and a local college teacher. He was a smart man with his gently cared beard, a cap on his head (used for prayer) with a white Punjabi and kurta. He was moderately tall and healthy. He has been in living in Howrah for a long time and said that his parents and forefathers stayed in the country since the independence. Many of the Muslims migrated in Pakistan but his family did not for many reasons. He was kind to others and I have found that he is familiar with many of the people including the ticket collector of the train who addressed him as – Mian Sahiv. It was also my pleasure to meet a man like him and later I came to know that he teaches history in Lalbaba College in Howrah under West Bengal. It appeared to me that he was a fatherly figure to all of his students and I wish I were one of those!

We talked about a good number of issues. In fact, I was an attentive listener and grabbed all the speeches delivered by Mr. Ali. It was a pleasant environment. The sky was clear and we sat beside a window. The moonlight was illuminating the entire place inside the wagon. In such a moment, the discussion began with the issues of politics. Then it moved to philosophy, history and mostly religion. Mr. Ali carefully described the key cause of chaos around us. His speeches were magical indeed.

Earlier, I had numerous misconceptions about politics, religions and historical issues. But Mr. Ali informed me all the past events one after another and consequently my knowledge level increased suddenly. I was amazed with the past stories of my state and how the rulers ruled the country peacefully. Different dynasty came here and ruled the common people while they also took proper care for them. Besides, many of the Muslim religious leaders also arrived in India to preach their religion, Islam. But currently we have some conflicts with religious issues and I was influenced with the explanations provided by Mr. Ali over the conflicts. I think he was right. Moreover, he did not even slightly hurt my religious belief as well with his speech. The most important learning from the conversation was to love the creatures. I had no idea about the issue and now repenting that I made mistakes. Besides, he advised me to care about my parents and relatives. I, in fact, following his advice in my real life. Really the conversation was one of the bests in my life.

Model Answer 2:

I used to tell lies. It was a kind of bad habit for me. I tried several times but could not get rid of the habit. After having a conversation with a Muslim religious leader, I am now free of this habit. Thank you for asking me the question. I will describe the event in brief now.

I was making a short journey to my college by a public transport. Actually, journey by public transport in Delhi is difficult. The difficulties appear for the traffic congestion. So, when the bus was stuck in a tiring traffic jam, I had the conversation. I learnt some new ideas and they appeared interesting to me. The conversant ended when the journey for me was over. I got off the bus at my university stoppage. But I will remember the conversation for my life. They were influential and helped me greatly to change my bad habit.

I had the conversation with a Muslim religious leader and scholar. He was also riding with me on the same bus. In fact, I wanted to know how I could get rid of the bad habit of telling lie to people. It may sound peculiar that I tell lie even in this matured age. I asked him to give me some effective advice. Earlier, I had talks with many other people but none of them could come up with a satisfactory solution for this problem. The habit formed to me since my childhood. But later it seems to be a permanent habit to me. So, people were worried while talking with if I was telling lie to them. Hence, I had been seeking someone who could help me to discard the issue from my life. After the conversation, it was helpful for me to lead a normal life free of all types of lies.

I actually talked about various issues but my bad habit was the prioritised one. I was stuck in the traffic congestion for over one hour in different intersections. So, I had plenty of times to talk with the man. I discussed some of the religious beliefs and conflicts. I sought advice from him about giving up the bad habit. He cited numerous examples and made me understood about the detrimental impacts of telling lies. Besides, the discussion went on about the political, social and many other issues. I criticised some the current activities of the government while he pointed out the praiseworthy initiatives. But he disagrees with some of the state policies and the same time he is backing the services that the government has adopted for keeping a peaceful and healthy relation with the neighbouring countries. It appeared that he was an enlightened man who has knowledge on almost all the current issues.

The conversation influenced me to a great extent. The man explained some facts to me. I was extremely impressed with the events. Later, I thought myself that I am actually doing a sin. I discovered that someday I might have to get the results. So, I promised myself not to lie anymore to anyone. It was difficult for me to give up the habit. But I became successful after some struggles. It was hard for me to give up the habit and tell the truth while speaking. Usually, I told lies with everyone and it was fun in the beginning. Later, I experienced huge negative consequences and thus wanted to get rid of it. This time, the conversation helped me to kick the habit out of my life. I was influenced by the conversation with the scholarly man. I am happy indeed and leading a simple life now.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe an important conversation that influenced you."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a conversation that you still remember well.
- Describe a conversation you had with a friend.
- Describe an important conversation that helped you.
- Talk about a discussion or conversation that you recently had with someone.

Describe something healthy you enjoy doing.

You should say:

- what you do
- where you do it
- who you do it with

and explain why you think doing this is healthy.

[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:

Running has several health benefits. It helps to build muscles, changes mood and helps to bring a shape in the body. Moreover, it strengthens the bones. Though many of the people argue that it helps to damage bones, they are in fact unaware of the benefits. So, I like to run in the morning.

In fact, running is my hobby. When I run in the morning, I feel fresh and lively. Running is a kind of aerobic exercise and helps to improve the body. There are a good number of benefits found for the exercise. Mostly running helps to build inner muscles and breathing becomes easier. It also helps to prevent cardiovascular diseases and simultaneously burns calories. Running also helps to make a balanced weight. Sitting round the day makes the body filled with calories and if anyone does not burn them, the chances to get affected with diseases increase. Having any type of exercise will help to keep them fit. So, I prefer running for my fitness.

Generally, I run at the Gulshan Iqbal Park in Lahore which is beside my residence. The park contains a jogging track of over 1.5 kilometres. I usually run on the track and sometimes jog as well when I feel tired. This is a long park and a perfect place for me. Running in the early morning is the most convenient and with the rise of the sun, the park becomes crowded with different health conscious people. They come here, take some exercise and leave. But the parks remains crowded round the day for its natural beauties. Though the lake inside the park is artificial, it looks gorgeous in all time of the day, especially in the evening. So, many of the nature lovers gather beside the lake during the sunset.

Usually, I go alone for the running in the working days but in the weekdays, Albina, my wife, accompanies me. During the working days, I wake up early in the morning and start for the run before the sunrise because the temperature

appears to be warm when the sun is up. So, I try to run before the sunrise in the work days. But on the holidays, there are some changes in the routine. I go with Albina in the evening. When the sun is about to set, the entire environment looks beautiful and running with my wife becomes enjoyable.

Running is considered as a healthy habit, and there are a large number of reasons supporting the argument. When someone runs, it helps to build muscles. Further, it helps to prevent different diseases and heart attacks. When people run, their tolerance level improves and consequently they turn free of diseases. Running helps to improve heart and as a result, the chances of heart attack decreases. Running helps to strengthen the heart and blood circulation improves. With the sweat emitted after running usually burns the extra calorie that we take from our foods. So, it considered as another good way to burn calories. Moreover, when people are in bad mood, running helps to reduce the stress level. So, considering all the aspects, it appears that running is healthy indeed.

Model Answer 2:

Having physical exercise, especially free-hand exercises is a great thing to do. It makes us fit and creates and impressive look. So, I regularly take physical exercise. This is a smart question to answer. Thank you so much for the question.

Usually, I take several types of free-hand physical exercise. Now it has become my habit to participate in the physical activities. As part of the activity, sometimes I walk in the morning or run. Then I take some other forms of physical exercises as well once the running or walking is complete. It takes about 45 minutes altogether to complete all the activities.

I usually walk in the park located at my residence. This is a very nice place to walk and take exercises. The entire park is surrounded by a boundary. This is filled with greeneries and even there are some artificial lakes inside the park. Besides, there are seating arrangements as well for the park-insiders. If someone gets tired, s/ he can take rest on the benches in the park. The natural environment of the park is also charming. It is filled with various types of birds and there are some smaller wild animals are also available. Before using the park, I used to exercise at my home. And suddenly thought that it would be more beneficial if I go at the park.

I prefer to walk alone. But sometimes, I walk with some other people whom I have met in the park during the walking and running session. But in most of the cases, I move along for the walk. The park entrance opens at 5.00am and most of the people come there by 5.30am. But I go there even before the entrance opening. So, when I come back home from the park, it is the time for other people to enter there. In the holidays, the park becomes crowded in the early morning. People start gathering in the park before the gate opening. Sometimes, they need to form a queue for entering.

This is really a healthy activity for me. There are many reasons for considering this as a healthy activity. When people walk or take other forms of exercises, they develop a disease prevention capacity within themselves. Moreover, when you will take exercises, you will have a vigour inside your mind. Your capacity for work will be increased. Another important aspect of the exercise is that you are becoming an early riser. When you will rise early, you will be able to enjoy the day time more than the people who wake up late. A deep breath in the fresh air will make you feel happy. Considering all the grounds, I think this is really a healthy task.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe something healthy you enjoy doing."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe an activity you have.
- Describe something you do in the evening.
- Describe something you do to keep fit.
- Describe a good habit one of your friends has.
- Describe something you want to start soon.
- Describe a healthy activity you want to take up.

Describe an unforgettable advertisement (that you saw or heard).

You should say:

- what kind of advertisement it was
- what the content of the advertisement were (or what product or service was advertised)
- where you saw or heard it

and explain why you think this is an unforgettable advertisement.

[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:

It was an attractive advertisement of a US-based soft drink commonly known as 7up. It tastes lemon-lime and non-caffeinated as well. The advertisement is about the soft drink and how it is able to attract even a half-drawn cartoon. It shows that a young lady was sitting in a formal situation and she was busy in drawing a cartoon. When she was served the 7up, she stopped drawing the cartoon. But when the cartoon character sees the 7up, it draws itself and also draws a glass so that the lady could pour him the 7up. The advertisement was partially live and partially animated. The part of the drawing is live. A woman is sitting alone. She has nothing to do, so she starts drawing a piece of cartoon after her will. This is the live part. The animated part in the advertisement begins when the half-done cartoon starts drawing. The advertisement ends with the appreciation of the cartoon as it has got the drink finally.

I saw the advertisement on television. When I was a kid, the advertisement was televised regularly. I cannot recall the exact dates and times but as far I remember, it was the 1990s when the advertisement was aired. It was a popular advertisement and thus it was aired amid different programmes during the peak hours. But interestingly, before watching the advertisement, it heard it from one of my elementary school friends who watched the advertisements. It was he, Smith, who helped to be familiar with this specific advertisement. In fact, after being familiar with the advertisement, I waited eagerly to watch the advertisement. It was one of my favourite advertisements in my childhood and even I miss it today.

The content of the advertisement was the promotion of a soft and non-alcoholic drink, 7up. The origin of 7up goes back to the USA. In 1920, the drink was created and the lemon-lime formula appeared in 1929. Originally it was named as Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda. It was also considered as medicine for stabilising people’s mood. Many of the people with bad moods have used it as medicine to improve their mental stability. The brand has experienced numerous ups and downs. It has been sold several times from a group to another. A good number of variations could be found in the drink but many of the users have opined that 7up Lime is the best.

Usually, the children remember anything they see or do in their early age. In most of the cases, it has been found that they can recall the past incidents more than the adults. When I was a kid of 7 years, I was exposed to this advertisement. At that time, watching the advertisement was a kind of entertainment for me. Sometimes I also tried to draw a cartoon and kept a bottle of 7up near me believing that the cartoon will start drawing itself. But I was wrong and the cartoon never drew itself on the page as it did on television. Being a child, I had no idea then that everything we have seen on television was not real. So, I felt sad and discussed the issue with my friends who laughed at me for my obsession. For all such reasons, the advertisement has set itself in my mind. I have seen a good number of advertisements but did not care for them. As a grown up man, I now believe that everything we see is unreal. There are always some hidden issues. But as I have lots of memories with the specific advertisement, this is unforgettable to me.

Model Answer 2:

It was a commercial advertisement of a chocolate and it was televised when I was a kid. In fact, the kids of the present age are completely unaware about such an advertisement. Thank you for your interesting question. I have turned nostalgic with the memory of the advertisement.

This was a video advertisement aired on various television channels. Besides, it came with jingles too. The jingle was not that much attractive but the performance of the artists and models on the advertisement were outstanding. I cannot forget the dance on the last part of the advertisement. This was one of the most attractive advertisements for me in my childhood.

The content of the advertisement was about a chocolate. The advertisement begins in a stadium. A cricket match was going on. There was a tension in the air. Everyone was extremely excited. Only a single run was needed to make the century. Bowler delivered the ball. The batsman was also worried about the shot. He hit the ball and felt tensed if it would be a six or he gets out. By the time, a young lady (might be the fiancé of the batsman) was also worried. The camera focused on her chocolate. It was a dairy milk. She forgot to bite on the chocolate in tension. But when it was a six, she burst into joy and ran out of the gallery to meet with the batsman.

I saw it first on television. I was a boy of teenage, and loved watching television. Most of the evening, I used to watch television after returning home from outside activities. It was a kind of routine for me to watch television for at

least one hour in a day. And in that time, I used to watch few cartoon series and advertisement. We had only a single television set in our house in my childhood. So, the parents and other senior people used to allow us to watch television only for one hour in the evening and they used to watch the remaining hours till going to bed. The hour that we got was enough for us. Moreover, we were delighted and waited for the hour eagerly.

This is an unforgettable advertisement for many reasons. All the kids present before the television set came to know about the chocolate. And then it turned into our favourite one later. Besides, we loved to watch the dance of the young lady. She had a nice posture of dancing. Further, she evaded a policeman to reach near the batsman. It was a wonderful scene. The policeman tried to block her way but she managed to escape the obstacle, dodged the policeman and reached near the batsman. The young lady and the batsman were really happy.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe an unforgettable advertisement." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe an interesting advertisement.
- Talk about an advertisement you liked.
- Describe a product or service advertisement that caught your attention.

Describe a song that means something special to you.

You should say:

- what is it about
- who the singer is
- how often you listen it

and explain why this song has a special meaning to you.

[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:

The song I prefer most is ‘My Heart Will Go On’ that has been used in the 1997 blockbuster movie ‘Titanic’. The song is about the promise to keep someone in heart till the death. Life goes on. But there is some emptiness around. The song is about the emptiness and reassurance to keep the beloved in heart. The song has a special meaning to me.

The movie – Titanic belongs to the romantic genre but the final scene is highly pathetic and many of the audiences have even dropped tears for the tragic event between the male and female protagonists. Since my first watching of the movie, I am in love with the song. The lyric of this specific song tells about the inner feelings of my heart as well. The song is also about the lacking of the dear ones. It promises to keep the dear one inside the heart. The unfulfilled desire to love the man is hurting the woman inside. So, she is in the mood which the song describes. It is pathetic to live a life without the desired man or woman and if someone is to live, life becomes dull and boring. The song is all about such a situation that Rose (the leading female character in the movie) experienced throughout her entire life. She was in love with Jack, a penniless painter. But if everything went right, she could have formed a nice family with Jack. But the disaster with the ship did not allow her dream to come true. The lyric describes her inner thoughts and feelings. Though she formed her own family later, she did not find peace and was in search of her real love that she left on the mid-sea. The song lyric slowly describes the situation and creates a sense of sadness and sympathy for Rose.

Famous Canadian singer Celine Dion has sung this outstanding song. She is a woman of diversified talents. She is a singer, songwriter, sometimes participates in acting and even a businesswoman as well. She was born on March 30 in 1968 in Quebec. She was brought up in an extended family and started her career at an early age. She started singing when she was a teen and experienced different struggling periods. Her recognition came during the 1980s and she started winning different awards in several contests. Some of her albums have been released in French during the 1980 and she signed with Canadian studio. She emerged as a pop artist with her English album named Unison. As a result, her name spread as an influential pop artist throughout North America. Consequently, she started releasing English albums in line with French albums and has established herself as one the most successful pop singer in the world. She is the female singer who has established herself as the most popular singer in several languages. She is equally skilled in English and French language and sings different songs in both of the languages. She took a break at the end of 1999 to be with her husband who was diagnosed with

cancer and came back again in the singing arena in 2002.

This is the best song ever for me and there are no specific times for me to play the song. When I am at my office in the morning, I play the song whenever I want. Besides, I have a copy of the song on my iPod and listen during the walk in the morning. Sometimes I like the song in the evening when I feel cheerless without any specific reasons. Besides, there are even no special moods for me as well but when I start listening, a sense of gloominess covers me up.

The song is very special to me. It has a deeper meaning. It tells a tragedy. Falling in love is natural but when someone loses the beloved even before having any formal relationship, the events turn worst and the sorrows have no limits actually. I was unfamiliar with the song until watching the movie. After watching the movie, the song ticked into my brain and I found the original song from the internet. It was 2009 when I first watched the movie and get the song. Since then I play the song at least once in a day. I am in fact in love with the lyrics. The song is all about the untold sorrows of a woman who lost her love on the sea. I feel sympathetic for her and sometimes try to feel like her. It is also special to me as I have also lost my man. He was in the army and died in an accident. We were set to get married but the accident shattered our dreams. A sense of emptiness surrounds me. Everything appears worthless. Thereby, it appears that all the lines of the songs are composed for me only. Thus I like the song very much.

Model Answer 2:

In Bollywood movies, most of the songs are composed based on the situations. But despite the situations, I am in love with a song named “Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna” from the movie of the same title. Thank you for the question. This reminds me of the song and I will describe it.

The song is about not to get split or even if they are split, they should remind each other. This is a romantic movie where a couple got involved in a strange relationship. Both the couple is married but with different people. When they encountered each other, they come to know about them very well and starts to reexamine their existing relationships. They find dissatisfaction with the present husband and wife.

The singer of the song is Sonu Nigam and Alka Yagnik. Both of them are renowned singers of the country and have been singing for a long time. They

have an enviable career. The lucid voice of Sonu Nigam attracts listeners of all ages. He has been singing in movies for a long time. Undoubtedly he is one of the best playback artists of India. On the other side, Alka Yagnik is another famous singer of the land. She is also a great singer and enchants her audiences with her sweet voice. The song is written by Javed Akhter, another legendary song composer of the country. He also has contributed a lot in the music industry of India.

I am a student at a local university and cannot manage enough time for recreational activities. But I love to listen to music and have made a playlist of my favourite songs. This is one the songs that I listen regularly but there are no particular frequencies. Since the playlist is large, it takes time for the song to be played from the list. So, in a week, I listen to the song at least thrice. But if the song is in my mind, I instantly play it. In fact, I am in love with the song for some unknown reasons.

The song has some special meaning. First of all, it is all about lyrics and music composition. The lyrics contain some matters about the dissatisfaction of life. It is about the suffering of heart that one cannot express or show to others except those who are feeling the same. It helps to heal the heart wounds. The song is also about the separation of the souls that met together in some circumstances. They were expecting each other. But they had to be separated. Despite being separate, they want that they should remember each other. They also should keep them in mind. Based on all the matters, the song has got a special type of meaning to me.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe a song that means something special to you." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe your favourite song.
- Describe a song you often listen to.
- Describe a song or music that you really like.

Describe something you want to learn more.

You should say:

- what it is
- how you would learn it more
- where you can learn it more

and explain why you want to keep learning 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 1:

I would like to learn car repairing by myself. We need cars for our everyday use and we also use it for numerous purposes. So, when the car is in disorder, either we need to wait for the mechanic to come and repair it or we have to take the car to the nearest workshop for repairing. Besides, the costs are also huge when the cars are taken to workshops. Thereby, the idea peeped on my mind that I should learn it completely.

Though I have some knowledge in the repairing process, I am unable to diagnose the troubles as the experts do immediately and take necessary steps to repair the car. Last week, I was on my way to the office in the morning and suddenly my car started unusual behaviour. It stopped all on a sudden. It was not moving ahead though it was filled with fuels. All of a sudden, I noticed that there were some smokes emitting from the front part. So, I stopped in the middle of the road, opened the bonnet and tried to figure out the problem. But I couldn't do so due my unfamiliarity with the inner parts of the car. I had to wait longer and the day was a mess for me. I could not reach office in time, the car mechanic made late to come and also I had to spend a notable amount as repairing fee. So, if I think if I had the knowledge of car repairing, I could have done that by myself. Thereby, I truly want to learn all the necessary steps about the car repairing and once I am done with the learning, I would be able to repair my car all by myself.

Learning is a never ending process. So, I know that it is nearly impossible to learn all about car repairing as there are different types of cars and the functions are dissimilar. I have made a plan and accordingly have set my strategies. Firstly, I need to get informed about institutions where I could learn about the car repairing. I believe it would not be difficult for me to learn the repairing as I have some skills. I know how to repair the minor troubles and disorders of cars, especially motorbikes, and when I will get detail knowledge about the entire issue, I would be able to grab the ideas instantly. Besides, the instructors will also guide me through the entire process. So, I believe it would

not be more difficult for me to learn more about the car repairing. Further, I have also planned that I will engage myself at any car repairing workshop where I could gain some practical know-how about the car repairing.

This is another important issue to consider. There are not many places where I could learn the repairing. Thereby, I have to admit myself as an intern at the workshop and I might have to pay them as well in exchange of learning. In my locality, I know such an automobile workshop where they appoint intern and teach them very well about the pros and cons of automobile engineering. The students who learn their really work well. When I took my car at the workshop, the students serviced properly all the troubles and also suggested me some tips for the betterment of the car. The tips were helpful indeed and my car's performance level improved to its greatest extent.

There are many reasons behind this desire. I learnt minor automobile servicing as I own a car. But it is impossible for me to solve all the troubles and issues engaged with the car. If I learnt the car repairing completely, it will help me saving my cost and at the same time, I could serve others without any charge. Moreover, travelling is my hobby and love to board on my Volvo S60 Sedan for long journeys. But I had some bitter experiences on the road and I could not manage to get rid of the situations. All of my enjoyment turned into worries and I had to return home. When I took the car at an automobile workshop, they changed even the unnecessary parts and charged me more than usual. But if I had the slightest knowledge about the car repairing or on automobile engineering, I could have prevented the extra charges imposed. I also believe that knowledge is powerful and enabled to help people to some extent. So, if I keep learning the car repairing, it would help me in future. I do not dream of using my knowledge for some professional purposes rather it would be my strength in distress.

Model Answer 2:

The computer has become one of the most important devices in this modern age. But often I am in trouble with the device. So, I want to learn more about troubleshooting a computer. Thank you for the question. And I am really glad to answer it.

It is said that the computer is the latest invention of modern science. Life is now impossible without the help of a computer. It has occupied almost all the stages of our modern life. But sometimes, we are to experience some troubles

with the machine. And taking them to the troubleshooters is really tough. You need to carry the CPU and place it to the repair shop and get it back on the scheduled day. But if is know how to troubleshoot, it would be easier for me to use the device.

I know a few troubleshooting for a computer. But I admit undoubtedly my knowledge is of beginner level. I am not a professional in this case and have caused damage to several computers including the one that is mine. So, I have planned to get a training on troubleshooting of all types of computer. There are a couple of institutions have opened this training facility. And they are also giving some discounts for the students. So, if I enroll with them, it would be beneficial to me in some aspects.

Initially, I have selected APTECH, a locally renowned computer training institute here in Colombo, Sri Lanka. This is a reputed organisation and been operating for last few years. This is a suitable place for me and located near my residence. So, I can move there easily. And the classes are held in the evening. This is also favourable to me as I attend my college in the day time. I have already paid a visit to the training centre. They not only train about troubleshooting, they also have many other courses. I have a plan that after learning computer troubleshooting, I will get admission in another course for graphic designing.

I want to keep learning it for many reasons. The most important thing about learning in the present day is that it makes you enabled to survive in the situation. When you will learn something new, you will get information. And the more you have information, the more the chances for your survival or victory in your real-life situation. Moreover, if I learn to troubleshoot computers, I would not have to worry about the sudden troubles with it. On the other side, I would also be able to help others as well. Based on all the grounds, I want to keep learning it.

If you can talk about the cue card topic "Describe something you want to learn more." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a skill you have.
- Describe something useful you have learned recently.
- Describe a practical skill you have.

- Describe something you know which is important to you.
- Describe something you want to learn in the future.

Talk about an important day in your life.

You should say:

- when this day was
- where you were and what happened
- if you were alone or with others

and explain why this day was important to you.

[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:

Human beings pass lots of memorable days while some of the days become ever reminding in our mind. The birth of my elder son, Johnn, was one of the most important days in my life. It was the evening of 23rd December in 2009 when the boy landed on the planet.

When Georgina became pregnant, we two started counting days for our baby to come on earth. She had to undergo lots of physical and mental stress during the entire pregnancy period. Since she was a school teacher, she had to go for lecturing at the classes and I waited for her before her school to bring her back at home in the evening when the classes were over. I know it was troublesome for her to continue the profession after being pregnant. I also tried hard to prevent her continuing the teaching but she was reluctant to give up then. It was also hard for me to manage time in every evening to be with her. But my office considered the issue and allowed me every day to leave early. And finally, two days before the Christmas, Johnn came to the earth. It was a snowy evening and all of us were greatly tensed about the safety of the mother and the kid during the delivery process as the doctor made a bit late to reach for snow.

In fact, I was in my office that day and Georgina was at home. She had taken a maternity leave of six months from her school commencing around a week before the day. She informed me over the telephone about her sudden

abdominal discomfort and I suggested her to go to the nearby hospital with my mother in law who was accompanying her. Accordingly, she went to the Beamunt Hospital, a few blocks away from our residence in Dublin, and the emergency medical officers informed me that she needs a C-section. I agreed and started from my office to the hospital. Being a foul weather, it was snowy and the traffic was unusual than the other days. When I reached the hospital, I found her at the operation theatre and all of them were waiting for the doctor's arrival. Finally, the C-section was done and we got our baby boy. Really it was a great day for all of us with the arrival of the baby.

At the Beamunt Hospital, I was accompanied by my parents and the other members of my own and in-law's family. My mother-in-law brought Georgina at the hospital in my absences and did all the necessary things like making phone calls to the other relatives and they reached at the hospital one after another. Around 25 people gathered at the hospital marking the birth of my child. It was a kind of festival for them as this was the first kid in the family after a long time. So, all of the relatives were too excited and happy over the incident. They congratulated me on the event and prayed for the betterment of the boy in the days ahead. I was surprised as well when I saw that some of the relations had brought some gifts for the newborn baby and wanted to hand over the gifts to me. It was also pleasant matter for me and their care for my boy also amazed me indeed.

The day was important to me as it was the day of my fatherhood. I turned father for the first time and the feelings are inexpressible in words. My son, Johnn, has turned six in last year. The little baby is growing up and I have admitted him in the local elementary school. He is like a blessing to me. I always try to meet all of his demands and when he desires for something, he does not calm down until his desire is met. He is likea replica of my childhood said my parents and he never stops his activities unless he is taken before the television set to enjoy cartoons. Still, I remember the day when he was born and took him in my lap. He was covered with a thick white towel and he could not even see then. He was looking like an angel and all of us waited for his arrival. Though he was supposed to be late, he came early and there were no complications with his birth. The C-section was successful and required no extra troubles. So, the day was important to me earlier and still it is today.

Model Answer 2:

I was passing some rainy days. To be honest, I was seeking a job badly. I needed to manage myself and my wife. The day when I got the job was the most important day of my life. Thank you for this appealing question. It reminds me about the struggling periods of my life. Here is the brief description of the day.

I cannot exactly recall the date but I can remember the day. It was a sunny day. I started the interview from my university dormitory in Mysore, India. The journey was smooth and I reached at the interview location just in time. Luckily, I was selected for the position I applied for and they asked me to join from the very next day of the interview date.

It was about nine years ago, and I was a student of History in a local university of Mysore. I got married in my student life and experienced huge sufferings in those days. In fact, marrying during the student life is really hard and I had no backup from my family as well. So, everything appeared unfavourable to me. On the other side, my wife's family was also rejecting us. I had no job, and also did not complete my graduation. So, they wanted to break the marriage and tried their best. The moments were crucial. I needed a job badly. I was applying for jobs here and there. I turned in to a full-time job seeker but did not get any response from the employer. In such a condition, I was asked to appear the interview for the position of business analyst and got the job.

Though I was married, I lived in the dormitory until I got the job. My wife, a student of my batch, lived with her parents adjacent to the university. She was the daughter of locally an influential family. So, it was difficult for me to meet her when the family came to know about the marriage issue. I was in a complicated situation. I was trying to have a job and moved from one office to another and submitted my CV. I am lucky that I got a substantial support from my wife. If she had not been adamant about the marriage issue, I could not have been with her. I thank her from the core of my heart for her contributions.

It was an important day to me for many aspects. I planned to approach formally to my wife's family about settling everything. And I needed a job to represent myself. The job allowed me to be self-dependent and also made me confident as I turned economically strong. Therefore, the day of getting the job was important to me.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Talk about an important day in your**

life." you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a memorable event in your life.
- Describe a day or event that has a positive influence in your life.
- Describe a day in your life that you remember well.
- Describe a positive experience you have had recently.
- Describe an unforgettable event in your life.

Describe a famous food item from your hometown or country.

You should say:

- what it is
- what it tastes like
- when and how it is usually prepared and eaten

and say why you think it is famous.

[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:

The Republic of Ireland is a neutral country with natural beauty. The citizens of Ireland love to eat healthy foods and a wide number of traditional food item are available there. The traditional Irish stew is one of the healthiest foods.

In Ireland, about 20 percent of the populations are related with farming which also helps them to get the fresh food ingredients on a daily basis. The stew is taken primarily at lunch and sometimes it is also preferred in supper. This traditional Irish stew is considered very healthy for the ingredients used in its preparation process and the ingredients are produced at the local farms. The ingredients are collected from the local farms and it should be noted that around 10 percent of the local farms produce different food crops while the remaining lands are used for several other purposes including livestock rearing. Sometimes, different herbs are also mixed with the stew to raise its taste. The stew is basically a combination of potatoes, carrots, lamb chops, and parsley. The ingredients are widely used to prepare some other dishes as well. Potato is a broadly used food crop in Ireland and plays an important role in the meals of

lunch or supper.

The taste of the traditional Irish stew is different from the other types of foods and stews. This is a mixture of varieties of root vegetables and meats and thus the taste excellent. In fact, the taste of the stew is yummy. It is the preparation process that raises the taste of the stew and you need to heat the ingredients at a lower heat. The flavour is stronger and the smell spreads in the surrounding that will start your metabolism to grab the stew. Besides, you can also use some traditional spices (if you want) for having a different taste. But this is a matter of dispute that the spices decrease the taste and there are two schools about the matter. One school of thought supports the opinion that since this is a traditional dish, it should be prepared with the traditional spices so that the flavour contains the traditional taste while the other school of thought has the opinion of making the stew without traditional spices. But whatever the preparation process is, the stew is still entertaining the Irish people as it did in the past days.

The traditional Irish stew is well known for its freshness and ingredients. The food item is prepared for the lunch usually and sometimes they are served as side dish in supper. The preparation process is too easy and the ingredients are available everywhere in Ireland. You will need potatoes four to five pieces and slice them. Slice four medium sizes of onions. Then you need to slice carrots for about five to six pieces and make sure the slices are thin enough. Chopped bacon is the other ingredient for the stew and you will need about one pound of bacon and three pounds of lamb chops or mutton. Ensure that the mutton or lamb chops are thick by one inch and cut into smaller pieces. You can also add some fresh and chopped parsley. Then place all the ingredients into a large stew pot and pour water about two and a half cup. Now, place the pot into an oven. You can also use pepper, some other herbs or salt to add some extra taste. Keep the pot in the oven for about one and a half hour hours in high heat and then half an hour at a lower heat. The stew is done! Sprinkle the parsley on the stew before serving on the stew bowl.

The stew is famous for several reasons. Firstly the stew is made with the usual ingredients and though it takes a longer cooking time, it is worth waiting. The ingredients used in the stew are produced in the local farms where they were grown with care. As a result, the food crops become delicious when they are cooked. It helps to satisfy the hunger within a short time and sometimes you even do not need to take the other dishes once you are with the stew. This is one of the national dishes in the country that has been serving for about two

centuries. People of all strata are having the stew in their meals and satisfying their hunger for centuries. A good number of events are related with the stew and thus it has become the part of Irish history.

Model Answer 2:

The people of Sri Lanka are simple in their living and lifestyle. Food is not a major issue to us but we do cook some delicious foods. Today I will describe one of the best attractive and famous curries of my country. Thank you for the question. I am proud to answer it.

The curry is known as Kukul Mas Curry or chicken curry. This is a simple dish but tastes delicious. Moreover, the preparation process is less complicated than the other curries. The ingredients are available and the most important thing is the smell. The smell is outstanding and will make you feel hungry instantly. This is a very popular curry to the Sri Lankans.

The taste of this curry is different for the spices. Ordinarily, a chicken curry tastes good. They are prepared with less spices. But they taste hot for the spices used in the curry. The basic difference between the ordinary chicken curry and Kukul Mas Curry is that it comes with a delicious flavour and the flavour is brought by the spices. The curry is enriched with spices like cloves, chilli powder, fennel seeds and cinnamon. The spices make the smell really adorable. The spice essence is exposed greatly as the chicken is cooked for a long time. the lengthy cooking also helps to increase the taste of the chicken. In fact, after the cooking is done, it looks mouthwatering.

This is not a special dish but the preparation is special. Usually people take the curry in their lunch or supper. But it takes an attractive look when guests are invited. The preparation process of this curry is also simpler. The preparation needs one pound of chicken, chopped onion (based on needs). If you want to have it hot, you can apply some green chilies as well. Applying curry leaves, lemon grass, Rampe etc. will make it tastier. Adding ginger, garlic, black peeper, mustard seed, vinegar etc. will be helpful to make it look attractive. But you will need to cut the chicken to your desired size. Before applying, you need to grind some of the spices and make a paste of them. The pastes get easily mixed with the curry and enhances the taste.

The curry is famous for some reasons. First of all, this is a traditional curry of Sri Lanka. Besides, it takes less time to prepare. But if you heat the curry for long, the taste will increase and the smell will be entertaining. There is a saying

that if the curry does not look good, it will not be tasty. And this true. The curry is prepared mostly with spices. They help to get a natural colour. So, people prefer the curry in their regular meals and that has made it famous.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a famous food item from your hometown or country."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a food item you really like.
- Talk about your favourite food item.
- Describe a menu or food item you know how to cook.
- Describe a popular food in your country.
- Describe a food item you want to test.
- Describe a famous food or menu in your hometown.
- Describe a food common in your country.
- Describe a traditional food item in your country.

Describe a project you had to do in your studies or job.

You should say:

- what type of project it was
- what the main aim of the project was
- who helped you with it

and say what you learned from this project.

[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:

I want to establish myself as an interior designer and accordingly got admitted at Martin School of Design in Brisbane, Australia. I recently have completed a designing project related to my course completion.

This project was about designing the interior of an office building and I was assigned as the chief designer of the entire project. Though it was a demonstration, I had to complete the project successfully to get my desired degree. The School authority assigned me a moderate space of a large building to decorate for a multinational corporation and I had to complete the project

within three days. I had to measure the space, check the wall colour, furniture size and number, the budget for the decoration and many other things together. At first, I drew a sketch and separated that into several sections. Then I drew the furniture placed on different spaces to have an idea how they will look like when they are really placed in the office. Then I had to think about the colour pattern and its similarity with the furniture. The School authority told me to use suitable colours with the furniture and I picked so. Finally, when the project was done, I was surprised with the result! The design brought and A+ for me in the course.

I had studied the course for over one year and learnt everything related to the interior decoration. The course instructors cordially trained me with the issues related to interior decoration like the use of stylish elements, colour combination, how to make spaces in small rooms, lighting at the rooms and many other relevant things. So, the project solely aimed to test my skills and expertise over the things that I have learnt. The authority wanted to check my real life ability in interior decoration and how I deal with troublesome situations. In fact, the project was seriously a trouble with the issues of colour and furniture size. The majority of the furniture was of medium size and I had to place them in different small chambers and also had to match the room colour with the furniture. I had to use different light and deep shades to meet the purpose and some of the shades were tougher to find out. Besides, it was the final test for me to pass the diploma course and based on this practical project, my scores were to be set. However, the project was a grand success for me and I achieved the highest grade point against the project.

Since it was my last project and the responsibilities were huge, the School authority engaged some of the junior students with me to support me and learn something practical that they have been reading in the books. I was associated with four junior students of my department who were of great help to me to complete the project smoothly. They followed all of my orders and turned useful most during the furniture replacement. Being a female, it was difficult indeed for me to shift medium-sized weighty furniture like wooden tables, wooden chairs and other stuff. They helped me to the largest extent in this case and I am grateful to them for their unconditional contribution. But I have also shared my knowledge and understanding over the entire course with them as well to make their senses developed like mine. As a result, we formed a team and worked excellently until the project finished. The project was truly helpful for them and as their first experience, they had done very well.

To be frank, I learnt lots of things from the project. Earlier, all my knowledge was based on the books and power point presentations. But when I was assigned to the project, I found that I had to apply all my earned knowledge. The knowledge was useful for many purposes and I effectively applied them. But I had some troubles regarding the colour selection in rooms. Each of the spaces was different from the other and thus the colour pattern was dissimilar too. Besides, the lighting system also was a bit difficult and concealing the lights under different shades and covers which were the two other most challenging tasks in the project. I also had to use some mirrors for special lighting effects and in that case, I had to invest my ready wit and common sense to adjust the issue. Finally, I completed the project with a deep sense of satisfaction and learnt to decorate the interior perfectly.

Model Answer 2:

In my school, I was a student of science group and had to complete several projects. In my last year of school, I made a solar panel to be exhibited in the class. Thank you for the question. It reminds me of the most exciting days of my school.

It was a science project. But the idea was not unique at all. In fact, the solar panel has been invented much before and I only experimented with it for a limited scale use. I tried to show that solar panel could be used for emergency basis in the cases of the power cut. The project was highly appreciated by the audiences, and the principal of the school was happy with the idea.

The project mostly aimed to demonstrate how solar energy could be used for our respective purposes. The sun is a great source of energy but many of us do not pay heed to it. Someday, when the natural resources will be finished, we have to rely on solar energy to do all the things. So, we need to start thinking from now on the matter. As part of the plan, it was a small initiative from my end. I know it was not a revolutionary idea but it would be able to bring awareness to the people. And they would be able to take the necessary steps to utilise the great source of energy for their respective needs.

I was perplexed when I was asked to bring a science project at the school. In fact, many other students of my class suffered the same problem. All of us were seeking ideas. Finally, I shared the matter with my family and my father came into my help. To be frank, it was not possible for me to complete the project without his direct help. He made me realised that it would be excellent

if I could implement it before all. With his inspiration, I worked on it. But my father arranged for everything and made the theory clear to me. And I implemented the theory with the project and became successful.

Yes, I have learnt lots of things from this project. Before starting to work with it, I did not have any idea that how the environment is changing. We are using the natural resources and one day all the resources will be finished as they are not renewable. In that day, we will be in complete darkness and there will be no light anywhere. So, if we can use the renewable sources of energy, we would be beneficial in the long run. Besides, I also have become careful about using the natural resources and try to protect them from being wasted as much as I can.

Your ability to talk about this topic will enable you to answer the following IELTS cue card topics also:

- Describe a time when you worked with a group of people.
- Describe a project or assignment you did in your college or university.
- Describe a work or project you did in your college or office.
- Describe a difficult project or course work you successfully completed.

Describe a place that your parents took you to.

You should say:

- what sort of place it was
- how you got there
- why your parents took you there

and say whether you would take your own children to a place like that or not, and why?

[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:

Travelling is always amazing for me since my childhood and I have travelled different parts of my country, the Philippines with my parents and sometimes alone. I went to Puerto Galera, the coastal town last year with my parents to

spend a week in summer.

Puerto Galera was a small coastal town under the Oriental Mindoro province in the Philippines. The city is about 130 kilometres away from the capital and popular among the global tourist for its small and slightly sandy beaches. To attract the tourists, there are modern facilities have been provided by the Provincial government and a large number of resorts have been made adjacent to the beaches. The place is also renowned for scuba diving and other water entertainments. The beaches of the areas are not that much sandy as it was supposed to be and as a result, the scuba diving has emerged as the top most activity in the locality. Shops dealing with scuba diving materials are more than anything and the floating restaurants are also having a good business. Lighting during the night time at the shoreline looks outstanding. The night view of the beaches and the cool waves from the sea makes the minds wild and creates a sense of unspoken feelings inside.

Going to Puerto Galera is too easy from Manila. There are several public transportations available to take you there but we went there with our private family car. It was a long journey and took about three hours for us to reach the city from Manila. But many of the travellers go to the beach by bus and it takes fewer hours to reach the destination as it took for us. Suddenly our car tire got pinched with something and busted. So, my father had to replace the ruined tire with a new one and it took about half an hour for him despite my assistance. Moreover, on that day the road was too much packed with vehicles. We reserved a small resort earlier for the purpose because it is too difficult to get a resort or at least hotel room without any further notice to the authority. This Puerto Galera, being a small coastal town, remains crowded always with tourists of different nations. Besides, it is most crowded during the summer days. Even many of the native citizens come here to visit the beach and have some relaxation on the nearby resorts and hotels. But we had to experience some troubles while reaching Puerto Galera.

Travelling is my hobby. I like travelling most than any other things. So, whenever my parents have chances, they take me with them. My father being a government employee needs to travel in different parts of the country and I accompany him when there are chances. My mother is a school teacher and she hardly manages time for travelling. So, whenever we could manage time together, we travel and have travelled the entire Philippines so far. My parents do not want to make me feel alone in their absence and thus they take me with them. When it was the summer vacation, they decided to go to Puerto

Galera as I have not seen beaches before. I have travelled through lands and forests but sea beach was unfamiliar with me. But I had to wait for about half of the month for my parents as they could not manage time in the early summer days.

Of course, I will take my own children at Puerto Galera, the most beautiful bay in the world. This is a great place indeed. This is a perfect venue to learn and exercise scuba diving and the scuba gears are available within a reasonable price here. Besides, the natural beauty of the entire area is breathtaking. Underwater photography is also another aspect to me. The marine resources are the greatest resources for the underwater photography. My children would be able to learn how to swim here since the beach is smaller in size and shape. Moreover, the beaches are free of dangerous marine creatures. Therefore, I would like to bring my children here on a summer vacation as my parents brought me in.

Model Answer 2:

Greece is the country of attraction for both the foreigners and the locals. When I was a teen, my parents took me to the New Acropolis Museum. It was a very attractive place and I was amazed by the exhibition. Thank you for the interesting question. Here is a brief about the entire event.

This is one the of key visiting places in Athens. It is located near a hill and overlooks the city. The collection of the museum is really huge. It contains the largest collection of local architecture of Greece. Besides, there were sculptures of past ages. Considering everything, it was a great visit for me with my parents. In fact, it was an educational visit that helped me a lot to know about the cultures of my land.

The museum was around six kilometres away from my residence. So, we had to ride on vehicle. My dad owns a car and he drove us to the museum. Before starting the journey, he did not tell me anything about the visit. He tried to make it a surprise for me and I was surprised indeed. But the journey was not a happy one. The left tire of the car was damaged and dad had to change it in the middle of the road. So, we were late to reach the museum. I was excited when I came to know about visiting the museum. It happened because I heard many interesting stories about the museum and wanted to go. But my parents did not allow me visiting alone.

Both my mum and dad are highly educated and wanted me to be like them. They loved the cultures, customs, rituals and more other things that represent my nation. To make me familiar with the matters, they planned to take me at the museum. Moreover, they also noticed my interest on the matter as I wanted to go there alone. After my dad's view, one should know one's background and the museum is the best place to inform them about the matters. He also loves to collect books about the ancient history of Greece and other European countries. His direct inspiration also helped me to develop an interest in visiting such places.

Definitely, I will take my kids to this place. This is the place that tells us about the glorious past of Greece. This is the place where my kids will come to know about the ancient history of my land directly. There are around 4000 artifacts and all of them are enriched with information. The sculptures at the museum represent the skills of the ancient Greeks. The other archaeological remains are also highly attractive. So, I will take my children to the museum whenever they will be matured to understand history.

Your preparation for this Cue card will help you to answer the following Cue card topics as well:

- Describe a place you visited with your family.
- Describe a place you had been to.
- Describe a worth visiting place in your hometown.
- Describe a memorable event in your childhood.
- Describe a place you remember well.
- Describe a place you had been to in your childhood.

Describe a park or other green space in your hometown.

You should say:

- how to get there from your house
- what it is like
- what you can do there

and say if many people go to that place or not, and why?

[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:

Parc Monceau is located near the Paris Metro Station and one of the renowned parks inside the city. This is a public park with carried types of plants and its history dates back to the 18th century and covers an area of over 20 acres.

The park is adjacent to my residence and I go for a walk every morning. The park being near to my place, I usually go by walking and could also be accessible from any parts of the city with different transportation modes. It is physically located in the 8th arrondissement in Paris. The location of the park is a prominent one as that is set at the junction of a couple of boulevards. The boulevards are better known as Rue Georges Berger, Boulevard de Courcelles and Rue de Prony. As a result, the park is always being used by different types of people at different times of the day. It was set by the Duke of Chartres, Phillippe d'Orléans. He was a wealthy man with a gorgeous taste and had bought the land to build this public park by his own initiative. The gardens inside the park are designed and maintained carefully. The park has nine gates and remains open from sunrise to sunset.

The park is like a small heaven inside the city. Though the park is located in France, it is highly influenced by the English taste as the Duke was fond of English culture. He was also a friend of the Prince of Wales and thus grew the taste towards English society. He, in fact, wanted to establish the park like a private garden that he saw in an English house in England and wanted to model the garden like that one. Though similar in style of Anglo-Chinese garden, the park could not take the complete shape as it was desired. In that time some other gardens were made following the same style as the Duke wanted and finally he gave up the idea and allowed the garden to be like as it is today. A German designer was appointed to design the garden and the Duke wanted that the design should be solely based on the unique ideas so that the visitors could get amazed with the garden and the landscape. The park is still in the way as it was desired by the Duke. The special art form charms the visitors and majority of them long to come back here again.

There are a lot of things to do at the Parc Monceau. Usually, the park is visited by a wide range of visitor every day and they perform different things. The

park is crowded in the morning and evening hours. In the morning, people usually come here to walk, jog and run. Sometimes, the kids also come to the park to play in the playground. Besides, in summer days, picnics are held in the open spaces of the park. At that moment, picnickers gather with groups and hold their respective events. They cook foods and enjoy the picnic. So, I think summer is the best time to visit the park if you want to enjoy the leisure hours. But in general, the park is used by the other people for common purposes. The populations living adjacent to the park, like me, come here to walk in the morning. The area becomes crowded in the morning with the noise of people and sometimes the kids also come in the morning to get exercise. Children usually come in the holidays for different sort of physical exercise and sports. Besides, the park demonstrates different relics of the 18th century which are also adorable and good to look at. Capturing still pictures is a common issue for the visitors, and many of the visitors are seen posing by the side of the relics and clicking pictures while some other are capturing the relics only.

This is the only park that has an English style. The walkways are nicely curved. Besides, statues of different things are placed by the side of the walkways and in several other places. All these have made the Parc Monceau different from the contemporary parks. As a result, people of different strata come to visit the park every day. The design, being non-traditional, has elevated the beauty of the park. There are different things to enjoy at the park including a Chinese fort, Egyptian Pyramid, temple of Mars, Dutch windmill, Italian vineyard, Corinthian pillars and others. The most attractive things are the statues of renowned French people. All these have made the park a place to enjoy the natural beauty. So, a substantial number of people come to visit the park at different hours of the day.

Model Answer 2:

Pakistan is a land of natural resources though it has some issue with the neighbouring countries. The national parks are adorable places and we are proud of them. This is a great question and tons of thanks for asking it to me. I am happy to let you know about the natural resource of my land.

The park is located in Abbottabad in Pakistan. This is not far away from my residence. In fact, this is only a 20-minute journey from my town, Ayubia. Besides, the town is also surrounded by the town in line with four other small towns. This is a great place to visit and get in close contact with the nature. I

usually visit the park by riding my bicycle. Besides, there are some transportation modes are also available too to reach the park.

This is a protected area and has been named after the second president of Pakistan, Muhammad Ayub Khan. There are forests in the area and a large number of wild resources. The park is surrounded by villages and towns and is maintained by the Wildlife and Park Department of Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The park is about 8000 feet above the sea level. Over 100 species of plants are available here and among them the most notable are - blue pine, silver fir, oak chestnut. The plants and floral species are used to cure different diseases while some others are used to prepare insecticides.

This is a great place for visiting in the weekend. And I love to be there at least in a month. This is the place where you can enjoy the touch of nature. There are many things to do here, and I prefer to participate in hiking. I have a team of four other members who also love to participate in to hiking inside the park. The picnic is another usual activity inside the park. Watching bird is my hobby and I have tools like a powerful binocular to watch every detail of the birds. Further, this is a great place for gossiping. The restaurants in the park allow you to the opportunity to eat and enjoy the natural view of the park.

Yes, this is open to all. In fact, this is one of the tourist attractions of the country. A notable number of people come here to visit the park annually. They come here and participate in the available activities. But the number is more for the people who want to have a picnic in this natural spot. The visitors also spend their times in various other activities. But they are not allowed to stay at night inside the park for their safety purposes. This is really a great place to spend time with family and friends indeed.

If you can comfortably talk about this topic, you should be able to talk about the following Cue card topics as well:

- Describe a place you often go to.
- Describe something you often do in the evening.
- Describe a popular place in your hometown.
- Describe a naturally beautiful place you know about.
- Describe a worth visiting place in your city.
- Describe a place where you like to spend your leisure time.

- Describe a place beside a river or lake.
- Describe a place you have visited lately.

Describe an historical place you have been to.

You should say:

- what kind of place it is
- what it looks like
- where it is

and explain how the place is related to history.

[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:

The Taj Mahal, located in Agra, India, is one of the wonders of the world and symbolises love of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan to his wife Arjumand Banu Begum, commonly termed as Mumtaz Mahal. This is a unique building in the world that has gained attention from the global travellers and I went there in last year as a team member of German Cultural Affairs.

The Taj Mahal is, in fact, a tomb located on the south bank of Yamuna River in Agra in India. This is a mausoleum and has been made in remembrance of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal to make her memory immortal. The body of Mumtaz Mahal and Shah Jahan lies under the large dome. This is the only historical building in India that has been placed on the list of Wonders of the World. The construction date is exactly not known but it is estimated that the construction began around 1600 century. The entire building is made of white marble. Besides, the structure took over 20 years to complete while 20,000 workers were involved with the construction. It is rumoured that the emperor had cut the hands of the workers who made the structure so that they cannot make another such building on the planet. Though the event is highly brutal, it shows the deep love and respect to his wife. One of the important factors about the building is that the colour of the building changes with the change of time in the day time and it looks best on a moonlit night.

The Taj Mahal is also considered as the Crown of Palaces for its huge dome and white marbles. It is a beautiful structure and looks pretty awesome for the

construction style and exterior design. The entire complex is situated on around 42 acres of lands and bounded by walls on sides. The traditional Persian designs have been applied here in line with the Mughal architecture. The ideas of the structure have been derived from several Mughal structures and have been customised according to Shah Jahan's will. Before the construction of the Taj Mahal, the Mughals used red sandstone on their structure while this was the exception from their traditional construction style. The entire building has been made of pure white marble and the tomb has been refined perfectly with precious stones that resemble the choice and preference of the emperor. The top dome is about 35 meters high and cylindrical. The central dome is accompanied with four smaller domes and those are placed at a corner of the roof. The main dome is frequently termed as onion dome for its shape and visually it is great to look at. The minarets are similar to those used in Mosques. So far it is known that the construction of the structure was done by 1643 and it costs over 30 million rupees.

The Taj Mahal is located in Agra, under the northern part of Uttar Pradesh state in India. The building is placed by the side of the Yamuna River. This is around 204 kilometres away from Delhi. This is also a World Heritage Site and has been selected in 1983 after the UNESCO declaration. Agra is an influential city in India and been playing a great role. The place has also been recognised in some of the Hindu scriptures and epics like Mahabharata. Besides, Agra was the capital of Mughal Empire in the medieval age and been ruled by several powerful emperors like Akbar, Jahangir and Shah Jahan. The city is now one of the major tourist spots in India and the Taj Mahal is playing the leading role here. Despite being a crowded city the site for the Taj Mahal has been picked carefully and always calm and quiet. The location was also picked smartly for some strategic reasons and the most important thing was the view of the building from his palace – Agra Fort.

The Taj Mahal has been related to the Indian history immediately after its construction in the 16th century. This is considered as one of the Muslim art of India that has been globally recognised. Besides, during the construction process, a varied number of incidents took place which is also remarkable in terms of historical importance. Besides, the entire complex took 20 years to complete which is a rare incident. The most important historical fact is that the Taj Mahal was made when the Mughals were at the peak of their power and wealth. As a result, Shah Jahan has used precious stones and gems to decorate the tomb. After his death, the Mughal Empire started declining and could not stand back like the former days. To make the structure, artists, masons and

other workers were recruited from different nations including India, Iran and Turkey. So, this is a great place of historical importance.

Model Answer 2:

Last month, I went to Egypt and visited the pyramids in Giza. It was a nice experience for me. I have come to know about many important information about the place and its history. Thank you for the question. It is really a pleasure to share the information with you that I have come to know.

The pyramids, in Egypt, were used mostly to bury the dead body of the Egyptian Pharaohs. So, it could be termed as a burial chamber too in this consideration. But on the other side, this is the place which is mysterious in some other aspects. The construction style is still a wonder for the people. For the speciality, the pyramids have been termed as the wonders of the world in past.

The pyramid of Giza, where I went to pay a visit, is shaped like a large cylindrical shape. The large one is around over 480 meters. And it was the tallest structure for many thousands of years. The solid information of pyramid construction is unknown but it is assumed that the construction took around 20 years. But it is a mystery even today how the structure was made with stones. Multiple theories have been generated by the construction but none of them is accurate and provides the right information. Besides, there are different chambers inside the pyramids where the bodies of the dead pharaohs were kept in the form of the mummy.

There are various pyramids available around the world. But the largest one is located in Egypt and I visited the place. The largest one is also known the Pyramid of Khufu. This is the oldest one as well. This one is located in El Giza in Egypt. The entire location is like a desert and a pyramid complex is standing high there. The pyramids were covered by some casing stones and still some of the casing stones are available in the adjacent locations. The location of the pyramids is a bit far away from the city and accessible through different types of traditional and modern modes of vehicles.

The pyramids are related to history for many reasons. First of all, they were the tallest man-made structure on earth. The construction system of the pyramids is also adorable. Millions of blocks have been used to bring the shape and still makes people feel surprised. There were some religious beliefs of the

Egyptians and thus they made mummies of the dead bodies. While burying the bodies, they used to provide precious wealth and other necessary things to be used in the afterlife. The mummies and the other necessary things are priceless. They represent the ancient history of the Egyptians. The archaeologists have conducted expeditions to know the details of pyramids for their historical values. Based on all these, the pyramids are undoubtedly related to history.

Your preparation for this topic will help you to talk about the following cue card topics:

- Describe a worth visiting place in your city or country.
- Describe a famous tourist spot you know about.
- Describe a place you have recently been to.
- Describe a famous historic place you know about.
- Describe a popular tourist attraction in your country.
- Describe a place you have never been to.
- Describe a place you have planned to visit in near future.

Describe a workplace you have worked in or know about.

You should say:

- what the building/workplace is like
- what facilities it has
- what type of people work there

and say if you think it is a good place to work or not, and why?

[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:

Formed by Sergey Brin and Larry Page, Google is the largest search engine in the world and a technological company known as Google Inc. It is headquartered in California in the USA. I know about the office, most importantly its working system, which is different from the other working environments.

The office is located at the Googleplex in Mountain View Santa Clara County in California and the entire complex is the combination of around two million square feet and this is the second largest office space and the headquarter has been shifted here since 2004. The company specialises in different technological sectors and provides internet services to the global users of the internet. It mostly provides search results to the people who use the server to search specific things or information. The service it provides is absolutely free of cost to the users. The office is highly decorated with modern amenities for the staffs and the working areas are designed with care and the comfort of the employees has been prioritised during the design. The Google staffs work in a specific part of the entire building while the sitting arrangements and desks are set in a smart manner while there are some other special features like glass windows and personal chambers etc. for the employees.

The working space for the employees is large and spacious. The employees come here and work devotedly with comfort. The authority has sharp eyes on the issue of comforts of its employees as it believes that if the employees are comfortable with the office, the production level will increase simultaneously. So, the office equipment and tools are user-friendly and the option of relaxation is found in plenty inside the office. The employees do not need to work at a preset time, rather they could work after their convenience. This is the unique facility that is not found in anywhere else. Besides, the relation among the employees and the authority is warm and even the Google authority takes care of the family members of its employees in absence of them. So, the employees do not need to worry about the family members and thus they can concentrate on their works. Besides, the recreational facilities for the Google staffs are also adorable. They can start playing pools or take part in any other recreational activities as and when they need that. The authority does not impose any restriction on such activities and monitoring is not done here. Nonetheless, the production level is not reducing rather it is moving fast in terms of financial advancement and recognition.

Usually, Google hires the best people to its office after a set of selection processes. Usually, the candidates have to achieve certain qualities up to the mark and have also to prove the skills. Besides, the hiring process is done quickly and the process is advertised on the career page of its website. Sometimes it hires the exceptional candidates while sometimes it takes people who are academically dull. Google actually judges the real life skills of the employees and how they will respond to different situations. But the first thing

is about the IQ. The IQ of the candidate should not be less than 130. This is really an important matter for applying at Google. Moreover, people with exceptional leadership abilities are welcomed at the organisation. Google adores such qualities and helps to nurture them. Besides, people who own a good record of activities can also work for Google. It prefers employees who have a proven record of doing things smoothly within the shortest possible time using fewer resources. Google also considers the human qualities of the candidates for its jobs. The people who are humble and benevolent in nature are the luckiest ones to work for Google. As there is a number of people from different nations are working there, the potential candidate needs to have the provision of adjustment with the working culture at the office. So, the humane qualities are a must for a Google employee. However, you are to be careful to your respective responsibilities as well and this is an accepted rule among the employees.

This is the perfect place for working. If you are self confident and can believe to do the things you are assigned within the budgeted time, you are on board with Google. This is the place where you can exercise your leisure activities without hiding it from your boss or superior officer. Rather you will be encouraged to perform to achieve excellence and might be awarded in some cases for outstanding performance. But you will be responsible to complete your duties or assigned tasks by the time you are spending in office. Besides, the contributory services that Google provides to its employees are lucrative. The benefits are not available in the other working places. Considering all the aspects, it appears that Google is a very good place to work for.

Model Answer 2:

I have joined at a bilingual local newspaper here in Mumbai and before joining at this place, I was a staff reporter for the Daily Morning. That was a nice workplace. Thank you for the question. I will describe the matter now.

The newspaper, based in Mumbai, was a daily newspaper. It was housed in an old three-storied building. The house did not look like a newspaper station. But it remained crowded all the times with the reporters and other people. Inside of the house was decorated with a nice combination of modern architectures and furniture. So, when people came inside of the office, they turned amazed. It became hard for them to cope up with the outer and inner interior.

The office was nicely decorated but there was a problem about space. Since it was an old building, there were ample rooms but modern furniture was not suitable for it. Besides, the accommodation system became troublesome for the staffs. But we managed everything. The windows of the building were larger than the usual windows. So, we did not need to use artificial ventilation system for the smooth passing of air. Moreover, the building had a wide staircase which really was helpful. The newspaper occupied the entire building and the printing was done on the ground floor while the office and other activities were done in the first and second floor.

This is a newspaper. So, most of the people here were journalists. But sometimes, some other types of people also used to come here. Besides, we had some support staffs as well to help in our regular activities. The office assistants were responsible for delivering messages to any other offices or places while the cleaners used to keep the office premises clean. The editor in chief used to take his seat on the top floor beside the news editing section. The reporters were assigned on the first floor. Most of the people in this office were related to journalism in different ways. But sometimes, victims of various events also came here for an interview while the senior police officials also came here to socialise with the reporters and the editor in particular.

Of course, this is a good place to work. I have worked here as a staff reporter for last three years and it was a great experience for me. All the office staffs were cooperative and administration was also cordial, took care of the employees. Besides, there were no gender discriminations. As a female reporter, I have never experienced any unwanted situations in this office. Based on all the things, I firmly believe this is a good place to work.

Similar Cue card topics that you should be able to talk about with your preparation for this cue card:

- Describe an office you have been to.
- Describe an office or organisation where you would like to work.
- Describe an ideal work place you know about.
- Describe a project or work you have done.

Describe a city, town or village you know well.

You should say:

- where it is
- what it looks like
- what kind of people live there

and say if you think it is a good place to live or not, and why?

[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:

Singapore is one of the most fabulous and desired tourist destinations in the world and often termed as the Lion City. This is a global city as the majority of the populations are from different countries.

The city geographically is located in Southeast Asia. This is only the island city with numerous establishments including high-rise structures, shopping malls and tourist destinations. The city is surrounded by different other locations like continental Asia, Riau Island – belonged to Indonesia and Peninsular Malaysia. The city is shaped like a diamond and a large number of tropical flora and gardens are also found in the city. The city is a populated with a dense population and majority of them are non-native who came here for different purposes and started living in the city as they fell in love with it. Now the generations of those people are living here as permanent residents. The city has a long history and been dominated by the colonial rulers since the 18th century. During the 1960s, it gained independence from Britain and the growth of the city began after the 60s. The city is also popular for its governmental policies that take the necessary care for the citizens.

Earlier a rain-forest, the city is now filled with skyscrapers and tall buildings and modern communication system. Singapore has turned into a universal city with its universal populations. People of different nations are living together in the city and as a result, the use of several languages is a common issue. Since this is an island city, the scopes of expanding establishments on the ground is limited. Thus the buildings are made vertically. Almost all the buildings are skyscrapers. There is a wide number of such establishments in the city which has increased the beauty. This is a luxurious city and playing the role of a commercial hub in Southeast Asia. This is considered as the most important trading place and almost all types of goods and services are available here. Due to the easy communication system and easy processes, many of the multinational companies and corporations have opened their headquarters in

the city. Now the city has got a different look and the night views are outstanding.

Basically, in the city, there are three types of peoples are found including – Singaporean, Malaysian and Indian. Most of the people are businessmen and have their own business of different types including selling t-shirts on streets to multinational corporations. This is a universal place for the people and the older citizens are living her for centuries. The origin of the population is a bit different. As the entire country was a rain forest, the number of people living in the country was few and the city was not been established as well. But during the British Colonial rule in the 18th century, the British people came to have some business with the locals and started ruling over the country. They turned the country into a trading hub and then the formulation of the Singapore city started and took long years to complete. Then different types of people came in the city to earn their livelihood and some of them settled. Now the older settlers are not found but the people living here in the current days are bearing their legacies.

Singapore city is a good place to live in and the foods are yummy. But the most important thing is that being a luxurious city, the living costs are high. So, if you cannot manage a healthy income, it will be a bit of difficult for you to be there. In the beginning, the island was settled by people of surrounding islands but the now the scenarios are just the opposite. Global people come here to visit the island every day and have their necessary shopping or work done and stay for few days or after their needs. But if they want to live permanently in the city, it is a troublesome issue. Getting permission is difficult now and the local administration is not issuing permanent residence status to the foreigners for different reasons. The city is now filled with modern architecture and tallest buildings and communication with the rest of the world is easier. So, this is a good place for living.

Model Answer 2:

Pakistan is one of the most historically important places and owns some of the renowned cities around the world. I will now discuss the city of Pindi, also known as Rawalpindi. Thank you for the smart question.

The city is located in Pakistan and the fourth largest city in the country inconsideration of the population. The city is connected with Islamabad and its economy largely in that city. The naming of the city is a mystery and it is assumed that the city was named by the Gakhras in the early part of 1400. The

city also experienced many other dominations other than the Gakhras and once it was the largest garrison for the British Indian Army after the British Raj occupied the city in 1849.

This is a metropolitan city and interconnected with the other cities of the country. It has airports, educational institutions, and many other tourist attractions. The natural beauty of the city is also attractive. The best time to visit the city is winter or after the summer. Because, during summer, the city is too hot to move around. Pindi is having some modern structures now. A notable number of commercial establishments are underway. But the city is mostly a military city as after the partition of India, it became the base of Pakistan Army. However, the look of the city has been changed since then.

Rawalpindi is a multicultural city. People of all status and ethnicity live here together in peace. Among the population, over 80 percent of them are Punjabi while there are some other people like Pashto and others. This is the city of opportunity and as a result, various ethnic people migrate in this city from different parts of the country. They speak a various language like Balti, Sindhi, Punjabi and others. The majority of the people here are businessmen and they deal with various types of goods and services. The rate of education in this city is also adorable and female education is getting priority in this present days.

Certainly, this is a very good place to live in. The city comes with all the modern facilities. The communication system is excellent. Interestingly, the rate of traffic congestions is lower in this city. Earlier, the city was not so much developed as it is now. The development boosted after the establishment of Islamabad and even in the present day, Pindi is related with Islamabad with many aspects. The name of the city suggests about the village of lakes but in the modern days, the lakes are not available as before. Nonetheless, the city is a perfect place for living and my family have been living in the city since the separation with India.

Your ability to talk about this topic will enable you to answer the following IELTS cue card topics also:

- Describe a place you would like to live in.
- Describe a beautiful village or town you have been to.
- Describe your home town.
- Describe a city or town you want to visit.
- Describe a large city or village you know about.

- Describe a town or a city you lived in the past.
- Describe a city which is quite different than yours.

Describe an historical figure who you know about.

You should say:

- who is s/he
- what s/he did
- when s/he lived

and say why s/he is an important historical figure.

[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:

Malaysia has a long history and different people have been renowned for their outstanding performances to enrich the country which has turned in the history today. Tunku Abdul Rahman is the former first prime minister of Malaya after independence and a historical figure.

Tunku Abdul Rahman is the former politician, chief minister of the Federation of Malaya after its independence from the British colonial rule and also served as the president of Malaysia for seven years (his tenure lasted from 1963 to 1970). His political career began after his graduation and served numerous purposes for the country. The countrymen commonly call him Tunku and are considered as the founding father of the country Malaysia. He is also termed as Bapa Malaysia and widely praised for his contribution to the development of the country. He has experienced and participated in numerous events ranging from the colonial rule and independent and had a direct role in the movements as he was a royal family member of the country.

Tunku has lots of contribution for the development of Malaysia and nobody has thought about the country as like him in the days when the country experienced colonial rule. The country was being exploited by the rulers from different aspects and in such a situation the emergence of Tunku made the deal. He became the president of United Malays National Organization at first and won the election in 1955. Then he turned into the prime minister of Malaya. Gradually his political career advanced and then declared to be the chief of the country on media. But he did not want to be violent in grabbing

the power rather sought simplified ways to get on the seat. He travelled to London for making the country independent and made negotiation with the rulers and finally the country was free of the colonial rulers and he became the prime minister of the independent Malaysia.

Tunku was born in 1903 in Malay on February 8. At that moment, the British domination was almost everywhere in the globe and Malaysia was not an exception. The British people have entered at the places where they have found potentials to dominate the people and gain their benefits. So, Tunku observed many of the incidents of the British rulers and consequently shaped his mind to change the scenario. He had the opportunity to bring a change as he was born in the royal family and was the 20th child of his father. He studied in Debsurin School in Bangkok and for his exceptional merit; Cambridge University offered him a scholarship to continue his studies at the university. Though he studied law, he did not take the law as his profession and he also lost interest when he could not succeed in the exam in first chance in the early days of his life. Later, when he passed the exam after several retakes, he was appointed as the deputy public prosecutor before he joined in politics. He breathed his last at the age of 87 in 1990.

He is still an important political figure in the history of Malaysia. In the dawn of Malaysian independence, he raised his voice and understood that the country needs independence to move forward. His future vision has brought the country to the current position. His wide envision about the independent Malaysia has become true today and now the country is considered as one of the most developed countries. If did not take the attempts to make the country free from the rulers and continued his post of deputy prosecutor, it is difficult to say that Malaysia could not have moved ahead. During the colonial ruling period, the countrymen experienced different troubles in their social and professional life and the issue of racism was more prevalent that many of the natives had to leave their jobs and social status being insulted by the rulers. The situations turn worst and Tunku wanted to solve without any bloodshed. Finally, he became successful and thus he took himself into a different height. People still remember his contribution to the country and pay cordial homage in his birth and death dates.

Model Answer 2:

Independence is the most desired thing in the world but it comes with lots of sacrifices. Joan of Arc is one the historical characters who had played an

important role in the liberation of France from English domination. Thank you for the question. I am blessed to have this question in my share.

Joan of Arc is also known as Jeanne d'Arc in French. She had a nickname – "The Maid of Orléans". She is one of the influential figures in the history of France for her outstanding contribution and sacrifice of her life for the nation. She was born into a peasant family in France and now is a heroine for her brave steps and roles at the Hundred Years' War.

She took part in the Lancastrian phase of Hundred Years' War. The war began in 1337 as a result of inheritance dispute of French throne. The French economy was destroyed as the result of this war and the detrimental impacts were across the nation. On the other side, the English domination was a trouble for the French. There were troubles both inside and outside of the country. The royal conflicts reached the peak over numerous issues. Some treaties were signed to control the situations but gradually the English started occupying some of the parts of France and the movement against them become stronger. Joan of Arc led some of the movements while the English occupied Orléans.

Joan was born in January of 1412 in a locality in the north-east corner of France. The village, where she was born, was the part of the duchy of Bar. Her father owned around 20 hectares of lands. He also played the role of a village official too. In her days, the locality she lived in was surrounded by anti-French people and she also experienced many raids in her childhood and even she experienced the burning down of her village too. Due to the misery and unstable condition, she was unable to be educated. She used to write letters with the help of others.

Joan was tried for her association with the movement to liberate France from English. She was caught by a faction of Burgundian and was handed over to the English. The Burgundians were allied to the English. At that time, Joan was only 19. She started to the vision of driving the English away from her country when she was only 13. But the English did not spare her for her 'crime' and various other charges and killed her by burning. It was May 30 of 1431 when she was burnt to her death. She proved her love to the country by sacrificing her life. So, Joan of Arc is an important historical figure in the history of France.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe an historical figure who you know about."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a famous person in your country you know about.
- Describe someone famous you would like to meet.
- Describe a well-known person in your country.
- Talk about a person who has done a lot of work to help others.
- Describe a political leader you like.
- Describe a person you admire.

Describe someone who is well known in your town, area or country.

You should say:

- what s/he does
- how you know him/her
- why this person is well known

And say whether you like this person's life or not, and why?

[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:

Social work is a great task indeed and requires special abilities to perform the duties and Mr. Steve Adel is performing the work in my locality in Pakistan for a long time.

Mr. Steve Adel is a former employee of the Greek government and now passing his offspring in Pakistan. Once he was a renowned police officer in his country and mostly he is adored for his honesty and sincerity to his service there. During his tenure at police, he is never seen abusing his influence to gain any personal interest rather he always served people as he is serving destitute in the current days of his retirement. He lives with his wife here and he has two daughters living in Greece with their own families. His wife is also a retired school teacher and sometimes accompanies him at the social works. Mostly he is devoted to the destitute and trying to form a type of rehabilitation for them. His plans also include establishing a school for the children who are devoid of education and been engaged in professions for livelihoods.

He lives in the city of Faisalabad in Punjab province and frequently comes to my shop. He is a familiar face in the locality as there are not many foreigners living here. He comes to my grocery and collects his necessary items for the week. Then I exchange some words with him and have built a cordial relation with the man. Sometimes I invite him to my home with his wife to take dinner and he cordially accepts my invitation and also brings flowers and chocolates for my kids and wife. Besides, I have also done some social works with him and passed many moments in streets to seek impoverished people and talk with them over the rehabilitation issue. So, he comes to meet me often and I accompany him as per his need. Sometimes I also try to support his initiative by donating a small amount of fund for the formulation of his charitable organisation.

Mr. Adel is very well known in the locality and this is for his benevolence and kindness. He is cordial to the poor people and helps them after his best. He is also known for his charity and he tries to keep the issues secret so that nobody could be informed about his contribution but the beneficiaries do not abide by the direction. They publicise his charity and sometimes the publicity turns positive for him. Many of the local elites and influential people support him in his need. Nobody refuses him when he seeks help to them as the supports are not sought for his own needs. He always tries to work for the helpless which has made him famous in the locality. But in reality, he likes to keep all the activities hidden and does not run after his promotion among the society members. His wife is also his follower and prefers to remain silent when they are praised for their initiatives. Thereby, the local people also love them much.

I like Mr. Adel very much for his selfless efforts to improve the condition of the poor and helpless people in Faisalabad. His attempts are small but his dreams are bigger than his attempts. When he shares his dreams of establishing a large and well-facilitated rehabilitation centres at Faisalabad, we also become the partner of his dream. We also want to have a change in the society and there are a good number of helpless people are living miserable lives. Many of the educated people are unemployed and if the dream of Mr. Adel could be materialised, then the scenario will be changed to the greatest extent. The local government could also offer a supportive hand to the initiative.

Model Answer 2:

I live in a small location here in Nepal. The locality being small, everyone is familiar with each other. Mr. Arun Thapa is a renowned personality in the locality for his special skills in teaching. Thank you for the question. I am happy to have the chance of informing you about him.

Mr. Arun Thapa is a college teacher. He is a former professor of history at Kathmandu University. In his early life, he had taught the subject in many other local and international universities. He is mostly famous for his outstanding intellect and public speaking capacity. Often he is made special guests at various functions and people gather there to listen to his speeches.

He is a family friend of mine. My father and Mr. Thapa had studied in the same college in Nepal and still share the bond of friendship. He regularly comes to visit my father and both of them spend time in discussing numerous issues. My father is a retired government employee and loves to spend time with his friends. Accordingly, Mr. Thapa is also a retired person and has the same feelings as my father. Both of them play chess for hours and finally, nobody can win the match. Sometimes, I help Mr. Thapa in deciding his steps in chess. By this way, I have developed a good relation with him.

As I said before, the area we live in is very small. So, when any event takes place, the information is spread around the locality. Mr. Thapa gained his fame when he lectured in a private event. Gradually, he started getting an invitation to attend many other local public functions. He delivered his speech about different issues. Most of the times, some of his speeches were against the government but none could break his logic. He critically analysed the steps taken by the government and the issues also came into newspapers. All these things helped him to be well-known in the area.

Of course, I like Mr. Thapa very much. In fact, the majority of the local people have a positive idea about him. He is one of the men who never compromises with injustice. He is bold enough to say the right thing and does not care if that hurts the feelings of the accused. Further, he has a very good connection with the government officials. If someone comes for help to him, he uses his connections to provide the necessary supports or get the things done. The other people like him as he never misuses his abilities. He is polite and behaves gently with everyone. This is another reason to love him. I also have been benefitted by him several times regarding my college issues. He did those selflessly. Therefore, I like him from deep of my heart.

Your ability to talk about this topic will enable you to answer the following IELTS cue card topics also:

- Describe a famous person in your country.
- Describe a famous person you would like to meet.
- Describe a popular poet or writer in your country.
- Describe a person you really admire.
- Describe a talented person you know about.
- Describe someone who you think is successful.
- Describe a popular leader in your country.

Describe a friend who has played an important part in your life.

You should say:

- how you met this friend
- how long you have known him/ her
- what you two do/did together

and explain how s/he has played an important part in your life.

[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:

We meet some people in life who appear to bring some changes, and Samantha Rozario belongs to those people who changed my life to the greatest extent.

When I was high school teenager, I met with Samantha at my school. She is an outstanding smart girl and simultaneously meritorious. She had a photographic memory and could remember anything that she read or seen once. Fortunately, she lived in the same street where I lived in Paris and we had a very good relation as we two used to ride a bicycle for reaching the school. Sometimes, she took me on her back of the bicycle when my own needed servicing. She gradually turned into my best friend and I learnt a lot of things from her. She was intelligent and good at several subjects especially math and science. So, she helped me in preparing notes for the exams and also helped me in extracurricular activities. She was an adorable girl with her pleasant behaves with all.

I have known her when I was in my 13 and belonged to the high school. Now I am 23 and she is still my best friend for past five years though I know her for past 10 years. But if I count the years of our friendship, then it would be nine years altogether as the first year went on to get introduced to her properly. Since she was in the neighbourhood, we used to meet almost in every evening at her or my space and did many enjoying things. Sometimes, in school, she played to role of class coordinator and I turned her assistant while when I was made the coordinator, she had to be my assistant. Our relationship grew stronger with the passage of time and we started understanding each other as good friends. Gradually she turned into my friends I am to her.

The things we did together are countless and still we do whenever we get chance. When we were teens, we used to watch cartoons together at my home. Sometimes she invited me at her place to watch cartoons specially the Tom and Jerry Show in the afternoon. Besides, we used to perform our school home works together. Sometimes, we used to play outdoor games in the school playground with the other mates and friends. Importantly, Samantha liked to play chess and also made a skilled chess player. Now I am a local chess champion. She also had an attraction for video games and she also transferred the attraction on me very successfully. But the teenage days have been over for past few years. She has shifted from Paris but distance is not a problem for us to keep our friendship alive. Still we meet together and pass a few days whenever we could manage time. Sometimes she comes to visit me or if she cannot manage time I go to meet her.

She is the individual who can make you feel comfortable with her within a second. Her personality is pleasant and she never speaks without any smile with others. The most important factor is her extraordinary intelligence. She taught me about different things and how to deal with them. I have lost my anger and regrets after being friend with her. She is blessed with humane qualities and has also transferred some of them on me. Now I can talk smilingly even on the worst situations and trickily get my jobs done. Besides, I know how to handle tougher situations when the mistake is mine (I learnt it for Samantha as well). I also learnt to be humble when I am to deal with people and I underscore on listening to them instead of responding unnecessarily. Gradually I have turned into a good human being and she is my inspiration for all of my good deeds.

Model Answer 2:

My meeting with David was the most important event of my life. He is the man who helped me greatly to learn many real-life things. Thank you for the great question and I will describe David now in brief.

I met with David while I was a student of eighth grade. David and I were in the same class. I came to know about him while I was asking if someone liked the comic book in the class. In my query, David replied that he liked comic books and it was the beginning. We exchanged comic and other books and still, we share our books in this university days.

I know David for around eight years. The friendship between us have been stronger in the years and hope it will last for the lifetime. In the university, we applied for the same course but unfortunately, we could not get that. So, he is now studying in Computer Science in the University of Malaya and I am studying Archaeology in the same university. But the differences of the courses have not separated us and we are still intimate friends. In fact, I feel lucky to have him as my friend. Moreover, the friendship has reached between our families as well.

When we were kids, we used to play together or enjoy cartoon shows. But in this matured age, we no longer are confined in cartoons anymore. We go out for making short trips, enjoy movies or chat with friends. Sometimes, we also socialise with the other friends of our university together. As a result, I know many of his classmates and he knows mine. It was based on mutual understanding. Besides, shopping is a passion for us. Both of us move for shopping in various shopping malls here in Malaysia. Often we go for buying books or movie disks together. We spend time together in the holidays.

Before I met David, I was no aware of the happenings around me. But he was a smart and intelligent boy at that tender age. He has helped me greatly to learn reading books other than the comic books. Before meeting with David, I used to read comic books alone. But after meeting him, the realm of book reading opened to me. I started reading the other books line novels, thrillers etc. With his direct intervention, my real-life skills developed. I was unable to communicate with people effectively and he taught me how to be a skilled communicator. Besides, he also supported me in some other aspect too. He advised me on various issues and everything went right with his predictions. Therefore, I must admit David's contribution to making a smarter boy in my real-life matters.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a friend who has played an important part in your life."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a person who has a great influence in your life.
- Describe your best friend.
- Describe a friend who you like to spend time with.
- Describe one of your friends.
- Describe a friend you know for a long.
- Describe a person who helped you a lot.
- Describe one of your college friends.
- Describe a person who has a great leadership quality.
- Describe a friend you really like.
- Describe one of your friends who you like a lot.
- Describe someone who is similar to you.

Describe a long car journey you went on.

You should say:

- where you went
- how long it took
- who you went there with

and explain why you went on that journey by car.
[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:

One of my best friends, Robert Jenkinson, lives in India and got married there in last summer in Indian style. So, we had to attend his marriage and it was a long journey for me by a car after I landed in India.

Robert initially decided to marry his beloved in the Bengali style and hired a venue in Kolkata. Accordingly, I reached Kolkata by a flight from Greece. I had to attend the ceremony as he insisted and sent me tickets for the travel. In

fact, I also did not want to miss the chance to meet my friend after a long time. He left Greece to New Delhi about ten years ago aiming to establish himself as a renowned film director. He has been trying to establish himself as a good director in India and has made a couple of short films in the beginning before starting a large-scale movie. So, he needs more time to get set there. But due to some unavoidable reasons, he shifted the venue to The Majestic Court in New Delhi. After landing in Kolkata, it took about over 30 hours for me to reach the destination. The destination was 1462 kilometres away from Kolkata. But the journey was comfortable for me as Robert arranged a car for me that carried me to New Delhi.

It took over a day and night for me to reach New Delhi. The distance is huge from Kolkata. I proposed Robert that I should catch a train but he did not allow and arranged for the car. The journey was outstanding. It was a large four-seated sedan car. The car started the journey from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata in India, the airport was known as Dum Dum Airport. The car started the journey at 8am sharp, though I touched the land at 6.30 and had spent the time outside the airport building to get familiar with the area. I have never been to West Bengal in my life. I did not have the idea about the distance and when I came to know about that, I bought few thrillers from the books stalls in the airport.

I was all alone in the car except the driver. It was an exciting journey for me but in the night time, I had nothing to do except watching movies on my laptop. But I met many of my friends in New Delhi who came to attend the marriage ceremony of Robert and Angelina. The journey from Kolkata to New Delhi will stay in my mind for longer days. The journey was interesting. Robert assigned a native driver who was familiar with the road networks of Kolkata and New Delhi. He drove the car skillfully and took me at the marriage venue about half an hour before the commencement. The driver's company was enjoyable indeed. He did not ask many questions like the others did when I got down from the aeroplane. Rather he assisted me in almost every aspect and took care of me.

Robert is a man of words and very punctual as long as I know him, and never have found that he is missing his appointments and promises. He always tries to be perfect and also desires that everyone should be the same with him. Later, I came to know that he shifted the venue to New Delhi in the same date as the venue in Kolkata was not fully prepared to hold the event. The venue authority informed him that they cannot hold the marriage on the desired style

on the due date as they would have to remain busy for their religious purposes. Accordingly, he shifted the venue in New Delhi. I was not the only man who went to New Delhi, there were some other invited guests also had to move to New Delhi but the hours were not the same. As it was inconvenient for me to travel in a foreign country and alone, Robert arranged the car with the thought of my comfort. I am obliged with his cordiality, indeed.

Model Answer 2:

Last week, I had a great car journey from Austin to Dallas. I started from Austin for Dallas which was 195 miles away. It was a pleasant journey for me after long days. Thank you so much for the interesting question. I will answer it in brief.

It was the birthday of my friends, Jimmy. He planned for the trip with his own car that he received from his father marking his 19th birthday. He planned to thank his dad for driving the car to his home in Dallas. In fact, he is a student of architecture and we are in the same university in Austin in the USA. It was a rapid plan and we four started for Dallas.

Dallas is around 195 miles from Austin but the distance is a bit reduced lower from the area of our university from where we started for. It took around four hours for us to reach Dallas and another half an hour to reach Jimmy's home. So, it took five hours altogether for us to reach there. But it was an enjoyable journey. We all had fun during the trip. Luckily, the roads were almost empty as it was a holiday. But it took a long time for us to reach there as we stopped in several places and took snacks and beverages.

I was accompanied with three other people including Jimmy. He was my best friend and thus he asked me to comment on his plan to visit his parents on his birthday. Jimmy was surprised with the car that his father had sent for him and was delivered at night. So, he planned to surprise them to be there and a have a lunch on the day. After the plan, we moved there. Samuel, Jimmy, Rupert and I was the member of this trip. Jimmy was an excellent driver but I had no idea that he could drive so well. He never crossed the speed limit despite having the chances. He also forbade us not to take any alcoholic beverages during the ride.

I went there by car mostly based on the request made by Jimmy. I agreed with him for some reasons. I have just completed a semester and the classes for the

new semester was yet to begin. So, life was boring and I could not focus on other entertaining activities. The proposal was very charming and I instantly agreed with Jimmy. I also assumed that the journey would be interesting as two of our best friends were going too. Finally, we made the journey by car and really enjoyed to the last moment. I am grateful to Jimmy for offering such a nice trip.

Part 3 : Details Discussion

Q. Why do people like to have private cars?

A. Private cars are has become an essential in the current days, though it was considered as a luxury in the past. It was also considered as a symbol of status and nobility among the people. But the necessity of cars has increased to a great extent and by the same time the prices are affordable. Moreover, it helps saving time to reach destinations. For example, if you are the owner of a private car, you no longer need to stand in a queue for tickets or for riding a public bus. Sometimes, the buses are jam packed and you might not have the chance to ride in. So, I think the popularity of private cars is on the increase.

Q. What are the differences between using bicycles and private cars?

A. Bicycles and private cars have differences. Though you need no fuel and there are some health benefits of a bicycle, you cannot ride more than two people together and it takes times to reach places riding a bicycle. This is not a speedy mode of transport while the cars are speedier than a car. Besides, the seats are uncomfortable on a bicycle while the car seats are comfortable and spacious. But you need to get fuels for the car while your physical labour is enough to drive the bicycle ahead. Safety is not ensured for any of the modes but if you are careful, you can stay safe.

Q. Is it a good thing that everyone owns cars?

A. I think the idea of getting a private car for everyone is not wise. Public transportation is also required in a city. When the numbers of private cars are more in the town, there are more chances to develop more traffic congestions which kill times. A private car can accommodate maximum six to ten passengers at a time while the public transports like buses or trains could hold passengers ten times more than the private car. Besides, when anybody will have a car for him or her, parking of the cars is also a big issue for them. So, I think everyone should not own a private car.

Q. How to buy private cars in your country?

A. Buying automobile in Greece or in Europe is not a troublesome issue. One

can generally buy two types of cars including second-hand used car or brand new. But the first and important thing is that you must own a driver license to buy a car. There are numerous car-selling showrooms and agents are available. They can provide you with the car ranging from the1950s to the current days. But you are to make sure that you are paying the price within a legal and reliable source. The buyer should arrange for the necessary paperwork before buying the car and present the documents to the car selling agents to prove their legality.

Q. What's the difference between men and women's preference on cars?
A. Women usually want their car to be gorgeous and cute in look while the men underscore for the engines and strengths of the car. Women try to colour the body after their preferred colour but the men are different in this case. Men want to have heavy duty tire with a power steering wheel. Sometimes they prefer boosters on the cars to run like a crazy bull. But a majority of the women are against this view and they drive their cars so smoothly so that the cars should not get any spot on the body. But naturally, men are desperate over such issues. They do not care much about the cars until the care turns into the must for the car. Nearly all of the times the male drivers run their cars roughly, while women are not seen to be mad like them.

Q. What's the difference between men and women's preference on cars?
A. Future is entirely unpredictable but there are few possibilities that the cars will fly on the air. It may sound weird now but after twenty to thirty years, the world will experience cars those are flying in the sky. Air terminals will be set in different parts for the flying cars. Some of the cars would be able to drive through the water. Science fiction movies frequently show such cars which are flying or driving through water but I think the scenarios will be as usual shortly in the real life world. Humans have done things which were unimaginable before those were done and someday this idea may also be materialised if everything goes well in the world.

Q. Do many families own private cars in your country?
A. Yes, many of the families have their own private cars in our country. But the uses of those cars are limited. They mainly use the cars for the purposes of travelling long distances such as visiting relatives living in the other cities or when going on vacations together etc. And they prefer using public transports for their daily purposes and inside the city commuting. As a result, the traffic congestion has been reduced to many extents.

Your preparation for this Cue card will help you to answer the following Cue card topics as well:

- Describe a journey that took you a long time.
- Describe a tour you remember well.
- Describe something interesting you did recently.
- Describe a journey you made by bus or train.
- Describe a journey you enjoyed.
- Describe a time when you were with your friends.
- Describe a memorable event in your life.
- Describe a time when you visited a new place.
- Describe a public transportation you often use.

Describe a house or apartment you want to live in.

You should say:

- what it would look like
- where it would be located
- what facilities this would have

and explain why you want to live there.

[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:

Humans have always been dreaming of living in a luxurious house and accordingly my dream is also similar with the other human beings. I want to live in a large and luxurious house as I do not want experience any challenge with my living at home.

The house should be a duplex building with spacious rooms and corridors. There should be ample space for movement after placing the furniture. Besides, the rooms need to be well ventilated and south facing is preferable. Generally, the south-faced houses have natural light and air supply. So, one does not need to spend more bucks after electricity or arrangement for artificial air coolers. Besides, the houses should also contain several bedrooms. The living room needs to be spacious as I have to place a wide range of furniture than the regular living rooms in the tiny apartments. Besides, the

house should have sufficient numbers of bathrooms with modern fittings and facilities. I would like to have a balcony with my bedroom facing the south side from where I could smell the fragrance from the garden. At the night times, I will place a chair on the balcony to enjoy the night views, especially the moonlit nights.

Though I love rural regions than the urban areas for a tranquil environment, I wish to have the house at the corner of an urban street. I chose to live in a corner of the city for several reasons. First, such corner areas are usually free of the bustle of the cities. Since there are few crowds the noise level remains at a minimum level that is pleasant. Secondly, the cities are blessed with modern facilities which are unavailable in the rural areas. The connections of the internet or large shopping malls or standard groceries are not available. But I need those to lead my life. Generally, the rural areas are quiet and I will create such an environment around my house. But if the house is in the centre or middle of any street, it is impossible to bring the rural flavour inside the house. If I surround the house with foliage and gardens, it will look like a large house in the rural areas. Moreover, I will have access to the necessary places and public transportation facilities which are also rare in the rural areas.

The house should have all the modern amenities and facilities. It should have a telephone connection to connect with the rest of the world in line with my cellular phone. Besides, internet connection with satellite television network is a must. I usually do not watch television but my parents do. For them, I need to satellite television network. The house should also have a fine garage to keep my Porsche 911 (though older, the car is of great use) with me. A small driveway is a plus with the garage. The doors should be made with the finest woods while the windows would be made of Thai glass window without any grills or restrictions. The roof of the house should also be large and I intend to plant some small plants on the rooftop garden. Besides, the entire building should have the opportunity to cover with small plants that go attached to the walls. The other issues like the fittings, tiles and necessary elements in the kitchen and bathrooms should be of the top class.

I generally prefer to live in a large house for its benefits. I have been born and brought up into a large house and being a nuclear family we did not have many family members except the three of us (my parents and me). So, I had ample spaces to move on inside the house and play around the day. So, the habit of living in a large house has been formed since my early childhood. I cannot live in small apartments and those appear like a cage to me. Breathing becomes

difficult (literally). Besides, I also need a quiet place to live in. So, I need a large house with all the available facilities of the modern days and at the same time, it should be peaceful. Neither my parents nor I prefer noise and do not make so as well. A silent environment in a large house is the most desired thing for me and my family.

Model Answer 2:

I do not dream of living in houses which are large. Rather I need a place where I can live with peace of my mind. In fact, I need a small house to live in. Thank you for your nice question and I am happy to let you all know about it.

I do not have any problem with the house space but the interior needs to be beautiful. To be frank, I do not need a swimming pool inside my bedroom but I need enough space to place my bookshelf. I do not need a house that will look striking from a mile away, rather I need my place should be well decorated with necessary furniture and other stuff. Moreover, I need a personal space to read books or listening music or enjoying movies.

I do not love hustle bustle of city life but I have no alternatives left. I will try utmost to get the house at a corner of the city so that I am not disturbed. I do not need any scenic location for my house. Rather I need a calm and quiet place for living. On the other side, the location needs to be filled with foliage. I love trees and will create some space for them too. So, the location needs to be near nature. Finding such a place is really difficult in Thailand. Almost all the open lands have been filled and commercial structures have been constructed on the spaces. Hence, I am in search of such a place to build my house.

This is a modern age and certainly, I expect some modern facilities for the house. First of all, the house should be well ventilated. It should come with larger windows. The tiles and other necessary fittings should be of high standard. Moreover, the house should have access to continuous civic facilities like gas, water and electricity supply. I also need alternative backups for the facilities lest I do not need to suffer for any of those when there will be an unexpected interruption. I need another facility for my house- the communication system needs to be improved.

I want to live in such a house for many reasons. I work for a multinational corporation and need to remain busy round the day. Moreover, I need to plan and execute some strategic decisions. So, I need a comfortable place to think

over the matters. It is my study which I think as the best place for such purposes. If I get the required environment, I would be able to make the plans and visualise their implementation process clearly. Moreover, such a house is necessary for a healthy living too. Therefore, I want to live there.

If you can comfortably talk about this topic, you should be able to talk about the following Cue card topics as well:

- Describe beautiful house or home you have seen.
- Describe a house or apartment you have lived in.
- Describe your house or home.
- Describe a large house you have seen.
- Describe a well-furnished apartment you have seen.
- Describe a place you would like to live in.
- Describe a tall building you have seen.
- Describe a room you have lived in for a long.

Describe a street that you like to visit.

You should say:

- where it is
- how it looks like
- what you do there

and explain why you like to visit this street.

[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:

Being a Malaysian, I am proud to let you inform that I have travelled in most parts of the globe but have never found a place like the Ampang road in Malaysia.

This is not an ordinary road or street in Malaysia. This is a major road of Klang Valley in Kuala Lumpur. The road has numerous histories and is considered as one of the oldest roads in the country. This is the main road of Ampang Jaya and consequently, it is accessible from every part of the city and there is a

place which is more like a junction. Everyone is busy here to reach their destinations. But most of the times I just stand on a corner of the road to see life going by. To me, it appears that life is here. Moving away is life. So, I spent my lazy evening hours here and enjoy the street views. I have been here for numerous times but the views are not old to me. Each of the days the views change themselves automatically and appear like I am watching the views for the first time.

The road is stunning to look at. It leads to different destinations to the people and the Petronas Twin Towers at the Kuala Lumpur city is located at the side of the road. A good number of vehicles pass through the road to varied destinations. Usually busy in the day time, the road has the same condition in the night times as well. So, the road is never free of crowds and vehicles, except the early morning hours when everyone is on the sleep. The day view is as usual like the other streets of the city but the night view is outstanding. The broad yellowish lights have increased the beauty of the road. Moreover, when vehicles pass through the road, their lights get mixed with the street lamps and create a breathtaking scenario. Besides, there are parking facilities before each of the buildings standing beside the road. The other structures like the Menara Citibank, Empire Tower, Menara Great Eastern, Wisma Denmark, Ampang Park, City Square etc. have also raised the beauty of the street.

Sometimes I with my friends stand into one corner and gossip over different issues. But in most of the evening, I like to watch the road alone and take my seat in the park area. Sometimes, when with friends, I go to the shopping malls and take light foods at the food courts. It is highly enjoyable and most of the time the expenses were shared among the friends. In the rainy evenings, the gossips were attractive for us with a cup filled with espresso. But most of the time I like to stand beside the road and watch the surroundings. The natural environment of the street is also wonderful and could be enjoyed from the park. The sky turns blue in the summer days and turns perfect for photography. I have also clicked numerous photos of the skies and printed some of the photos to be hung in my room.

I like to visit the streets for several reasons. The first and important factor is that there are no large and open fields or playgrounds where teenagers like us could go to play or exercise. Thereby, we are to spend our leisure hours either by using the virtual networks or by playing video games or watching movies. So, the street is a great option for me to spend some hours under the open sky. It makes my mind fresh and I also get ideas for my college projects.

Moreover, the open street has some special impacts on a moonlit night. At times, I spent a large portion of the night time on the street to enjoy the full moon. The full moon view is incredible when the surrounding is silent in late of the night. So, I like to visit the street very much and there are no specific timeframes for me to visit.

Model Answer 2:

I believe Paris to be the most wonderful city in the world for many reasons. The charming streets of the city are one of the reasons that attracted me most towards the city. The city is located in the 1st and 2nd arrondissement of Montorgueil-Saint Denis-Les Halles district in Paris. Thank you for the interesting question. I will describe the street now.

The street is located in a crowded place and remains crowded always for many reasons. This is the street where people come to socialise and shop. There are several street shopping centres are located here. people mostly come here for their daily shopping purposes and then get engaged in chatting and other activities. So, this has become a very popular street in the city.

The street looks ordinary from the beginning of the walkways. But gradually you will see a change when will you enter into the middle of the street. You will have restaurants in your both sides. The flower selling shops will attract you most. A notable number and types of flowers are available in the shops at a reasonable price. There are also some other stores for the local people which sell various types of items like daily necessaries, luxurious goods, bakery items, wines, flower, cheese and many other food ingredients. The cafés will provide you with the traditional taste of France. And the restaurants are always open to welcome the guests. All these things have made the street look nicer.

I love to visit the street for some reasons. I am native here and my family have been living her for last 100 years. We have some family business. So, I have been born and brought up near the street. When I was a kid, I used to play around the street. But gone are the days! Now I cannot play anymore rather I have to take care for one of the shops in the street. But in the evening, I get out of the shop and enjoy the evening snacks sitting at a café. Sometimes, my friends come to chat with me and we all enjoy the events happening around us.

I mostly like to visit the street for two specific reasons. Firstly, this is the place which is lively. A good number of people come here and get shopping done for the day. Secondly, this street becomes striking at night. The entire street is illuminated with the modern and attractive lighting. The distance view of the street is highly magical. In fact, I am in love with the street. I meet with people, shop, gossip and store some pleasant memories. So, this street is my one of the most preferred place in the entire city of Paris.

If you can comfortably talk about this topic, you should be able to talk about the following Cue card topics as well:

- Describe a street you have been to and liked.
- Describe a street in your hometown.
- Describe a street or place where you spent time in your childhood.
- Describe a place you often like to visit.
- Describe a place you remember from your childhood.
- Describe a place you often meet your friends.

Describe a friend.

You should say:

- who he /she is
- how you met him/ her
- how long you two are friends

And describe your friendship.

[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:

Jenny D'Suza is my best friend and she lives just beside my apartment in Patras located in Western Greece. She is highly intelligent and could adjust with different awkward situations instantly which I like most in her.

Jenny is the girl whom I admire for her elegant attitudes. She is the only daughter of her parents and likes to read books (definitely excluding the textbooks). She is 17 with a slim figure. Her dark large eyes are combined with a wide forehead and a strongly attractive cheek. She loves ponytail. She is

never rude to anyone and even could turn down anything without being impolite. Last year, a boy fell in her and proposed to be his partner but she refused the issue so precisely that the boy did not ask anything else to her and left. It happened for several times with the other boys as well who came to convince her over the same issue. Sometimes she turns funnier and the most attractive issue for everyone to like her is her smiling face. I have never seen her without a smile on the face. The smile is a kind of signature for her and her lips keep the smile always on. As a result, she is also popular among the teachers and other classmates.

The friendship with Jenny is a history now. It is been 12 years we are together and now we are the best friends of each other. I met her first when I went to school at the age of five. My father hired the apartment as he was transferred to Greece from Paris. I was admitted to the local elementary school and got introduced with Jenny at the class. Gradually I discovered that Jenny and I have some similarities and the top most important factor for me was she liked books like me. I was amazed when I went to her home for the first time as she had a notable collection of comic books and now the collection has been enriched and replaced by a wide number of novels and other important books. Since then, I sense of strong bond grew between us and still this is being continued and hope to continue it for the lifetime.

We are friends since our early childhood. Both of us had the chances to grow the friendship with the other girls but we did not find any such girls who could comply with us. Thereby, we picked each other to be the best friends forever. We underwent a large number of adventures and some of those were worst in our life. Sometimes we shared our academic accessories like pens, books or even exam notes as well. But such issues are not common among the other girls. They are not helpful in such cases to lend pens, pencils, books or other academic materials to one another. The understanding and the sense of compromise is the most important factor for our longer friendship.

Many of the girls in our school have said that the friendship between Jenny and Rossy (I) was the best they have ever seen. It is unbelievable that we do not quarrel and did not for the past 12 years. We grew together and our parents also inspired the issue. I have passed lots of hours at Jenny's house while she also stayed with me at night during the exam dates to have a group study. We always try to make the other one comfortable. It is always a pleasure for me to do something for Jenny while she is glad too when she could favour me even over the minor issue like lending a pen at the class. So, we are not just good friends, we are best friends.

Model Answer 2:

Friends are the most important part of life. I have many friends but I like Robert most for some of the reasons. Thank you for the question, and I am feeling blessed to be here and answer it.

Robert is a very kind hearted boy. He lives with his family here in Paris. We are the students of the University of Paris and studying our undergraduate. Robert is a bit introvert but loves to socialise when he is approached before. Thereby, the number of friends for Robert is limited. However, he is a smart and meritorious student and plans to be a computer engineer in future though the courses we are studying are not related with the computer.

I met him first in the university. Actually, I was in trouble with my laptop. I was unable to open it. The opening screen was not appearing after switching it on. So, I asked for help in the class that if someone could help me in using the laptop smoothly. Robert appeared to me and solved the problem. It was the beginning of our friendship. Now the friendship is going on smoothly and we are very good friends. Whenever I ask for any support, he provides that to me and this is similar for him too. When he needs any help or support from me, I provide that without any hesitation. As a result, the bond between us has become stronger gradually.

The friendship between Robert and mine is about three years old. I know him for past three years. And has known a lot about this introvert person. He loves to remain silent always. He also studies hard. Robert is supportive if someone asks for help to him. On the other sides, if someone denies to help him in his needs, like providing any notes or suggestions, he never takes revenge on them. Moreover, I am surprised with his willingness to the study. He hardly misses any class. And he has been awarded several times for his higher attendance in the university.

The friendship between us is interesting. the friendship began from a minor issue and it is being continued even today. Interestingly, we had quarrels several times and we resolved the matters within us. When I was guilty, I made a phone call to him and apologised for my mistakes. If it was him, he would have made the phone call to express his regrets. Moreover, both of us share our books, notes and suggestions. But when we go for a movie, he is the

person who talks more. He points out the movie making mistakes which I dislike most. I want to enjoy silently while he creates a chaos. This is the way we nurture our friendship and also respect each other.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a friend"** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe your best friend.
- Describe friend from your childhood.
- Describe a school friend you remember well.
- Describe a friend you like to spend time with.
- Describe a friend who you really like.
- Describe someone you is similar to you.
- Describe an adventurous person you know about.
- Describe a person who has an interesting hobby or profession.
- Describe someone who has influenced you a lot.

Describe your family.

You should say:

- what type of family it is (nuclear, joint etc.)
- how many family members you have in your family.
- what you do together as a family.

And explain how important your family is to you.

[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:

The family is the oldest unit of the world where people lived together with the members including parents, kids and other members. But with the change of time, families have been divided into different categories.

In France, most of the families are nuclear. For more clarification, a nuclear family always refers to a family where two parents are living with their kids. No other members are included in that family. But sometimes, the family may experience several difficulties when guests come to visit them. I live with my

own family while my parents are living on their own. My father and mother live in another city and they also have the same situation. They have formed their own nuclear family while the two brothers and one sister of mine have also the similar type of family. Living in a nuclear family is preferable to me for a wide number of causes. It helps to lead a stress-free life. However, there are some joint families living in France and all of them have migrated from different Asian countries. Thus, the number of such families is lower.

In my family, I have three other family members except me. I am David and by profession, I am an engineer. I live with my wife Lisa, my son – Abran and daughter Silvya. Lisa is a teacher by profession and teaches at a senior school adjacent to my apartment. My son is three years older than my daughter and now is in his fourth grade while the daughter got her admission at the elementary level in the current year. We are a happy family. Lisa takes care of the kids when she comes back from the school. It is beneficial for me that neither Lisa nor I have to care for the kids when they are at school. She brings the kids home when she returns from her own workplace. In my off days, I go to bring the kids from the school and both of them are in the same school which is also positive for my small family.

Usually, I do not get enough time in the day time to spend with the family members, especially with the kids. On most of the days, I have to return after the dusk and find the kids busy in their studies. But when I could return early in the evening from my work, I try to spend some quality hours with them by playing or making fun. Generally, I participate in different indoor sports with them and play chess. This is a very special game for the two. Sometimes, I take all the members for outing in the holidays. We visit the tourist spots and other destinations, watch cinemas or attend in exhibitions. Sometimes, we take food outside the home and I have made a routine that I will take dinner outside once in a month together and it will help strengthening our bond. It will also help us to get rid of the boredoms of the mechanised life.

My family is the issue of top most importance to me. I love my family. I have been supporting my wife in different household chores and also share some responsibilities as much possible for me. Usually, I shop groceries for the week and sometimes cook foods at home so that Lisa could take care of the kids. Sometimes, I read out stories to my kids so that they could fall in sleep. Besides, I try to teach the standard norms and manners to my kids so that they could be presentable everywhere and survive. This is my way to teach them how to deal with the world. They are highly important to me and thus I try to

make them fit to handle all the obstacles of the world.

Model Answer 2:

I live in an extended family in Sri Lanka. Many of the families have become nuclear now but mine is still a joint one. This is the tradition that my forefathers have been maintaining from an ancient past.

Though in this present age, the world is experiencing nuclear families, many of the groups in this country love to remain united with the family. And thus the families are larger. I am happy to be a member of this joint or extended family. There is a strong bonding among the family members. All the members are united on all issues. But there are sometimes disagreements and the elders come in to help to resolve the matters.

This is an extended family and so the number of family members is more than usual. We have about 25 members altogether. I live with my parents. I also have two other siblings. Besides, my grandparents also live with us. My paternal uncles live with their families as well. Each of them has sons and daughters. Besides, we also have a couple of relatives who often come to live with us and have become like the family members. So, this is really an interesting event to live with lots of people, spend time together and do the other things. But often I am in trouble while using the bathrooms. They remain occupied and you need to reserve your seat in the early hour of the day.

As a family, we all pass quality times. All the male members are busy with their occupational activities. Almost all of them are service holders and serves both in government and private offices. I am a student and my cousins are too. So, during the day time, it is not possible for us to be together. It is the night time when we meet together and discuss the events of the day. But the women of the family are the most benefitted people here. They enjoy themselves as they stay at home and perform the household chores. They are also helped by the domestic helps in cleaning, cooking and other activities. When everyone returns home, we take meals together, watch television shows and take part in many other activities.

My family is the most important thing to me. In fact, this is the place that has supported me so far to be a photographer. My parents, my grandparents, uncles and aunts – everyone has supported me when I was in distress related to my academic results. With their friendly inspiration, I crossed the

boundaries of the academic learning and now planning to be a professional photographer. This is the place where I share every of my emotions and this is the most important part of my life.

Your preparation for this topic will help you to talk about the following cue card topics:

- Describe your family members.
- Describe someone you really admire.
- Describe something which is very important to you.
- Describe a relative or a friend you like.

Describe something you often do in the evening.

You should say:

- what you do
- where you usually do it
- who you usually do it with

and say if you enjoy doing it or not. Why?

[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:

Cricket is a globally renowned sport and in Cape Town, I like to play cricket in the evening. I usually play cricket in the evening with my college friends.

It has turned into a habit for me to play cricket for around two to three hours in the evening on the small field beside my residence. I have formed a group to assist me in the sport. All of them are almost the similar age of mine and we have born and brought up in this street of Cape Town. So, the bonding among is stronger and when I proposed to start the game into our local field, all of them agreed collectively without any hesitation. With the collective contribution, we bought necessary element for the sport like a cricket bat, balls, and wooden stamps. Since this is not played in a professional level, we did not buy the professional tools like helmets, pads and guards etc. We use tennis balls and scotch tapes to make the balls run faster. Interestingly, we do

not hit sixes as there are chances to lose the ball when a six is made.

I usually go play at the small playground right beside the Strand Street. Earlier, the place was bare but with the advancement of modern age, it is being filled up with structures and only the playground is left. In my childhood the playground was larger in size but not it has been reduced to a great extent. It becomes difficult for us to play cricket and interestingly we cannot make strong strokes lest we lose the ball. So, we are to play with limitations as we do not have any access to any renowned playgrounds or fields. Moreover, we cannot afford to be a member of those expensive playgrounds. Thus we are happy with our tiny field and been playing cricket for long years. But it is unknown that how long we could continue our cricket on this ground. Usually, our game is set for 20 over altogether and we finish it by dusk.

Following the standard rule, cricket requires 22 players (at least) and three umpires to decide the win or lose. But since this is a local game of us, we have modified the game a bit for our handiness. The cricket team consists seven members. Each of the team has seven members and there are 14 members during the play and we also have some spectators around. They watch and enjoy the game. When I participate in the game, I am assigned as a fast bowler and allowed to bat in the third down position. Generally, we do not have any third umpire and there is only one who is selected from one of the playing teams or from the spectators around (if someone agrees).

I enjoy the sport indeed as it is the only way for me to pass my leisure hours. I wait around the day to start cricket. When I get back home from college, I take some foods and get out with the cricket bat. Interestingly, we have only two teams in the street who are interested in cricket and the necessary sporting tools and materials are distributed among the players. So, each of them brings the assigned materials like a bat, balls or stamps etc. The way we play in unconventional but it is highly amusing for us. We do not make quarrels but sometimes disputes over the decisions and we mitigate that internally. Sometimes we arrange for small scale tournament with the other boys of our college and held the matches at the same ground and they also agree to play in compliance with the rules made by us. So, I enjoy the evening cricket matches much than any other things.

Model Answer 2:

I love to take part in outdoor activities more than any other things. As part of

my outdoor activity, I ride in bicycle every evening. This is a great fun to me. Thank you for the interesting question. I will describe the matter now in brief.

I have a team of bicycle riders. We move to different places in the evening and enjoy ourselves. This has become a hobby for all of us to ride on bicycles and travel the surrounding areas. All of us are students and we have nothing noteworthy to do in the evening. So, we move out for the short trips in here and there.

Mumbai is a large city and there are many things to do and see here. So, I try to move in the places where I have never been before. As part of my trip, the entire city is familiar to me now. I can move in places which are inaccessible by other types of vehicles. Besides, when I am in traffic congestion, I simply got off the bicycle and walk with it. So, it saves time for me and I can come back home by the dusk. I try to visit the oldest parts of the city and enjoy the foods and meet with people there. Sometimes, I try to know about the history of the places as well.

I have a team of seven other members. All of the members belong to the same locality. In fact, we all are childhood friends and study in the same college. So, formulation of the team was not difficult for us. Interestingly, the team was formulated in a single day when I proposed them to ride a bicycle in the evening and make some trips in the surrounding locality. All of them agreed to my proposal and accordingly we bought the bicycles. Now, every one of us tries to be present at the evening trip. But if someone is sick or experiences any other troubles, then he informs the remaining members about his inconvenience. This is really a nice teamwork for us.

Of course, I enjoy the evening trips. In fact, many of us eagerly wait for the evening to arrive. We have a very dull routine. We need to get up early in the morning for the college and come back home in the afternoon. Returning home, we have nothing important to do. At night, we need to be focused on our studies. So, there are fewer chances for us to be relaxed. Actually, we do not have any chance for recreation at all. Riding the bicycle in the evening is the only way for us to get entertained. Therefore, I greatly enjoy doing it every day.

Similar Cue card topics that you should be able to talk about with your preparation for this cue card:

- Describe an activity you enjoy doing.
- Describe something you often do to remain fit.
- Describe a leisure activity or hobby you have.
- Describe something you often do.
- Describe something you enjoy doing.

Talk about a dish you know how to cook.

You should say:

- what ingredients are required
- how it is cooked
- other preparation you have to do to cook

and say if you think this is an easy dish to cook or not, and why?

[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:

Foods in Malaysia are the greatest thing to enjoy and people of different countries come here to travel across the country while some of them are to enjoy the foods only.

Fried rice is one of the main rice-made dishes in the country and taken with other side dishes. A wide variety of fried rice is found in Malaysia and mostly they are sold either at a restaurant or at a street shop. The most important factor for the dish is that it requires fewer ingredients than preparing the other heavy dishes. People of all ages prefer the fried rice and its preparation process requires the following things - egg (a single piece), peanut oil, chopped onion (1 piece of medium size), garlic paste (1 tablespoon), ginger paste (1 tablespoon), ground black pepper, sliced fresh chilli, a piece of small carrot, soya sauce (1 tablespoon), cooked rice (as per your need) etc. But sometimes, shrimps are also added to the rice to make it yummier. Besides, the ingredients may also differ based on the taste of the food lovers and they may also add some lettuce leaves with thin slice, fish sauce for delicious smelling.

Fried rice cooking process is a very simple one. At first, an omelette is made with the egg. If the rice is more than two cups, then another egg is added on the ingredient list. When the omelette is done, then it is sliced thinly for later

use with the rice. Then oil is heated on a pan and the onions are fried. The pastes are added to the pan with the fried onions and fried until the colour is browned. If someone wants to add shrimps with the rice, it is added in this stage and stirred to make a combo. Then the carrots and other vegetables are added and stirred for few minutes on a medium heat. The soya sauce is also added in this stage and mixed with the remaining ingredients in the pan. Now it is time to add the rice with the ingredients. When the rice is added, it is stirred finely to get mixed with the all other ingredients. When the mixture is done, the egg is added to the rice and thoroughly mixed. Sometimes the mixture is seasoned with salt to increase the taste.

To cook the fried rice, I also have to take some other preparations like pasting the ginger and garlic. Generally, I use a blender for making the ginger and garlic pastes. But it is a bit difficult to ground the black peppers. Slicing the onions is also difficult for me as it brings tears to my eyes during the peeling and slicing process.

Sometimes it is considered as a side dish while at times it is considered as the main dish in some places. But whatever the ingredients are, I think fried rice is very easy to prepare. It takes around 15 minutes to prepare the rice and the taste is great. The cooking process does not need to get low heat for a longer time to boil the ingredients and the ingredients are also available everywhere. Moreover, you do not need to check the cooking process periodically as you can complete it in a single sitting. The other important aspect of fried rice is that it is made with the leftover ingredients at home and thus one does not need to shop for it at all if as the aforesaid ingredients are available at every home. But since there are a wide number of varieties of the fried rice, the preparation process may vary while the cooking method remains the same.

Model Answer 2:

Thank you for the interesting question. But I do not know how to respond as I do not have any specific knowledge about cooking or preparing any dish. I can cook a few items and will describe to cook a curry with eggs.

To cook the egg curry, you will need some specific ingredients. They are – eggs (based on the number of guests or family members), potatoes, grinded spices, salt, cooking oil, onion, water, cooking pot, a stove etc. If you can have all the things, you can easily cook the curry. The cooking process is also easier than preparing any other complex dishes.

To cook the curry, at first you need to boil the eggs and potatoes. You can place them together in a pot filled with water and place the pot on the stove. Boil them for around half an hour. The eggs will be boiled earlier and you have to check them. If the eggs are boiled, remove them from the pot and keep boiling the potatoes. Then peel the eggshells and mix them with the spices. When the potatoes are boiled, remove them from the pot and peel them too. You need to cut the potatoes into pieces before giving them to the cooking pot finally. Now, place oil on the pot and let it be heated for few moments. Then place the onion and other spices together in the oil and stir them for about five minutes. Then place the boiled eggs and potatoes on the pot. Pour water (based on needs) cover the pot. Wait for 15 – 20 minutes. Stir the ingredients lest they stick with the pot. The cooking will be done.

To cook the dish, you will need to take some other preparations as well. At first, you will need to blend the spices properly. You can use a blender for this purpose. If you do not have a blender, you can grind them. Besides, it would be better if you be careful about the egg boiling. In fact, boiling the eggs and potatoes separately is the best way. Make sure the potatoes are boiled perfectly or you would not eat them. Slicing the onions is another task that you need to do prior to the cooking. This is really a troublesome task for me.

I am a student, and most of the time I need to take my meal at my dormitory. So, I have to cook for myself. After trying a good number of dishes, I have realised that cooking those dishes are beyond my capacity. So, I moved to this easy one. I made a phone call to my mum and she described the recipe and cooking process. Hence, I think this is the easiest dish for me to cook.

Your preparation for this topic will help you to talk about the following cue card topics:

- Describe your favourite menu or food item.
- Describe a food item you or someone you know can cook.
- Describe a menu you often eat in a restaurant.
- Describe a traditional food item in your country.
- Describe a menu or dish you like.
- Describe a traditional menu or dish in your country.

Talk about something you or someone you know collects.

You should say:

- what you or this person collects
- how the collection is stored
- how quickly the collection is growing

and say what kind of person would enjoy collecting that thing, and why?

[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:

Collecting foreign coins is my hobby and many of my relations bring foreign coins for me. I have a huge collection of coins while some of them are aged over centuries.

Coins are different for me. I like to collect coins and I have a rare collection of coins where many of the coins belong to early of the 19th century. Some of my relations are on the view that collecting the coins will bring no benefits for me but I do it from my passion. I am well aware that coin collections are not the sources of income and I am not a reputed collector as well, I collect the metals only to meet my desire to get them. The beautiful descriptions on the coins attract me most and I also could imagine a bit how the situations were in those days when the coins were used for transactions. Sometimes I try to feel the touches of the people gone with the age who have used the coins.

I actually do not follow any standard way to store coins rather I have my own style. I have bought a large size book with plastic pockets inside instead of paper. It is like an album where photos are kept. I place the coins inside the pockets and write names of the country or origins. At times I use scotch tapes to paste the coins with the pages. I, in fact, do not follow any system of procedure as those appear complex to me. I collect coins for my own interest and thereby it is unnecessary for me to follow any specific rules or methods which are done during exhibitions. I was motivated to collect coins from my childhood and nurtured it as my hobby. The coins are stored only for my personal enjoyment and even I do not show the collection to anyone else. This is my own world.

The collection book has been almost filled up with coins and it took about 16 years for me to collect all the coins I have now. I have collected the coins of different states and tried to gather all types of available coins from the countries. Sometimes my relatives who went to travel in different countries brought the coins for me as they knew I am a junior coin collector. Sometimes I have purchased the coins from commercial stores selling foreign coins and currencies. But I had to pay more during the collection from the money exchangers and most of the times they did not want to sell single coins or small amount. Thereby, the coins are my greatest wealth of my life. I had to spend lots of times in collecting the coins and sometimes I had to fight with the other boys of my class who wanted to grab my collection.

Coin collection is not a very easy task and requires a lot of unnecessary hours to gather all the coins together. Moreover, neither the task is not exciting nor it provides any financial or other benefits to the collectors. So, people who want enjoyment with their hobbies cannot be successful coin collectors. Coins are only pieces of metal and sometimes you even cannot use them in your need. So, if you collect coins, it will incur you loses as sometimes you are to buy them at a higher cost than you expect. Besides, this is not the thing to show off. So, a person who is introvert like can collect coins. If you exhibit your coins to your surrounding people, they may not appreciate the collection after your desired level which may make you mentally upset. So, the extrovert people will not be as much delighted like the introvert. Therefore, I think coin collection is a great hobby for the inquisitive people.

Model Answer 2:

Samuel is my cousin and younger than me for two years. He loves collecting stamps. In fact, he is highly obsessed with the stamp collection issue. So far, he has gathered a huge number of stamps of various countries.

Samuel is fond of stamps and has made a book to place the stamps. The stamp book is enriched with different types of stamps. Sometimes he buys the stamps from the local library and sometimes, some of our relatives bring stamps for him when they return from abroad. He also exchanges the stamps with his friends when he has extra stamps. But he always tries to enrich his stamp collection by some other means as well.

He is careful about storing of the stamps. He has bought a medium-sized nice book for this purpose. The book comes with small pockets and spaces to

preserve the stamps. The pockets are made with plastic and attached with the book by sewing so that they do not get removed. The pockets are also made of transparent plastic so that the stamp becomes visible when the book is opened. Before getting the book, Samuel used to keep the stamps in a small box. But it was trouble for him to get the box in the right time. He was unable to find it when he needed the box most.

The stamp collection took the time to grow. He has been collecting stamps since his seventh grade and now he is a college student. He has collected stamps of around 110 countries. He had to undergo several obstacles in this process. Though he asked our other relatives to bring stamps for him, often they forgot to bring owing their business. So, he had to wait for their next visit though there were not preset schedules whether they will visit the same country again or not. Further, he also experienced theft in his collection. Some of his friends stole a notable number of stamps when he took the book on his school to show them his collection. But now everything is under control and he is doing fine with the collection process.

Stamp collection is really a matter of patience and perseverance. If you are impatient, you would be unable to collect the stamps. Moreover, you may need to wait for months to get the stamp of any specific country. The stamps may not be available always. So, it appears that everyone is not passionate to collect stamps. In fact, this the job for a gentleman. Someone with a short temper cannot be a stamp collector. You have to invest time on searching the stamp, collect then and preserve them in the right manner. Being impatient, you might give up collecting stamps thinking that this is not your job.

Describe something enjoyable you can do on a computer.

You should say:

- what it is
- what equipment or software you need to do that
- why and how often you do it

and explain why you enjoy doing this on a computer.

[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:

The computer is comparatively a latest invention and still is being modified with numerous upgrades. Using Microsoft PowerPoint to create visual presentations is an interesting task for me.

Microsoft PowerPoint is an application on computer operated with windows operating system. This is actually a way to make presentations and present them before audiences. It is a great way to present a large number of things and also helpful to get the issues clearly. Saying goes that a picture is worth thousand words and it is true for the PowerPoint presentations. The program allows the users to place photos or add video clips that could be played during the presentation. I am greatly benefited with the application. When the topics are discussed through the application, the discussions become easier and the listeners could be able to comprehend the discussed issues, not for the presenting style of the presenter rather than the multimedia clips and images make it simple for them.

Initially, a personal computer is enough to make the presentation. You can check the presentation on your computer screen and it is appropriate for small scale. But when I plan for a larger audience, I have to take a couple of tools and stuff including a laptop, a projector machine, a large screen and screen stand. I connect the projector to the laptop and then project the presentation on the screen set a few yards away from the projector. The larger the projector is set, the bigger the images are. Besides, I need amplifiers as well to make sounds that I add with the presentation.

When I entered the high school as a junior lecturer, I had to take classes without any multimedia system. But this was an old technique to take classes and proved failure for the students to comprehend any specific issues on the class. So, I started making presentations over the specific issues to make the thing clear to the students. That was done after lots of struggles and had also taken permission from the school authority. But now I am taking classes regularly with the system and have made lots of presentations over the mathematical issues. Now I use the presentations around five days in a week when I take classes. But I specifically use the presentations to make the complicated issues clearer for the students. There are some other teachers who prefer to put all the things on their presentations to exhibit before the class.

Making power point presentations are good for me and it is interesting as well. Sometimes I have to add pictures of mathematical terms or equations which I collect from different sources from the internet and check properly about the copyright issues. Sometimes, I make videos by myself with my smartphone or insert small movies clips on the presentation related to the discussing issues so that the kids could understand effortlessly. The top most important factor is that the students are performing much better than they before in my course. Thereby, I like to make power point presentations on a computer. Their success inspires me to make more presentations and make their studies easier.

Model Answer 2:

I am a student of a college in Paris. Since I am studying business development, I cannot get much time. But the time that I get is spent on the computer. I watch movies on my computer. Thank you for your question.

I have a personal computer of high configuration. Often I need to use the machine for my academic purposes. But sometimes, I use it for recreational purposes too. I enjoy movies on the computer. The monitor is wide and there are several speakers that amplify sound across my bedroom. In fact, this is a home theatre for me.

Watching movies on the computer does not need something special. You will need the video playing software only to play the movies. The similar software could also be used to playing songs and music. So, I use the software for both the purposes. With this video playing software, you can control the video playing, its sound during the play, adjustment of the video playing speed, selecting or deselecting the subtitle and many other functions. Watching movies with this software is really fun for me. Besides, I use a wireless mouse which makes watching movie easier from my bed. Earlier, I had to sit back on a chair to watch the movies and now I can enjoy it from sitting on my bed.

I need to pay attention to my academic issues more. The subjects and courses I study extremely difficult and if I cannot pay the right amount of attention on them, I would not be able to cross the exams. But sometimes, I also need to get refreshed. So, I watch movies around twice in a week. But if I am too busy with my academic activities, I do not enjoy the movies rather spend the time on studies. Later, when I get leisure hours, I try to adjust the matter. If I was supposed to enjoy two movies in a week and fail to watch them, I try watching at least three movies in the next week.

I watch movies on computers for some reasons. Firstly, I do not have that much time to move for a theatre and enjoy a newly released movie. Besides, I do not have any girlfriend whom will I accompany or go for movies. I also enjoy the feature of being an introvert. I watch the movies alone and at home. It gives me great pleasure. I do not need to have some extra expenses as I can watch movies for free on the internet. Sometimes, I invite some of my friends to enjoy movies together. Based on all the reasons, I love to enjoy the movie on the computer at my residence.

Talk about something you like doing at home.

You should say:

- what you do
- where exactly you usually do it
- how much time you spend doing it every week

and say why you like doing it at home.

[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:

Painting is my hobby and I love to paint different things especially the landscapes, blue skies, the views of the city etc. I wish someday I will arrange for a painting exhibition in Paris, my beloved land.

I am a painter, not by profession rather it is my passion to paint. I paint out my imagination. I love it, much. It is also beneficial for me from several aspects and makes me free of mental worries. It is like a healing process to me when I am concerned. It is the way to communicate with my inner self. The painting expresses what I feel or imagine inside. In fact, I developed the habit when I was in troubles related with my profession and got mentally upset. A friend of mine suggested me to exercise my hobby and I started painting as it was my childhood hobby. Then gradually I started feeling comfort and a sense of relief from the agonies. Painting helps me to express my capabilities and reduces my nervousness and emotional imbalance.

There are no specific places for me to paint but my residence is the best place for my painting. The house I live in is a bit distant from the city crowd and located beside the Seine River. So, the river view is clear from my window and being a commercial gateway, the River is always found busy. So, I have placed a painting board on the balcony to get an outstanding river view from there. Besides, I have another portico on the south of my bedroom which allows me to have a beautiful view of the Paris city. Thereby, it is not a problem for me to get painting views. Again, sometimes I take the board inside my bedroom and paint after my imagination when I do not want to draw any external view.

There are no specific time limitations for me to paint. I usually paint whenever I want it. It has happened that I have started painting at 3.00am and finished it by 5.00am. The painting actually depends on my mood. I have spent hours with the brush on my one hand and the colour plate on the other hand and pondered what to paint. But if I seriously count the hours, it would be around 20 – 25 hours on average in a week. I want to spend more time with painting but cannot manage the required hours for my professional engagement. In the weekday, I spent the entire day in painting. I usually do not complete a painting in a day rather take at least a week to complete the entire painting. Sometimes I make a draft sketch on a paper and then get the idea to paint the entire image.

Paris is the city bustling with life. This is a historical city. Crowds are everywhere and visitors around the globe come to visit the city for its splendid beauty and especially to observe the Eiffel Tower. So, there are fewer spaces in the city to paint and even at night times, there are lots of crowds prevail on the streets. Earlier, I have tried to paint outside of the home but the attempts turned failure. Crowds gather to see what I was painting which was highly irritating for me and I could not concentrate on the work. So, I gave up the idea to paint outside of the home. Besides, when I am at home, I have the chance to think deeply about the theme which is not possible in outside. When I open the window, I have great views ahead of me to draw on the paper. At the home, I draw lines after my will and sometimes link the lines with the outer elements to make something special on the paper.

Model Answer 2:

Cooking is my hobby. I like to cook various types of foods and serve them to my family members. Thank you for the smart question. I am happy to let you know about my experience with cooking. Thank you once again for selecting

this particular matter.

As a housewife, I need to take care of my kids and family here in Pakistan. But sometimes, I do the things in a different manner. I love to cook foods. I need to prepare foods for my family but sometimes, I do something additional for them. When they are supposed to get the regular meal, they get something special which makes them feel surprised. Cooking multiple types of foods is now a habit for me and I try to cook the special dishes on the weekends.

Cooking is mostly done in the kitchen. But when there are any occasions or guests arrive at my home, I cook in the garden in front of my house. In that case, a large arrangement is done. I do not have cooking pots for large-scale cooking. I hire them from the local caterer for a day and continue my cooking. In fact, cooking in the garden is different than cooking in the kitchen. I need to arrange for fuels and install a temporary oven in the garden. Besides, there are huge smokes around. But there are no such issues in the kitchen. I use the gas-run stove to cook foods and other food ingredients.

Actually, I have never counted the hours I spend for cooking in a week. But in an average, I need to spend around four hours in a week. Hence, there are 28 hours in a week I need to spend in the kitchen. But I am happy that my family loves my cooking. My husband does not like to take foods out of the home. When he moves to his office, he takes his meals with him. Even my boy is also like his father. Both of them are unable to take foods from outside when they are at office or school. It gives me an immense pleasure when someone takes the meal that I prepare and praises the cooking. I feel lucky and forget about the sufferings that I had to endure during the cooking preparation and process.

I like to cook at home for some particular reasons. First of all, this is my hobby since an early age. I developed a special skill of cooking from my mother and accordingly, I started cooking for my family from my teen age. Gradually, it became a hobby for me. Now I need to do it home every day and taking a break from cooking makes me feel bored and displeased.

Talk about something you do during longer holidays (summer holiday or Christmas/ New Year holiday etc.)

You should say:

- what and where you do it

- how exciting it is to you
- who you do it with

and say why you do that when you are on holiday rather than on your days off.

[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:

Watching movies is a hobby for me and the enjoyment turns most for me when I could watch several movies together.

I usually get around one month holiday for summer and prefer to sit back at my home to enjoy the movies. During the holidays of summer, I usually sit at my home and watch movies that I collected before the summer holiday. I start collecting the DVDs of different attractive movies immediately before the summer and watch them leisurely at my home. In a day, I complete watching around 5 movies and almost 100 movies are finished by a summer holiday. Since I have nothing to do in the summer and being an introvert I do not like to participate out of activities, this is the most important thing for me to pass the hours. Sometimes, I invite some of the intimate friends to be my movie watching partner and make a small indoor picnic with them and enjoy the days.

The event of watching movies is highly exciting for me as I collect different types of movies. My tastes are no longer limited to any specific genre and most of the time I try to go inside the plot deeply. As a result, I am not bored with the movies while some other people become bored watching movies or do not want to watch movies except their preferred genres. When they cannot manage their respective genres, they do not watch movies. But in my case, I do not have such problems. Each of the movies is exciting for me. Sometimes I love to watch the feature movies which are a kind of punishment for many of the audience who are fond of only action or comedy. So, I think nothing could make me feel excited than watching movies at my home during the holidays.

Usually, I watch the movies alone. But sometimes I invite some of the friends or relatives (of my age) to be my movie watching partner. I like to watch the horror movies at night and prefer to be alone. Occasionally, few of my friends come to enjoy the horror movies at night with me and I laugh at their courage.

When there are some horrific scenes, they hide their faces and say that they have enjoyed the movie much. However, I like to enjoy movies alone and start watching movies at night. I start with an action movie, then watch a comedy, then move for drama, next comes a romantic comedy and finally I finish watching a horror movie. Most of the time I take some snacks and soft drinks as a treat for me and when I am accompanied by other people, I arrange heavy meals for them as they come to pass the night.

In my weekends, I cannot manage time to spend for watching movies and the numbers of personal tasks are huge. I have to meet with many people on the weekends and also have to participate in the essential tasks for my home like shopping groceries and other stuff for the week, cleaning the rooms and many other associated tasks. The days pass by this way and during the night I with the other family members go for the night out. Thus I cannot manage time to watch movies and I also do not prefer to watch movies with breaks like taking a small break to perform something important during the movies. So, I collect the movies round the year and watch them during the summer holidays.

Model Answer 2:

Being a sales executive, I do not have much day offs in a month, but I am able to go on holidays after two or three months. In that time, I try to make some trips in around Greece.

Travelling is my hobby, and so whenever I get can manage time, I move out for travelling. And I do the things alone. I mostly visit the sea beach areas and spend leisure hours there for days. I also take part in the locally available activities. As a result, I get much entertainment in the activities and feel refreshed when I come back. I become able to focus on my activities and reach the sales targets easily.

Travelling is really an exciting matter for me. Besides, travelling has many other benefits. I love to travel for many reasons. First of all, travelling makes me free of worries. When I move to travel, I do not think about my occupational hazards. In fact, a sales executive has to reach the targets and avoid many obstacles. So, when I am on a tour, I can have lots of time to think about my issues. Once I get the solution during the trip, all the worries vanish. My brain keeps working round the hours During the trips. Besides, I am able to do and enjoy many interesting things which are plus for me.

Usually, I love to travel alone. In fact, I prefer to be alone for some reasons. When I am in a team, I need to take care of others. And it is almost impossible to enjoy everything before you if you need to care for your travelling partners. Further, when you are alone, you can do whatever you want. If you want to ride on the paddle boats, you can do it. But if you are with the partners, all of them might not agree to ride on the boats. You can take the available foods but if you do have companies, you need to be selective. Moreover, when you are with partners, you need to think before taking each step regarding the trip such as taking their consent and more others. But there are no troubles in such issues if you are alone.

Generally, I get a day off for a single day. And this is not enough for me to get entertained or refreshed. The day passes amid other activities and I cannot manage a single hour for myself except the regular activities. So, the day off is inappropriate for me. Besides, I need to remain busy round them in fields and have to take many important decisions. Even in the day of a day off, I need to go out for official purposes. So, I do the things on my holidays.

Talk about a musical instrument you would like to be able to play.

You should say:

- what musical instrument it is
- what it looks like
- what it sounds like

and explain why you would like to be able to play 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 1:

I love music and prefer the heavy metal genre. Thereby, I am accustomed to the electric guitar and would like to be able to play it someday.

There is a wide range of guitars are available and the history of guitar dates back to the 12th century. It was introduced as a musical instrument in Europe, then. Afterwards, guitars underwent lots of modification. An electric guitar is a modern invention and used to play different base tones with amplification.

Basically, the electric guitars could be of different size and shape, but the common electric guitars are found with bodies like hollow, semi-hollow or solid. I prefer the solid body for it is a bit heavier than the hollow body guitars. The sound is amplified with a radio transmitter or pitch cable and in some cases, the sounds could also be modified for the electric guitar. When played, the electric guitar is able to create an intolerable sound as well for the modern amplification system.

The electric guitars have a majestic look with different parts of it. The parts include the headstock, nut, tuning pegs, frets, inlays, truss rod, neck joint, strings, saddle, fretboard, body, pickups, pots, bridge, pickguard, sound board, sound hole, sides, back part etc. With the combination of all these components, a guitar usually looks different from the other musical instrument. They usually look slim and sophisticated with the sleek design. But the guitars look different with their solid body design when they are played and the solid body design become famous after the Second World War. Different sorts of strings are used in electric guitars like lighter string or heavier strings etc. With the lighter strings, the guitar looks dissimilar and sometimes appears that there are no strings at all when you look at the guitar from a distance while the heavier strings look good with the trimmed guitar body.

Well, the tones and sounds of electric guitar are different from the other guitars, especially from the acoustic guitars. The sounds may appear harsh in the beginning if it is not followed by any tone. When the electric guitar is in full fledge the tones are highly enjoying and without its presence, it appears that the music is incomplete then. The sounds are sometimes higher and lower and mostly depend on the strokes on the strings by the guitarist. If you tap slightly on the strings, the sound will be lower while if you raise the volume level, the minor tape will be heard like an explosion as well.

I along with four of my friends have planned to form a heavy metal band. We are also planning to compose and sing songs initially on a small scale and then we will try to grow our band. I am assigned with the duties of bass guitarists and thus I have to learn to play the guitar, particularly the electric guitar. Electric guitars help to raise the musical beauty. The heavy tone brings a sense of thrill among the audience and the performers on the stage.

Model Answer 2:

Soft music is my best preference. Piano attracts me most. But unluckily I am unable to play it. So, I dream to play the piano someday.

The piano is a stringed musical tool. The exact date of invention of this musical device is unknown. It is made with woods, strings and keyboards. There is a lid before the strings to amplify the sound. The tunes it creates are charming. There are various types of pianos and it requires a special set of skills to play it. The tone is produced when the pianist strikes the keyboard and the keys strike the strings. So, the pianist needs to know about the basics of playing the piano before starting to play it.

There are different types of pianos are available. Among them, grand piano, electric or digital piano etc. are notable. Usually, a piano is made with wood. The metal strings, that produce the sounds, is located inside the wooden case. The strings are attached to a heavy metal frame so that they can produce the right type of tone. A padded hammer is attached to the keyboard. When the pianist strikes the keys, the padded keys strike on the strings and the sound is produced. In fact, the vibration is created, within a frequency, with the strings when they get the stroke. When the key is released, the vibration is stopped.

The sound of a piano is very lucid. A pianist mostly creates the sounds after the notes he gets before him. According to the notes, he presses the keys and the sweet melodies are produced. In fact, if some presses the keyboard, there will be sound from the piano but if you want melodies, you are to follow the notes. Each of the pianists has their different styles to play the keyboard but when they follow the notes, the melodies will remain the same. Actually, piano produces a heavenly tune. The tone is heavy and sweet. It appears that the listeners are also feeling the vibration of the music in line with the vibration of the strings.

I would like to be able to play it for many reasons. Firstly, I watched a movie named ‘The Pianist’ and it had a great influence on my mind to learn to play the instrument. Besides, the tone that is generated by the keystrokes has a different appeal to me. I have listened to some of my favourite songs in piano and the feelings were outstanding. The tones are soft but enabled to bring a sense of comfort to the listeners. Some of the best songs are in piano and they make me feel really good. So, I would like to be able to play piano and hope will learn it soon.

Talk about a new sport or hobby you would like to take up.

You should say:

- why you are interested in it
- if it is an easy or hard thing to start
- when are you planning to start it

and explain how this will help you.

[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:

Table tennis is one of the most important sports that is not suitable for all ages of people. You need to be physically sound to play table tennis.

I am interested in table tennis simply for a great many reasons. The first and foremost thing about table tennis is that it keeps me physically fit to do any jobs. Table tennis players are always fit and perfect as they have to take physical stresses during the game. The players are to coordinate among the limbs of their bodies and thus they become smart, active and grow a sense of instant reflex which prove effective in their real life applications. Besides, this is an indoor game and requires less space to play. The other important thing is that it provides a deep sense of enjoyment for the players and there are fewer chances of injury which I am afraid of much in outdoor games and sports. So, my interest for an indoor game has been met with the table tennis and since I need to participate in indoor games, I will play table tennis.

Table tennis is not an easy sport. It requires a lot of physical stamina and a strong endurance level. Usually, the kids and aged people cannot play the game perfectly as they cannot move as fast as it is required to play the game. Initially, the game appears too hard for the people who are unfamiliar with the sport but when you are on, it will not appear difficult to you. Actually, the game puts less stress on the joints – especially on the ankles and wrists. Besides, the players are to coordinate their movements based on the ball's direction. The players are to look at the table tennis ball constantly. If s/ he lose concentration from the ball for a single second, it may bring his fall on the game. Sometimes the players are to jump to get in touch of the ball or react instantly with the ball direction to hit it back which could not be done by the aged people. So, it is imperative for them not to participate in the game.

I intend to start participating in the game as soon as I can. But currently, I am having huge official engagement and also have to go for few overseas trips. It may take over a month for me to get rid of all the professional engagements. By the same time, I am trying to practice the game at my home. I have a plan that I will set a table on the corner of my extra large garage though the plan was to set the table of the roof top. But I have modified the plan as placing on roof becomes a bit risky for me and those who will participate. To be skilled in the game, I have decided to continue it for at least five days in a week and will play for around an hour. Moreover, I am unaware of the rules of the game and planning to get some books from abroad as well to get familiar with the game. Moreover, I have ordered for a table in this purpose that should be made with oak wood for durability.

Playing or participating in table tennis has a great number of benefits. This is the only game that owns fewer chances to get injured by being hit with the ball. The ball is made of plastic and cannot make a severe damage to human body parts. It keeps us flexible and active. The players are to remain alerted always which improves their senses. When the players are to move from side to side, the movement helps them to burn their fats. Table tennis is considered as a family sport and thus my wife is also eager to join me at the game. It would also get her some physical activity which is of great benefit for her physical improvement. The fast movement during the games helps to increase the reflex which is effective for me in different real life situations. But to me, table tennis appears to be the safest sport ever I have participated. When I played cricket, I got injured seriously for several times. The injuries took longer times to recover. But in table tennis, there are no such chances to break legs, hands or other body parts and there are no such notable records are found yet. So, I am actually in love with table tennis.

Model Answer 2:

I am interested in learning to ride a bicycle. There are few reasons to learn to ride it. And I will describe the matters here. Thank you for your interesting question.

Riding a bicycle has many benefits. First of all, it helps to reduce the extra pounds from the body. It also makes the body look good and smart. Besides, cycling helps to make the leg muscles stronger and brings a nice shape for them too. The other advantage about riding a bicycle is that it helps to reach destinations in time. It saves time to a great extent. Often you need to

experience traffic congestions, you need to halt in the middle of the road but if you have a bicycle, you can move easily even in a traffic congestion.

Initially, learning to ride a bicycle is a bit tough but once you learn to ride, you will not forget in your life. There are several ways to ride in bicycles. Sometimes, two people ride together on a bicycle. One of them is the driver and the other one accompanies the driver. In some places, a rider rides the bicycle with two other people. In that case, one of the passengers sits in front of the rider and the other one sits on the rear career of the rider. Riding bicycle is all about balance. If you know how to keep balance, you will be a skilled rider, shortly. But you will need to practice a lot. The more you will practice, the more you will be skilled.

I am planning to start learning to ride a bicycle very soon. In fact, I need to learn it to avoid the traffic congestion of the city. At present, Thailand has become too much populated. And a good number of them are tourists around the world. So, when I move out to my office, I need to waste time on the road and particularly by traffic congestion. Easy movement, in the morning hours, has become too difficult. So, I am planning to buy a new bicycle and start to riding it towards my office.

Riding a bicycle will help me in many ways. Firstly, it will save my time. Every day, I need to waste around over two hours when I am in public transports. But if I ride my own bicycle, it will take only one hour to reach and return from my office. Besides, it would also be helpful to keep me physically fit. My desk job does not allow me to move in the city and seating in a desk is really dangerous for health. When I will ride the bicycle, it will help to burn my extra pounds that I gained from sitting on the desk. That is my plan to be benefitted from the bicycle ride.

Describe your favourite song or piece of music.

You should say:

- what kind of music it is
- where you usually listen to it
- what kind of mood this music puts you in

and explain why this is your favourite piece of music.

[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:

Music has a wide range of benefits and makes us comfortable. Thereby, I frequently listen to different songs and prefer the relaxing music most.

My most favourite song is – Shape of My Heart by STING. This is an outstanding song for me and is sung by the way as I preferred and has also been used in a movie of 1994 named – Leon: The Professional. The song deals with the best important ideology of human life. The character of humans should be improved and should also be focused in any specific direction. The lyric is regarding a card player and the composer is on the view to figure out something else from him instead of his card playing. A mystical element was prevailing with the card player and the line reminds me that we all have some sort of mysteries with us and we are to carry that regardless of our intention to carry the mysteries.

Usually, I listen to the song at my home. It has several impacts on me. Sometimes I become very emotional and start seeking the meaning of like. Sometimes I look at the blue sky with the window and try to figure out how the shape of my heart is or at times I ponder over the mysteries of life. But when I listen to the song during a walk or on the other leisure hours at different other places there are no such impacts. So, I think the song is more effective for me to listen at home and in leisure hours.

The music makes me ponder over life. There are different important aspects of life which have been depicted in the song. The song is about gambling. If you think deeply, our life is also like a gamble. There are a wide number of similarities of like with gambling. We try to win cards or points in gambling and there are possibilities that we could win. We are not sure at all either we will win or not but keep playing. Life is like so. You cannot predict what will happen next rather you have to hope for the best. Life goes based on the possibilities. The lyric also says that the player is not playing for the money rather he is trying to discover the law behind the game. Like the player, there are some people in the world who spend their life seeking the law of life. They try to get closer to the meaning of life. This is the largest philosophy of human life to reveal the meaning of this material world.

In my early days, I used listening heavy metal music but with the process of gaining maturity in course of time, my music genre has been changed to the largest extent and I prefer the relaxing music. Actually, with the maturity, I have learnt a lot of things to be used in my life. Sometimes I ponder like the gambler and try to get the real meaning of life. So, when I heard the song for the first time, it appeared that the song was composed for me or for the people who exercise some sort of philosophy in their lives. The emotions of life are easy to express but not everyone could get the real meaning of the emotions. When the poker player starts playing the game, he does not play the game only rather he tries to invent the causes behind the game. How the people win or lose or how the events take place. But he does not express his emotions like the other people and keeps them secret inside his mask. This is the unique expression for the player and like the player, many of us hide our emotions in our real life events. Therefore, I like this song very much.

Model Answer 2:

I love to listen to songs in my leisure hours. So, far I have listened to various types of songs but the "Annie's Song" appeared the most beautiful one to me. This is a folk rock music by John Denver. Now, this is one of the top favourite songs across the world.

This is a very interesting song and there are millions of fans are available. I am one the millions. Annie's Song is mostly a country song and it was written and recorded by John Denver himself. It was one of his top songs and occupied the top list for many days. The musician has got more familiarity with this song alone after writing it in 1973.

I listen to this song my computer. In fact, most of the times, I listen to the song on my computer and avoid other devices. There are people who use their cellular phones as a storehouse of music and movies. But I am different than them. I do not prefer music in small devices, there should be loud sounds while I listen to music. I want to enjoy each of the beats. But the smaller devices like mobile phones cannot give me the experience. So, I always listen to the music from my personal computer. When I play the music on the PC, I enjoy every of the guitar strokes and the lyric.

The song was composed in only ten minutes and John Denver wrote the song marking his wife Annie Martell Denver. He was inspired to think about his wife. But my feelings are different than him. It makes me think about my boyfriend

and how I am in love with him. It is like a prayer to me too. Each of the time, I have the same feelings when I listen to this song. The lyric makes me feel enter into my world of dream. I imagine the mountains, the springtime and the rain before me. Besides, I also pray to die in his arms as it is found in the song.

Annie's Song is mostly a love song. The musician had written the song after passing an intense moment with his wife. Then he suddenly felt that life without his wife is nothing to him. The song appeared in his mind. But the song has become my favourite not only for its lyrics, it also expresses some of the thoughts of human life. Living a life with a partner is always desirable and this is a matter of luck to die in the arms of the beloved ones. This is a unique opportunity and also a prayer to the Almighty. Though this was written as an ode to Annie Martell Denver, it became a very popular song around the world. By the same reason, this is my favourite song as well.

Describe your favourite place to eat out.

You should say:

- where it is
- what kind of food is serves
- what the decor is like

and explain why it is your favourite place to eat out.

[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:

Malaysia has become a multicultural country and a wide number of people visit the country every year while the numbers of permanents residents are not so small as well. Consequently, there are a great number of restaurants and eateries have been formed to meet the hunger of the people.

Physically located in 19 Persiaran KLCC, Troika Sky Dining is my favourite place to eat out. This is a large wide space to enjoy the foods and I mostly come to take my dinners here, occasionally. The impressive look is one of the key causes of visiting the restaurant frequently and the upper space also allows me to see the city at the night as it is on the top floor of the building. The

restaurant offers a grand view of Kuala Lumpur and the views are breathtaking particularly in night times. The entire city is illuminated with colourful lights, vehicles are moving from here and there on the streets. The other important reason for falling in love with this restaurant is its yummy foods and cordial services. It is a different experience for me to eat inside the dining rooms of the restaurants which is filled with all ages of people.

Though the restaurant is located at a crowded place, it could be differentiated from the other restaurants and for its special and delicious foods. The restaurant, Troika Sky Dining, serves almost all kind of foods to the people. Since the restaurant is located at a prominent place in the city, a large number of visitors come here every day and thus considering the wide number of visitors, it arranges for all types of dishes as per requirements. There are two dining spaces accompanied with a bar to meet the thirst of the visitors. The restaurant is mostly famous for the traditional Malaysian cuisine. The bar is also enriched and offers all types of soft and hard drinks at a reasonable price. Taking foods at a high altitude is a really awesome experience for the visitors and thus they return like me whenever they could manage time. If anyone wants to enjoy the meal here, it is important to take at least a three-course meal to get the real tastes. But it is not only the foods; it is also about the services and other cordial environments that attract the visitors.

The décor inside the restaurant is exquisitely designed with modern architecture and enough to make anyone feel comfortable. The restaurant inside is highly decorated with modern furniture and amenities that is only found in the star rated restaurants. There are two separate dining spaces for the visitors while both of the dining rooms have access to the wine bar. The seats are limited and thus they serve on the ‘first come first served’ basis. Some of the seats at the restaurant are located by the side of the large window to enjoy the skyline of Kuala Lumpur. You can also get some sofas or small chairs and tables placed inside the restaurant for resting after the heavy meals. The wine bar is also furnished with valuable furniture and organised in a professional manner. The tables are made with the finest glass while the chairs and seats are made easily for the comfort of the visitors to sit back in a relaxed mode. One of the distribution desks is attached with a heavy glass while the other one is out of glass.

I like the restaurant most for several reasons. First of all, the location is accessible from any part of the city. The industrial skyline view of the restaurant is wonderful and particularly the night view is best indeed. The

staffs are well trained and behaved and they welcome the guests with a cordial heart. I have observed their behaviours and found that there is nothing artificial with their attitudes and behaves with the guests, it is entirely natural. The other important fact is the foods. They serve warm and fresh cooked foods. Considering the charges, I think this is the best place for me to eat out in the entire city.

Model Answer 2:

Street foods in India are really interesting. Someone who has eaten the foods once will remember the foods for the lifetime. I am lucky to have the chances of testing the foods. I have some special places to take foods in streets and I like to take kebabs and parathas most from a street food selling shop on Marine Drive in Mumbai.

The shop sells various types of foods and locally produced beverages too. But most of the times, people gather there for having some locally handmade foods and enjoy the evening out of the home. The shop is always crowded and you need to stand in a queue or wait for a certain time to be served with foods. There are many regular customers of this shop and I am one of them.

The shop sells various types of local foods. Among them, the most notable are bread and egg fry, different types of kebabs, paratha, salads, beverages and many other food items. People come here as the foods are delicious and the preparation time is less. Besides, the shop owner maintains the rules for health and hygiene perfectly. So, the number of customers for his shop is more comparing the other surrounding food shops in the area. Further, all the foods are fresh and are cooked when you order them. Consequently, the consumers can enjoy the taste of some fresh foods.

This is a street shop but occupies a large space. The decoration is also attractive. The lighting system attracts attention from a notable distance. Besides, the seating arrangement is also nice. There are temporary sheds with folding chairs and tables for seating purpose. And also I like the foliage around the space as well. When someone sits in the chair, the feelings are outstanding. The cool breeze from the Sea makes them feel happy. Moreover, the environment turns very entertaining after the dusk. A lot of people come to visit the Marine Drive and many of them come to take their evening snacks or meals here.

This is my favourite place to eat for many reasons. This is an interesting place indeed. If you have any privacy concern, this would not suit you. But if you want to enjoy with your friends and family, this is a perfect place. Every person who comes here falls in love with the place. In fact, I am in love too. Frequently, I visit the place with my friends. This is the meeting place for us and we pass around three or four days in a week here. I love the foods and environment. When the breeze from the sea arrives, it feels very enjoyable. The location is charming too. So, I come back here and enjoy myself.

Talk about a hobby someone in your family has.

You should say:

- whose hobby it is
- where and when s/he does it
- why s/he enjoys it

and say if you would enjoy doing the same thing or not, and why?

[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:

Hobby makes life easier and more comfortable. Almost all of the people in the world have some sort of hobbies that make them feel energised around the day. A hobby is also helpful for a stout mental health.

My sister, Samantha, is a bookworm. She likes to read novels. This is her hobby and she has a huge collection of different books. She prefers to buy books and I usually present novels in her birthdays. She has built a mini library inside her room and all the corners are filled with books which she could not accommodate in the book shelves. She started reading books at an early age and she used to read only comic books. With her mental development, she started reading the other books as well. Now she proudly owns a large number of books considering the other mates of her class. She has an enriched collection of books including novels, books of history, geography, science fictions, middle age plays, poetry and comic books – her childhood companions.

Actually, there are no preset schedules for her to be with the books but she is mostly seen reading the books in the evening and before sleeping at night. But she reads the books whenever and wherever she can manage time. She carries a book in her school bag and when she is in a bus, she reads the book. Reading books on her bed is a common scenario at my home. Sometimes, in the late evening, she is seen reading books on a chair placed at the small garden inside the house. She also sits on the balcony by her room and read books by sitting on the floor. Thereby, it is unpredictable that when and where she will start reading. My parents are also happy with her reading habit and inspire her periodically to be attentive in her academic studies as well.

I asked her about the habit that why she reads so many books instead practising some other hobbies. She replied that she liked reading books as they provide her with different knowledge. She showed some logic to me after I asked about the reading. According to her, books are our best friends and they never quarrel with us. They are also the sources to explore different unknown and unfamiliar things, issues and places. They are always with her, she added. Samantha also said that she may not get a friend in her need but the books are always with her. Some of the books make her cry, some of them entertain her while some broaden her knowledge. Besides, the most important thing is that the books give an inexpressible pleasure to the readers which could not be found in somewhere else. The tastes are quite different from any other thing.

I would not have enjoyed reading books like her because I cannot sit motionlessly. Even I cannot enjoy movies as well since it requires sitting idly and watching on the screen. I prefer movement and like participating in different sports. All of the people are not the same. Their habits and mode of attitudes and behaviours are different, naturally. Samantha is able to sit idly and spend hours after hours by reading the books but if I am asked to do so, it would not be possible for me to sit for 10 consecutive minutes without any motion. I feel a sense of discomfort when I am asked to read books, watch movies or any other activities that require sitting for longer times. I do not why it happens but sometimes I think it might be my nature to be active always. Without physical movements, I cannot do for a moment and since book reading does not require the movements, I do not prefer to spend time with books except my academic lessons.

Model Answer 2:

My younger brother, Thomas, loves to travel. Travelling is his hobby. In fact, he has travelled many parts of my country, and he was alone on those trips. I was

surprised to know that he has travelled almost entire Spain and it was his solo trip.

He is a college first-year student but an adventurer lives in him. He loves to travel and also have already planned to travel across the globe in future. In fact, he is a bit extrovert and passes most of the time out of the home. By this time, he moves from one place to another. He tastes different foods, comes to know about different cultures and rituals and finally delivers the daily record to me.

Basically, there are a good number of attractive places are available in Madrid and there are too many places across the country for travelling. Spain is thus a popular destination for global tourists. Thomas mostly visits the renowned city areas. He moves from one city to another and sometimes he tries to walk all the way. After completing his college classes, he moves out to explore the areas in the evening. Sometimes, he makes late to arrive home. It happens on the days when he walks across the cities. Our parents inspire Thomas in this travelling issues.

Thomas enjoys to travel and alone for some interesting reasons. He is extrovert but does not socialise with the unknown people. When it comes about travelling, he prefers to be alone to avoid troubles during the journeys. He believes that travelling alone is beneficial for him. He would be able to focus on his trips and be attentive to the surroundings. He wants to know the world completely and if there is someone, he feels disturbed. He believes that travelling increases his knowledge and thus he is more focused on the matter than even his academic activities. Whenever he goes out of the city, he tries to bring some sort of souvenir for me and mum.

I have a different opinion regarding travel. First of all, I love to travel but I am not a travelling addicts like my brother. Thomas loves to travel alone but I would prefer a company with me while I am out of the home. Thomas is able to enjoy travelling but I think I would not be able to enjoy so much like him. In fact, I love to enjoy television series instead of travelling. It appears to me as a troublesome task. Walking down the streets and cities to look for entertainment is not that much appealing to me. Besides, regular travelling also does not suit me and I fall sick. So, I am unable to enjoy the same amount by travelling as Thomas gets.

Talk about something that makes you excited.

You should say:

- what it is
- how it is exciting
- how you feel about it

and say if other people who do the same thing feel exactly the same way or not.

[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:

Excitement is not the thing to be seen rather people feel it inside. This is a very special type of feeling that people undergo in all of the stages of their life for some unknown reasons.

When I hear about going to a movie with my friends, I become excited. I do not have any idea how to express my emotions when they ask me to accompany them to enjoy the newly released movie on the local theatre hall. We all go there like a 'gang' and come back after enjoying the movie and most of the time we remain busy in criticising the characters or artists who have taken part in the movie. This is the positive excitement for me. But there are some other negative excitements are also found as well which cause damage to the people. When the excitement is in negative form, they usually get angry and take wrong decisions or speak unwanted speeches. It is a blessing for me that I do not own such negative emotions and I am highly excited about movies.

The excitement is great. After my college classes, I have nothing much to do at home. So, whenever I get a chance in the evening, I sit with my laptop and watch movies. I have also registered myself to some online movie watching websites by paying a standard monthly charge so that I could enjoy the high-quality movies. Mostly I like the action and comedy movies and when the scenes appear before me, I got too much excited. Clapping my hand is a common issue for me during the movie watch and sometimes I start cutting my nails with teeth (I think it does not go with me but I cannot resist myself). Further, when it is about the comedies, I cannot stop laughing and sometimes (when I am at home) I rewind the comical sequences to enjoy the events.

I think the excitement for movies is nothing to be felt guilty inside for developing such a peculiar habit. One can derive pleasures from any of the legal things and can do anything which is not harmful to anyone or the society. So, I am happy indeed with my excitement and at the same time proud of it too. Though my excitement may sound weird to many, but I have nothing to bother or concern about other people's thought. I feel good at the ways I feel excited. When I hear about the release of any movie, I go to the local theatre hall to enjoy it. Sometimes, I watch that online if not released in my town. But I have to acknowledge some facts and as a girl, at times it becomes difficult for me to go to theatres, alone. So, I move with my family members or friends and they are also excited to be with me.

The people who love to watch movies are also crazy like me especially when a new movie is released. But the numbers of such people are limited and the adults are not too much attracted to the movies like us. When I share my movie watching experiences with my friends, I find that most of them are eager like me to watch the movie. Then, I have to accompany them in the theatre again.

Model Answer 2:

I really feel very excited when I plan to buy new books or visit any bookshop. In fact, the excitement begins with the thought that I would be able to buy books. Besides, the smells of new books are also exciting to me. It has become a habit for me to smell new books.

Reading books is a hobby for many and I am also similar to them. I love to read books, particularly novels. So, the moment is too exciting for me when I plan to go for buying books. In every month, I have a budget for books and I spend it by purchasing several types of books. Actually, I have a dream to make a private library for myself that will contain numerous books.

The idea is of buying books makes me excited. But the feelings would not be the same for everyone except the book lovers. Only the people who have intimacy with books will know how it feels when someone buys books. Books are like assets that will bring a joy of mind. And only you can feel them. So, when I buy books, I feel a deep sense of pleasure inside my mind. It is too exciting to me that I eagerly wait for the day to come.

I am lucky that I am blessed with the type of habit. Not everyone is able to

read books and they do not develop any love for the books. But if they had known how books help to grow up mentally, they would have read books. I am different from them, and I regularly read books. My feelings are inexpressible about this matter. I definitely feel lucky for developing the habit. My dad was the inspiration in this case. He appreciated me on reading books and once I grew interested in reading, he used to bring various types of books for me. After growing up, I found that I am greatly attracted with the habit and cannot do without it.

As I said before, the feeling is not the same for everyone. But the people with the same thought share the similar feeling. In fact, this is not possible for an intruder to know how it feels when someone gets a new book for reading. There are some people who only smell the book and start reading later. In the meantime, they only take book's smell. There are some other people who store the books in innovative manners. So, the reactions after getting books might be different while the inner feelings are the same. All the book-loving people have the same feeling towards books as I do. And we all are proud of that.

Talk about a form of exercise you used to do but no longer do now.

You should say:

- what was it and where you used to do it
- who you used to do it with
- why you stopped

And say if you would like to restart it or not, why?

[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:

Exercises are mostly done to remain physically fit. So, there are a wide number of exercises are found across the globe to help this purpose. Some of them require instruments while the others are free-hand exercises without any tools or instruments.

Jogging is a good form of exercise which could be undertaken by almost all

ages of people. I used to jog every morning at the park located beside my residence in Bago in the Philippines. My spouse accompanied me in the beginning at the entire jogging process and I had also formed a jogging team. My wife was more inspired on jogging and ran by my side, and we two had formed a great small team indeed comparing the other team members. When we used to jog in the morning, we had to get up early so that we could finish the jogging before it is too crowded. Many of the citizens of Bago come to exercise at the park in morning hours and thus it becomes much crowded with the health conscious people. So, it was difficult for us to run among the crowd and thereby, we used to go about half an hour before the arrival of all the other people.

Initially, my wife accompanied me with the jogging and then a team of six members were formed. It was filled with enjoyment for all of us. The most important thing was that all of us lived in the same building and it was easy for us to communicate with each other over the jogging in the morning. Sometimes I used to make phone calls to the other members or pressed the bells on their doors to get them prepared for the jog. It was a fun for us to go for the jog and come back with a sweating body. Sometimes we used to take breakfast in some small restaurants and the bill payment was done in rotation.

I had to stop the jogging as I got promoted in office and the amount of responsibilities on me was huge. I started making late to return home in almost all of the nights and also made late to go to bed. So, I could not wake up early like the previous days. It was routine for me that I am making late in the morning to get up and returning home at the late night. So, the other teammates continued their jogging but I could not attend them. Unfortunately, I could not manage time even in the weekends to attend the jogging team. It was only my official engagement that kept me out of the exercise for a longer time. Moreover, I also could not give up the job until I am not getting a better one. So, I had to continue the job like a machine.

But now I am planning to start the jogging again. My office has found a helping hand for me at the office and if the recruitment happens, I will be able to shoulder some responsibilities on the newly recruited individual. It will help to come back home early. I also have noticed that I have gained more weight than I had when I jogged. It happened for the physical inactivity. Besides, I could not also follow my regular routine and the entire lifestyle was changed to a great extent. If this weight gain continues, I will be so bulky that I have to order for new attires. The old ones will not fit on me. Further, my wife is also worried

about her own health. She went for jogging with me but as I stopped she also had to stop her own exercise. She does not prefer going alone. Thereby, I will start jogging shortly.

Model Answer 2:

Earlier, I used to swim as a physical exercise to keep myself fit. But now I am unable to do that for some reasons. In fact, swimming was my hobby and I never missed a single day to swim. I had a team of three other members who also went with me in the morning at the swimming pool.

Swimming is the only exercise that requires the movement of almost all of your limbs together. So, this is termed as one of the best exercises. I live in Manila, Philippines, and there are some swimming pools available in my locality. I am a member of one the swimming clubs and thus have the option to swim at any time of the day and night (till it remains open).

I live in an apartment complex with some other neighbours who are also conscious about their health like me. So, we formed a team of four members, including me. All of us were service holders. So, we could not manage time for swimming except either in the early morning or after 8.00pm every day. Sometimes, I had to miss the morning session as I could not wake up in the morning. But if I missed the morning session, I used to replenish that at night. So, there was a balance in swimming. Besides, we also had set a day for a break, and it was on the weekly holiday. But if someone missed during the week, the person was supposed to swim on the holiday.

I stopped swimming as the swimming pool was under repair. After a sudden earthquake in last month, some of the parts of the swimming pool was broken and there were some other faults in the structures. So, the club authority did not take any risk about the matter, they stopped all types of activities inside the swimming pool and its area until everything was repaired. As a result, I had to stop swimming there. I can be a member of another swimming pool but do not want to be because I have been attached to this one since its establishment.

Certainly, I will restart swimming again. In fact, I am waiting for the pool to be repaired. Once the swimming pool will be repaired, I will be the very first one to jump in the water. It is becoming a trouble for me to stay without swimming

for over a month. I am also becoming impatient about the repair works but has nothing to do. It will take around one week more to complete everything. Though it would be difficult to start swimming after a long time but hope I would get back my speed and skills again shortly.

Talk about something you like doing during the winter.

You should say:

- what you do
- where you do it
- what clothes or equipment you need

And explain why you like doing it during the winter.

[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:

Greece is a land of ancient history. A wide range of historical events has taken place in the land. Besides, in the current days, the country takes different looks in different seasons. It looks most beautiful during the winter season. There are a good number of things to do in Greece during the winter. Thus, I do not need to worry much about things to do in this season. I mostly like to participate in special winter film festivals held in Thessaloniki each year and I will go there this year as well. I like to watch movies on the festivals and enjoy walking on the streets illuminated with colourful lights during the festival time. The entire location takes the shape of a festive mood and the night views are breathtaking. Moreover, when if I have more times to spend, I either read novels published from home and abroad or pass the leisure hours with my family and friends by inviting them at my place.

Usually, the festival takes place in Thessaloniki in Greece and the place is occupied with events round the year. I come to visit the place particularly in winter as the climate is adorable and watching movies are great fun to me during this time of the year. Besides, there are some other places as well where I take the walk in the evening hours to remove my day-long boredom. Mostly I visit the sea shore where one can have the breezes, free of all forms of pollutions, is found that will take away all of your tiredness. Sometimes I go to

the downtown of Thessaloniki and this is a very populous place. People of almost all countries are found here and mostly they come to visit the historical places.

To continue the visit at the festivals during the winter, I need some heavy clothes to prevent the cold. Since the locality is laid by the sea front, there are too cold comparing the other parts of the city. The movies are screened on the island harbour area and when the shows are on outdoor; the freezing wind is felt severely. So, I take proper precautionary measures. Generally, when I go to the festivals, I wear a heavy jacket, cover my head with a woolen cap, a heavy pant, wear hand gloves and then cover me with a woolen overcoat. In a word, I make myself wind-proof. It is truly enjoyable for me. I learnt to cover myself from a real life experience a couple of years ago. I came to enjoy a movie on the film festival and had caught a severe cold for the surrounding environment. That was a practical lesson for me.

Winter is the best season in Greece. The entire environment remains calm and quiet. The nature turns pale a bit but that brings a different look to them. Besides, the crowds are not seen on the regularly crowded places and thus the streets are free of noises. In such moments, I feel comfort to watch movies or read books alone. In fact, to me, it appears that being alone in winter makes me feel better for several reasons. The most important factor is that I can feel entirely alone. The feelings of enjoying a movie alone cannot be expressed in words and when it is by the side of a sea, the feelings turns very special. Besides, reading the novels at room heated by charcoal is also outstanding. When I feel lonely most, then I invite the friends or the other family members to accompany me. Then I arrange for a small private party.

Model Answer 2:

During the winter season, India is a great place to travel. I travel in different parts of the country in this time annually. I think this is the best time to explore my country. The temperature level is under control and thus anyone can travel at any places.

Usually, the summers are hot in India. So, travelling in this period is not suggested at all. You will have some troubles while you are on travel during summer. My past experiences have made me wise and based on the experiences, I have changed my plans. Now I travel around the country in the winter season. I enjoy the trips and also upload the photos on my social networking platforms.

India is a vast land or diversity. The natural beauty of the country is amazing. So, I try to move close to nature and capture some of their photos. I prefer the rural areas for this purpose. In fact, I have visited many of the rural areas of my country. The natural views of the country are outstanding and charming as well. They look striking particularly in winter. The sun rays through the mists look wonderful and when you are sitting with a cup of tea, the view becomes unforgettable. There are no specific places to the visit. But I prioritise the rural parts because the places are comfortable to travel than the city areas. The communication system is not developed and it makes the trips interesting for me.

Well, I need some heavy clothes to travel during the winter. Actually, when it is cold in India, the coldness may bring some health disorders for you. If you do not take precautionary measures appropriately, you may be the sufferer of coughs and colds. Besides, I also keep a flask to carry tea or coffee. When I am out for the travel in winter, I also carry some other stuff like a small bag containing my warm clothes, a pair of extra shoes, first aid kit and few necessary medicines. Besides, I also keep a small knife which I use for multipurpose. These are the necessary companions for my travel in winter.

I like to travel in winter for some reasons. Firstly, this is the time when everything becomes calm and quiet. In the other seasons of the years, everything appears chaotic to me. I am unable to bear the chaos that I find everywhere. Further, in winter, nature takes a beautiful shape. It is like a mysterious beauty. To be frank, I am a nature lover. The foggy mornings, faded setting suns in the evening or the bright stars at night – everything appears perfect in this season. So, I like to take the trips inside India during winter.

Talk about a sport or exercise that you do for fitness.

You should say:

- what it is
- wow often you do it
- why you do it

and explain how this activity or sport helps your fitness.

[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:

Walking is a good form of exercise and requires less physical efforts than any other regular forms of exercise. I walk regularly in the morning to keep my body fit.

I want to talk about one of the most popular forms of exercise - walking. Walking has a wide range of health benefits. It makes the people fit and the most important thing is that the people who walk do not need any external instruments to perform the walk. Moreover, it is convenient to all ages of people. There is no preset speed or distance is set for walking. So, an individual can have the walk after his or necessity. But in some cases when walking is prescribed by a doctor to prevent any specific physical illness or disorder, then you are to follow the prescribed distance to get cured.

Well, I usually take the walk in the early hours of the day and take it every day. I have no physical disorders or any other troubles but I go for the walk to have a grand opening for the day. Usually, on the weekends, I take a break from the walk. You know the weekend nights are too exciting in Singapore streets and thus I cannot get back at home before midnight. If you were me, it would have been tougher for you too to get up at 5.30am for the walk. So, I take the breaks on the weekends. But on the other days, I do not miss the walk and also have formed a team of walkers who accompany me in the early morning. I have two neighbours who are also conscious about their health and thus we three move for the walk in the city street.

Do you know that walking is the best form of free hand exercise? I think you are well informed about it. In fact, walking does not need any specific cause to perform and the benefits are more than your imagination. I get the walk done in the morning so that I can have a healthy beginning of the day. When I go out for the walk, I have the chance to breathe in the fresh air. Besides, the surrounding environment is calm and quiet. There are not traffics on the roads and everything remains silent which is not found in the other times of the day. So, I walk in the morning. Besides, I have to sit all the time in my office (the boring desk job) and lack the required movements to burn calories I intake. Though the calories are not harmful now, they contain the potentials to affect me after few years if I do not care about them from now. This is another

important issue for me to walk in the morning.

The morning walk is helping me to a great extent to maintain my fitness level. I have been walking for around three years and as a result, my weight is under control and the heartbeat follows the regular rhythm while many of my colleagues have gained weight only for their desk job whereas I have been fit as I was in the beginning days of my job. Moreover, the morning walk makes my mind fresh and I feel lucky to breathe in the fresh air. Usually, the air is hot and polluted in the busy hours in this Lion city and I also cannot manage enough spaces to walk speedily. So, I have picked the morning to get the walk. Besides, it gives me the energy to deal all the challenges at my office. Moreover, I can think clearly which I believe is the benefit of walking as it keeps my thoughts cool always.

Model Answer 2:

In this present age, it is extremely difficult to remain fit unless you are engaged in some sort of exercise. I often perform yoga. This is the best match for me. In fact, it is not possible for me to take heavy exercises and as a lady, I also cannot move out for outdoor activities after the end of a hefty day in office.

Yoga is one of the good forms of exercises. It helps to keep people fit and healthy. Besides, there are numerous health benefits available with this exercise. If someone continues the yoga, the person will look beautiful. Besides, the exercises are also helpful to remove extra pounds from the body and bring a nice shape. In fact, I am attracted with yoga to make myself slim and remove the excessive weight from my body that I gained sitting in desk round the day at my office.

I work for a multinational corporation based in Nepal. My job is to coordinate in administrative works. My office hours begins at 9.00am and ends by 5.00pm. So, I have made a routine for me to perform yoga two times in a day. When I get up in the morning at 6.00am, I attend a session for 20 minutes. And when I am at home in the evening, I participate in another session for 30 minutes. But I take breaks in the holidays. I need to manage my family and entertain guests on such days. So, I become unable to start the yoga sessions.

Yoga is an ancient type of exercise. There are different moves in this form. It helps to shape the body and at the same time brings peace of mind. There are

some breathing exercises. The exercises help to cool down the nerves and simultaneously improve the respiratory organs and the entire system. I am greatly benefitted with the respiratory exercises. Moreover, yoga helps me to remain fit for the day. I feel fresh after completing a session.

Yoga is helpful to me in numerous ways. This is a type of exercise that requires almost no tools or instruments. Moreover, there is no specific time to perform the exercise. I have been being benefitted by yoga for a long time. Earlier, I had insomnia and now I can have a sound sleep at night. Yoga also helps me to prevent my asthma. I have no back pain with me as I suffered before after starting yoga. It also supports me to keep my emotional balance. I do not get angry on anything easily. Besides, my movements are flexible. I can move my limbs to any direction which is not possible with other women. Yoga really helps me to remain fit for the day.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Talk about a sport or exercise that you do for fitness."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

1. Describe something you do to keep yourself fit.
2. Describe something you do to maintain your body fit.
3. Talk about a popular form or exercise in your country.
4. Describe something you often do in the evening.
5. Describe a sport you often watch or play.
6. Describe something you often do in the morning.
7. Describe something healthy you do.
8. Describe a popular sport in your country.
9. Describe something you are planning to start in the near future.
10. Describe something you would like to add to your daily routine.
11. Describe an activity you enjoy.
12. Describe an activity or a hobby you want to start.

Talk about a place near water that you have visited.

You should say:

- where it was
- why you went there

- what you did there

and say whether you enjoyed 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 1:

I went in Greece and visited the Myrtos Beach located in Kefalonia Myrtos in October of 2015 for my honeymoon purpose and had spent two entire days with my spouse at the beach sides.

The numbers of exotic locations in Greece were ample and sometimes it became difficult for me and my wife to decide where to go. We went in Greece for honeymoon and had spent 15 days together in the country. We travelled in different parts of the country and enjoyed numerous historical structures and monuments. But the day beside the Myrtos Beach is still vivid in my memory. The commoners of the area said that the beach was one of the wonderful beaches in the world for its special turquoise water and the breathtaking sunset views. The entire beach was filled with white pebbles and the serene atmosphere truly attracted us. The beach lied between the feet of two mountains and geographically located in the north-west of Kefalonia Island.

Thank you for honouring me with the question. I went to my honeymoon trip with my wife. After lots of calculations and budgeting, we decided to go in Greece for the trip and it was the most suitable destination for the purpose. We did lots of things there and spent two days consecutively at the beach. The beach is enriched with natural features and beauties. I had found that the beach was made up of marble materials and white cobblestones. The shoreline view is dazzling and the waves are higher than the other beaches in Greece. Walking through the beach provides a feeling of freshness. The gentle breeze is also enjoyable.

We did a large number of things beside the shoreline and enjoyed doing so. The beach made us crazy with its stunning look and natural beauties. The deep blue sky, the turquoise water, bathing in the water, water sports with my wife, clicking photos and posing for them, running across the shoreline, waiting for the next wave to sink under etc. were the common forms of entertainment for us. Besides, we took sea foods from the nearby restaurants. But we had fun during the bath most. The water was fresh and crystal clear. I also have bottled

some water as a souvenir for me. Besides, I wanted to surf on the waves but my wife did not agree because of less water depth. The photos were amazing, especially the sunset scenes were superb! If I knew that you would ask me about the trip, I would have brought some of the images for you!

Ahh!! The days were great!! I truly enjoyed the trip and it was worthy of the efforts I invested arranging it. We saved money for three months to get on board for the trip. Besides, budgeting was the most important factor for me as I was the only wage earner for my family. The expenses were high in my city, Bacoor in Philippines and I had to cut several expenses to save the money. Thereby, we planned to make the honeymoon a perfect one. I think it is well known to you that honeymoons are done once in a lifetime and thus it should be done perfectly. We had enjoyed almost all the available amenities in Greece and particularly by the beach side. The trip will be ever reminding to me and my wife and thank you for the chance to recalling the memories of those days.

Model Answer 2:

My recent visit to India provided me with immense pleasure. I went there for some business purposes and had to say at Varanasi, a city near the River Ganges. The experiences were outstanding. In fact, I never had such a wonderful experience in my past visits in the country.

Varanasi is locally also known as Banaras and one of the old cities of the world. This city is stretched to the River Ganges. Besides, this is a city with some religious perspectives. A notable number of people come to visit the city annually and perform their rituals with the River Ganges. The city is also popular for many of noted Indian musicians, scholars, philosophers and others.

I went to India for business purposes. In fact, I have several businesses here in Singapore. I actually import various types of goods and sell them in my shop here. I own five shops and three of them are in street market. The street shops sell various types of goods including clothing, toys, bags, leather goods, ornaments and many other things. But I sell only branded products in two other shops located in two shopping malls. I have some associates who take care of the selling and I am involved into the purchase. So, I need to travel frequently in different places and countries. I prefer India most to import goods because the goods are of best quality. But sometimes, there are some complications and hence I need to visit the country frequently.

Primarily I was engaged with selecting the products for my shops in Singapore. But I did not miss the chances to visit the places near the River Ganges. I also had some interesting experiences. Some of the local people were taking bath in the Ganges with a religious belief that they will be free of sins. I also visited some of the renowned temples there. The cultural diversity attracted me most in this place. I cannot forget the scenes of the sunset from the river. I was on a boat during the sunset and enjoyed the natural view and breeze greatly. Besides, I also took a bath in the river. It was merely a bath, not to fulfil any religious promises.

I enjoyed visiting the place. In fact, I enjoyed the sightseeing part of my trip. Though it was a business trip for me, I made a plan to take a short trip around the city. I had never met with the River Ganges before though I came to the country several times. But it was difficult to manage time for the trip. But the trip was enjoyable for many reasons. I wish to make such trips again if I can have chances.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Talk about a place near water that you have visited."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a lake or a river you have visited.
- Describe a place near water you have been to.
- Describe a beautiful place you went to.
- Describe somewhere you like to visit often.
- Describe a sea or river you have visited.
- A place you went with your friends.
- Describe a place you have recently visited as a tourist.
- Describe a beautiful place you know about.
- Describe a beautiful place in your hometown.

Describe a tourist attraction that you have recently visited.

You should say:

- where it was
- why you went there
- with whom you went there

and explain if you enjoyed visiting there and why.

[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:

I went to Moscow a few days ago where I visited the Red Square. This was a fantastic place for me and I really enjoyed my visit there and this place was one of the best tourist spots I have visited so far.

It appeared to me that the Red Square was a type of plaza in the city and separated the Kremlin. However, I liked the city square and I asked few Russians about the square and they agreed on the issue that the Red Square was the central square in Moscow. The square was the origin of many highways and streets in Moscow. You will be surprised to hear that the name was not introduced from the red bricks of the square rather the history was different. The Red Square has been serving as the central meeting place for the Russians and the trend was initiated even before the 18th century.

Thanks for allowing me to say the reason for visiting Moscow being an Asian national. I went Moscow for some business purposes. My father established his plastic material business in Singapore about 20 years ago and sold the items around the globe headquartered in India. My family assigned me the responsibilities to take care of the business and therefore, I had to visit Moscow. I have also visited in some other countries as well. But it was the greatest pleasure for me to visit the Red Square. I spent about an entire day and observed numerous happenings here. Life goes on here and the place remains crowded always. The surrounding area was buzzing with life for the people of different countries.

My organisation's international sales affairs manager, Mr. Kukradong Manchee accompanied me on this trip as he was experienced in travelling in Russia. My father had recruited him for his experiences in travelling abroad. So, he was sent with me to get me trained in the international sales affairs. We made a great team though Mr. Manchee was senior to me for 15 years. As a quick learner, I learned lots of practical issues from him in Moscow. At first, the buyers and distributors objected on some of our damaged products alleging to be faulty with manufacturing errors. But he managed to let them comprehend that fault was not in manufacture rather the release and transportation from the ship to inside the Russian boundary was responsible for the damages. You

won’t believe how smartly he handled the issue.

Well, I had joined the business a short time ago after completing my postgraduate and naturally, I did not have the qualities necessary for maintaining the relationship with the international clients. Therefore, I went to Moscow and visited different parts of the city but the Red Square attracted me most. Besides, I learnt about the practical skills of dealing with international customers and make them pleased in their own way without damaging the reputation of mine. The visit was highly enjoyable for me and educational as well. It was a practical lesson for me and I am truly grateful to Mr. Manchee for his cordial support. He also advised me with various real-life examples to deal with the clients and the most important thing I learnt from the Moscow trip was to be patient during such issues. Therefore, the trip was enjoyable to me.

Alternative Answer:

This is an interesting topic to describe as Russia is a great land for visiting with its diversified natural beauties and charming locations. In last September, I went to visit the Kremlin from my college as part of my academic excursion. Here is a brief account of my visit at Kremlin.

The Kremlin in Moscow is located on the bank of Moskva River and is a massive fortress. This is a place that has been used for numerous purposes like it has played the seat for Dukes, residence for tsars and also the home to great Soviet leaders. Presently the establishment is being used as the official resident for the president of the country. But access of the commoners in allowed in the complex based on certain conditions and some specific parts. This is, in fact, a great place for Russian politics.

I went at the kremlin complex in last week. This was the prescribed excursion of my college and counts a substantial amount of marks. The students who usually go for excursions, they are to submit a report after the arrival from the trip. Actually, the excursion contained 50 marks which are considered as a half course at my college. So, after planning everything, we started the journey and it took around one and a half hour to reach Moscow Kremlin. Usually, the excursions take place in the last part of the year, right before the year ending exam, this excursion began early this year.

I was accompanied with all of my friends, classmates and geography teacher. In fact, the entire class of my college was with me or we were together. The idea to make the study tour more effective was the brain child of our

geography lecturer. He pointed out that if the students submit a report on the tour and that carry marks, they would be more eager to learn. Hence the study tours been considered as a course for past few years. Now it is mandatory for each of the classes in the college to attend the tour. So, when I went inside Kremlin, I did not miss anyone of my class.

During the trip inside the Kremlin, I have seen some of the most notable structures of the Russian Federation. The complex contains the residents of the renowned leaders of the country and smelled the glorious past of my land. There some old and modern buildings inside and surrounding the entire complex and among them the most notable are the Grand Kremlin Palace, the Assumption Cathedral, the Armoury Chamber, the Diamond Fund, the Cathedral of the Archangel, the Ivan the Great Bell Tower etc. I took notes of the places and structures and asked the guide about different information like the year of establishment, the people behind the formation of the structures, how much rubles were spent and seceral other necessary information to use in my excursion report.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a tourist attraction that you have recently visited."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a beautiful place where you have been to.
- Describe famous tourist spot in your country.
- Describe a place you have visited as a tourist.
- Describe a place you want to visit.
- Describe a tourist attraction you have never been to but want to visit.
- Describe a place you remember visiting.
- Describe a place you think is beautiful.
- Describe a naturally beautiful place in your country.
- Describe a place you would like to visit in future.
- Describe a place you have recently been to.

Describe how you would spend your day off from your work or college.

You should say:

- what you would do

- where you would go
- who you will spend time with

and explain why you would spend your day off in this way.

[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:

Usually, I do not have much leisure hours or day offs but when I get the chance I would like to read books or watch movies of different genres.

In Rhodes, the 'law and order' is quite fine but as a police officer, I have to remain busy always round the week. You know, the police are to do a lot of things in order for the safety of the citizens, thus I have to be engaged with the works round the week. But sometimes I take a break for a day or half day and would like to read novels. Sometimes I would watch the latest movies and I prefer the action genre most while comedy and romantic movies come gradually on the preference list. Moreover, sometimes I would prefer outing with my spouse (depends on managing enough time for that) in different places of the island of Rhodes in Greece.

I am pleased with your question that where should I go on the day offs. Actually, there are lots of places to visit in Rhodes and I usually go there often to pass the day offs. Since there are a large number of places to visit, I would consider the citadel of Rhodes best for me for its historical value. The site has been declared as a World Heritage Site in 1988 and been attracting tourists around the world. This is the best preserved medieval town and contains streets and structures of the medieval period. The structure was built during the 13th century to prevent the Turkish threats. Aside the place, I would also like to go at Ancient Kamiros, located on the north-western shore of the city. This is the third ancient city in the islands of Rhodes.

I think you are also aware that the trips inside this historic city would not be complete if you do not have any companion. So, usually my wife, Margaretta, accompanies me on the visits and she loves such day-long trips. In fact, she eagerly waits for my day offs. Whenever I tell her that I am free for a day, she starts planning for the visit. Sometimes I plan that I will spend the time with my relatives and invite them to be my guest at my place and accordingly pass the day. But when I am at home and no plans to execute, I watch movies with my

Margaretta and cook foods by myself. In the evenings, I go out for a walk, alone, in the streets of Rhodes and come back within one hour.

Well, I would like to spend the day off in dissimilar ways for several reasons. We are in the mechanised world now. I think you will agree with me that we just go home to get prepared for the next day office or respective duties, won't you? So, there are a few chances to enjoy the day offs and when the day offs arrive, it appears that the moments are gone within the twinkle of an eye. You are to agree with me that reading famous novels is a great way to pass an idle day but if you continue it or make a routine, it will make life tiresome. Or if you only watch movies round the day, it will have detrimental impacts on your body. But if you are on outing or make a combination of outing, reading or watching movies, the leisure times become enjoyable. So, I try to enjoy the moments in different ways. I would like to bring variations on the day offs so that they do not get repetitive for me. Repetition makes everything monotonous and the day off becomes boring. By enforcing the law around the week, I become bored and thus try to make the day off exciting to get involved in the work with a refreshed mind and body.

Model Answer 2:

Being the student of BCA College in Athens, I am unable to manage a huge time for recreation. I only have a single day off and I usually have to remain busy in many unnecessary tasks. But I would like to spend the day in a different way.

I would like to begin the day lately. It means I will get up late on the day. In the usual days, I need to get up early to attend my classes. The classes begin from 8.00 am and thus I need to reach there before the class hour. Besides, I also would like to read some books and play video games on my computer.

If I can manage time, I would like to go in places where I can find some serenity. I would like to pick the beaches to visit in the day off. The beaches provide a very nice view and many other things to do there. Actually, I am fond of the water sports and other activities in the sea beach areas. Enjoying the sunset on the beach is one of the most attractive things there. But if I need to make an alternative plan for going during the off days, I would like to move for a long drive. Driving is a passion for me, but I am extremely careful when I am in the driver's seat.

I would like to spend time with my favourite people, particularly my family members. In fact, I love my parents most and thus want always to be with them. But if I cannot get them, then I will move for my friends from the locality and college. In the usual days, I spend quality times with the college mates and cannot manage time for the local friends. So, the local friends would be preferred in this case. And finally, if I cannot manage anyone, I will move alone to make some short trips in the evening. I have the experiences to move alone and have travelled different parts of Greece.

The regular days are extremely intolerable. As a student of undergraduate, I need to remain busy round the day. In fact, I cannot manage half an hour for myself. When I am at the college, I have to participate in multiple activities related to my academic studies. Besides, when I return home, I need to focus on my assignments and other activities. So, I plan to begin the day lately. I do not want to follow the rules that I follow the other days. In fact, I do believe that this is my right to spend a day in this way. It will make me free of boredom and also will provide the necessary energy to prepare for the next days.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe how you would spend your day off from your work or college."**you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a memorable day in your life.
- Describe a holiday you remember well.
- Describe your idea of a perfect holiday.
- Describe an activity you often do.
- Describe a day off from your work or study.
- Describe how you would spend a day off.
- Describe a recent holiday you have enjoyed.

Describe someone who has had an important influence in your life.

You should say:

- who the person is
- how long you have known him/her
- what qualities this person has

Explain why this person has had such an important influence on you.

[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:

Mr. Patrick Robertson was a skilled photographer of his time and had great influence on me in my youth only for his photographic expertise.

I prefer photography than any other thing. Capturing the moments with a camera was my hobby and still it is. You will be glad to hear that I am now a professional photographer and my photos are printed now on different reputed newspapers both in their online and offline versions. It was Mr. Robertson who taught me the photography and thus his influence is inexpressible in few words. He was my mentor and even today I seek his suggestions when I go for a photo shoot. His personality was adorable and the loud lucid voice had a special impact on everyone.

Thank you for asking details about Mr. Robertson and I am truly glad to describe him. I know him for around 13 years since the first meeting. When I was a novice photographer in 2001, I was admitted into a learning school to get familiarity with camera and photography details. Mr. Robertson was my mentor in the class and he favoured me most among the other students for my quick learning capacity. Besides, I also build a friendly relationship with him which made me closer to him. You won't believe that I changed my residence near Mr. Robertson's house so that I could accompany him or get help from him.

Mr. Robertson is involved in journalism in Australia and been staying here for a long time. In the line of his news editing skills, he was a skilled and charming photographer. Moreover, he was a noble man with a solid character. I have never seen him getting involved in any wrongdoings with the news like publishing fabricated news or misinformation etc. I had the chance to work with him in his newspaper and found that he was a truly honest and gentleman. He lived a simple life and never missed his appointments. Besides, he was kind to others too. Whenever any photography student asked him for assistance, he never disappointed them by rejecting rather he cordially invited the students into office if he lacked time to arrange a class.

You will be surprised to hear that he is like a fatherly figure to me and always welcomes me on everything. I am highly influenced by his benevolent behaviour and impressed with the photography skill. His photographic senses belong to the finest level. I am also influenced by him for he does not want any exposure for his deeds. His extraordinary skills of photography, his conversational style, ready wit, benevolent behaves with the others, honesty, care for his subordinates etc. have impressed me and thus I am greatly influenced by him. Though it may sound weird to you, I am greatly influenced by him that I try to follow each of his steps in everyday life. As a result, I have gained perfection in my photography and my lifestyle is changed to a great extent.

Model Answer 2:

This is a great opportunity to introduce Mr. Robert who is my neighbour for long days. He is the only man who casts a great influence on me. In fact, I am greatly impressed with his skills in math problem-solving.

Mr. Nicholas Robertson is the man whom I admire most out of my family. He loves to be addressed by his nickname – Robert. He is also an intimate friend of my dad. But he loves to socialise with people and particularly loves to play with kids. In his early life, he tried to be an adventurer (as far as I know about him) but now he is an assistant professor of Physics. He owns a very sharp brain and also he looks very smart with his spectacles.

I know him for over 15 years. He has been living in the opposite apartment of us. He lives with his family – his wife, two daughters and one son. I have a very good relation with the other members of his family and they also love me much. But I am mostly amazed by this man for many reasons. His extraordinary skills in Mathematics surprises me. Besides, he is also a very good chess player. Often I play chess with him and have learnt many expert moves from him. But never I was able to defeat him the game.

To be honest, Mr. Robert is a man of quality. He has too many qualities to describe. First of all, he is a smart man with a very sharp brain. He knows to teach his students very well. Besides, the way he plays chess is really interesting. Mr. Robert also loves to play guitar in his leisure hours. I am planning to learn guitar from him too but unluckily I am unable to manage time now. Another important feature of Mr. Robert is that he is able to control the situation and becomes the gainer. Many of the people admire this quality ofhim.

I am influenced by this man for some specific reasons. He is my mentor in mathematics. Besides, I also have known numerous real-life skills from him and been benefitted by applying them. He is also a wise man and never delivers unwanted advice to everyone. His lucid voice and gentle attitude influenced me most. I came to his close contact when I was in my seventh grade. I was having trouble with my mathematics and could not solve the problem by myself. So, I needed an external support. My dad always supported me in such issues but he was out of the city for business purposes. Then I went to Mr. Robertson and everything went normally. For all such reasons, he has had great influence on me.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe someone who has had an important influence in your life."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a teacher who had an important influence in your education.
- Describe a person who you really admire.
- Describe a person who has a great personality.
- Describe a person who helped you once.
- Describe someone you really like.
- Describe an advice someone gave to you.
- Talk about a person from your childhood whom you want to meet again.

Describe a friend you had when you were a child.

You should say:

- who he/she was
- how you met
- how long you two have been friends

and explain what you liked doing together in your childhood.

[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:

Hi! I am Aria. When I was in the elementary level at St Mary's Primary School in Sydney, I had a friend named Sophia Laurence. She was the most intelligent girl in the class.

We had a deep friendship and that had continued for many consecutive years before she and her family moved in Queensland leaving New South Wales. Sophia had to leave the school as her father, a policeman, got transferred from North Sydney to Queensland. In fact, it was painful for me when I got split with Sophia. She was my best friend in the class and even sometimes I visited her home while she came to mine on the weekends. Besides, both the families turned familiar and a cordial relation grew among the family members. So, the departure was sad for both the families.

The pleasures are mine to answer the question as the answer will take me back in my primary schooling days the past when I was a kid of five or six years. In the first day after admission at St Mary's Primary School, I was introduced with Sophia. I could remember the day clearly. I was early for the class and entered at the school premise with my parents. I entered into the empty class and took a seat in the first row. I was in the thought that I have to wait for long until the class begins. After few moments, a little girl of my age entered and I invited her to take the seat by me. We got introduced. You won't believe that she lived a block near from me! After attending the class, Sophia and I went to our house without our parents on that day.

We have been friends for seven years until her departure to Queensland. We both started the school from the primary level and Sophia left the school when we were in the seventh grade. We passed the days with great enjoyment and mostly when it was the exam, I used to be at her home to have group study. Besides, when she could not go to school or I missed the classes, we used to get the lessons prepared for each other. Will you believe that we did not have any quarrel for a single day? It was really amazing for us and some of the teachers would call us as a pair of jewel for our intelligence, attention on studies and the cordial attitudes with each other.

Sophia and I used to do a lot of things together and watching cartoons was a hobby for us. I cannot remember that we have missed any episodes of Tom and Jerry, and when it was the time for the show, I used to phone her or she made the call to make me aware about that. Besides, we together got

admitted for a painting class and most importantly we participated in different sports events in the school. Moreover, skipping was my hobby and Sophia used to be the audience of my skipping after the school or at my home. I also liked to read comic books with her and we bought different comic books in partnership. But when she left Sydney, she presented me all the books she had on her share. It was difficult for me to adjust at the school when she left. But I have maintained a connection with her and also have a close interaction with her. Usually, we meet once in a month and share the major event over the telephone.

Model Answer 2:

The school days were the best days of life and I developed a friendship with some of my best friends. I still have my connection with them. Samuel Jones was one of them. He was my best friend in the school.

Jones was the smartest boy in the class and thus he developed a very good friendship with me. In fact, we had a strong bonding that lasted till the last day of school. After completing the education from school, he left for higher study in the USA and I remained here in Greece. But the communication between us is still strong and often we try to meet via the modern communication system and share our feelings and emotions as we did in the childhood.

The meeting with Jones was simple. I met him on the day of admission at the local elementary school in Athens. In fact, he was the son of my daddy's friend. But we did not know each other before the day of admission. Later, we got admitted and days passed on. The friendship between us grew stronger. Interestingly, Jones and his family became my neighbour. Consequently, we moved to school together. Playing at the local playground was our routine task in the evening.

We have been friends for over 17 years. I had met him when I was four or five years of old. I exactly cannot remember the date and time of our meeting. But since then, we are sharing a very intimate relation. He is the closest friend of mine and even more close than my other family members. When he was my neighbour, he used to come to my home and I also went to him. Sometimes, his parents also came to visit us while we were invited to different social functions at their residence. Everything went very well until he left the country for higher education. But his family is still my neighbour and the relations are the same as before.

Both of us were fond of watching cartoons, particularly the Tom and Jerry Show. This was the most important task for us and we did not miss any of the episodes of the series. We also used to complete our home works for the school and read comic books. sometimes we had quarrels over sharing the comic book to others and the quarrel lasted for a couple of days. Besides, we also used to bunk classes together whenever we felt boring in the class or forgot to bring home works or any other assignments. But the consequences were harmful to our health. Besides, there were many other activities that we took part in. Now, I miss those days very badly.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a friend you had when you were a child."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe someone you remember from your childhood.
- Describe a classmate or friend you remember well.
- Describe a friend you played with in your childhood.
- Describe your best friend.
- Describe a friend who had a great influence in your life.
- Describe a friend you like.
- Describe someone who is a great leader.
- Describe a person who has an interesting hobby.
- Describe someone you have recently met after a long time.
- Describe an event when you were surprised to meet someone.

Describe a garden or park you enjoyed spending time in.

You should say:

- where it is
- how it looks like
- what you did there

and explain why you enjoyed spending time there.

[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:

Alton National Park is located adjacent to the Moonie highway in South West Queensland in Australia and mostly famous for the rare species at the park.

The park is under the reign of Baloone Shire local government and mostly famous for camping inside the park. But there are no facilities for the campers except the open spaces. People who go for camping at the park are self-sufficient. They usually carry all their necessary items and amenities required for the camping. The campers can do everything except creating an open fire for enjoyment. The authority is always alert about the issue as there were some fire related accidents took place here in past. Besides, the natural view of the park is outstanding and in the moonlit night the night views are wonderful. But the visitors need to be careful whatever they do here as this is a restricted area as it houses rare species and they should not be disturbed in any way.

Well, if you ask exactly how it looks like, the shape cannot be described in words. It does not have any specific shape or size rather the park has stretched for over 5 kilometres and decorated with varieties of trees and some mountains. It looks like a planned hilly garden with different plants which are standing with unity. There are many open spaces as well where the campers place their tents. The park is also the combination of two towns and a village and as a result, the park is always crowded in some parts and the other parts remain silent. It is a perfect place for bird watching. Various rare birds are found in the park and it is a prime destination for the bird watchers in Queensland.

The question ‘what I did there’ is simple but I am afraid the answer cannot be finished in few sentences. Since the park was a half an hour drive from my home, I usually visited the park in the holidays and took part in various types of activities inside the Alton National Park. I went to the park for numerous times and mostly I went for camping purpose. When I was a graduate level student, I and my friends used to come here for camping at nights. It was a kind of celebration for us whenever we finished one of our semesters. It became a tradition for seven of us. Sometimes I used to visit the park in holidays for bird watching as well and have spotted different birds at their nest rested high on the tree-tops.

Ummm! Actually, it was the age for me when everything appeared good. In fact, that was the time of enjoyment for me. In my youth days, I travelled in different parts of Australia and had spent a large portion of time mostly in the Alton National Park for many reasons. The most important thing is its natural scenario and the views of the deep blue sky from the ground level. In the bright summer days, the sky views were breathtaking and I mostly went there in the evenings to enjoy the blue sky and sunset. Sometimes I turned into the audience for mountain biking during the events and supported for my favourite bikers.

Model Answer 2:

Living in Florida has some special benefits. This is the place where you can find lots of parks and gardens where you can enjoy your leisure hours. I frequently visit Madison Blue Springs State Park for relaxation. This is a very good place. Thank you for the question.

This is one of the newest state parks in Florida. In fact, the park is physically located around 10 miles away from Madison. The park is famous for its spring. I have never seen such a clear spring before. So, the spot has become a fame for swimming. Further, it has become a great and attractive place for the limestone basin. The basin is located on the west bank of Withlacoochee River.

The park has a stunning look. The entire locality is filled with natural resources. Due to the natural environment, the water in the park is always cool. It has some underwater caves which are great for diving. The spring is about 82 feet in width and 25 feet in depth. The entire park has both hard woods and pines. As a result, the park has got a charming view from all the sides. Many of the visitors come here only to enjoy the scenic beauty of the area. When I first came here, I was in love with the park and it was a natural beauty that attracted me most.

I used to walk inside the park in the beginning. But with the passage of time, I have started participating in some other activities. Swimming is a very popular activity while there are chances for scuba diving and canoeing. When I have enough time with me and I am with my family members, I hire a canoe and float on the water. But if I am alone, I take a scuba dive. Unluckily, I cannot go in to deep with the scuba diving as my certification does not permit me. But

swimming is my regular activity and I love to swim in the cool water.

I enjoyed spending time here for some special reasons. The most important thing is that this is the place where I can get the peace of mind. The locality is far away from the city and a special sense of serenity is prevailing in the air of the park. Moreover, the attractive spring, swimming in the water and other recreational activities help me to get rid of my civic troubles. When I get back to the city, I feel refreshed and can focus on my activities attentively. For all the reasons, I enjoy spending time in Madison Blue Springs State Park of Florida.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a garden or park you enjoyed spending time in."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a naturally beautiful place.
- Describe a place you often visit.
- Describe a place near your home.
- Describe a place where a lot of people gather every day.
- Describe a park or garden in your hometown.
- Describe a place which is full of colour.
- Describe a beautiful place you know about.
- Describe a worth visiting place in your locality.

Describe a music concert you have seen.

You should say:

- what kind of concert it was
- where and when it took place
- who you saw it with

and explain whether you enjoyed this music concert or not.

[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:

I had the chance to join at a concert under the Believe Tour by Canadian singer Justin Bieber in Ottawa. It was one of the most wonderful concerts for me I have ever enjoyed.

Justin Bieber is my favourite singer and I have the collection of all of his songs. As a kid, he has raised himself to a different height which is unimaginable for the boy like his age. The concert was arranged in support of his third album - 'Believe'. The concert began in September of 2012 and he reached Ottawa in the next year as he had to perform in different other states as well. The concert got huge publicity on different media and tickets were unavailable, I am lucky that I had a friend with the concert organiser who managed the ticket for me.

The tour has taken place in Ottawa on July 23 of 2013 at Scotiabank Place. Although the venue was extra large for such a concert, on the concert day it was jam packed with the audience and it was difficult for me to stand at the entrance queue with the expanding crowd. However, my friend rescued me from this trouble and I entered at the Scotiabank Place for the first time to enjoy a live concert. The stage decoration was lucrative and the lighting system made the hall as a bright as daylight. Fortunately, I managed space at the front row and kept standing until the concert ended. I forgot the duration and it might have lasted for one and a half hour.

Unfortunately, I could not manage another ticket for my younger brother, who is also a fan of Justin Bieber. He missed the event entirely but I was so lucky that I had the chance to talk with the popular singer for the first time during the concert. He was having a stunning look with the sleeveless shirt, a black pant, a bandana on his right arm and the microphone on his head. He was accompanied by a band of musicians who were playing different instruments together to make the concert enjoyable. He moved across the concert stage while the most of the audiences were dancing cheerfully with the songs. Despite being a little kid to me, I am his super fan and prefer his songs always. The meanings of the songs are outstanding and the music composition is tremendous. He knows how to sing and make the audience crazy with his super tone.

It was a good luck for me that I have a friend who is working with the event management in Ottawa and helps me great in such cases like reserving concert tickets, arranging front row seats, special treatments in the venue and more other issues. But I truly enjoyed the Believe Tour though I did not get enough

chance to sit or receive any special treatment from the organisers as the entire hall was overcrowded. Security people of the venue were helpless to control the crowd and bring discipline among the audience. Besides, the songs were excellent with a lively performance. The singer sang a couple of songs from his new album while the other songs belonged to his former albums.

Model Answer 2:

Recently, my university had organised a music concert and I attended there. It was a nice concert that I have ever enjoyed. Thank you for the great question that reminds me of the interesting event.

It was a musical concert. But there was a basic difference between this concert and the other ones. The performers were from England and they performed instrumental music only. In fact, I was not habituated with such types of music and it was my first meeting with them. But after a few moments, I was surprised at the musical beauty and carefully listened the other performance of the artists. As part of celebrating an event, the University organised the concert.

The concert took place inside the university auditorium. The planning to hold the concert began about a month ago. I was enlisted as a member of the event celebration committee. But later, I gave up the position for experiencing difficulties with my upcoming semester final. So, I was unaware about the concert schedule. I went early to enjoy the concert but it began at around 7.30pm while I was at the venue by 5.00 pm. I had to wait over two hours to enjoy the concert. But I used the time effectively. The university library was just opposite to the auditorium and luckily it was opened. So, I went there and took some notes and organised then until the concert began.

I was alone in the beginning. But later, I met with some of my classmates and friends. They also went to enjoy the show. Later, we all sat in the same row. It was a bit difficult to manage seats in the front row as those were pre-booked by the others. So, we tried to find our seats in the middle rows. Luckily, there were around 15 empty seats in the middle section and we grabbed them. The view was clear and the sound projection was loud. It was better for us, in fact, the front row seats provide a noisy projection indeed.

I really enjoyed the musical show. Some of my mates said that they were not

interested only in listening instruments. Hence, they attempted leaving the auditorium. But I stopped them from leaving the place. If they left the concert, I know they would lament later for missing the music. Moreover, enjoying such events without company is not interesting. Therefore, we all enjoyed the concert for the next two hours. The performers played several tunes but none of them was familiar to me. Later, I came to know that it was a type of music genre and thus developed an interest in it. To be straight, I enjoyed the concert to the last minute.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a music concert you have seen."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe something unusual you did recently.
- Describe a common festival or even in your country.
- Describe something you recently did with a friend.
- Describe a music concert you enjoyed.
- Describe a concert of party you have been to.

Describe a lake, a river or a sea you like to visit.

You should say:

- where it is
- when you usually visit it
- what you do there

and explain your experience visiting this lake, river or sea.

[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:

Passing moments by the side of a lake is highly interesting and the moments are enjoyable during the evening hours. I usually sit by the Lough Negah, located in the Northern Ireland.

The lakes in the Republic of Ireland are commonly termed as Lough and Lough Negah is the largest lakes in the country with the span of 151 square miles. This is a freshwater lake and the sides are well decorated for the visitors. The depth of the lake is around eight feet but the deepest part of the lake is about 80 feet. The lough reaches to the River Bann and in some parts, it is considered as the Bann as well for its blend with the river. The lough also supplies a large portion of the water to the country.

I live in County Antrim and the lake is a 15 minutes drive from my place. I usually go to visit the lake during the holidays and sometimes we go for a picnic beside the lake. During the holidays, we go to enjoy the tranquil atmosphere of the lake. The skies look gorgeous and bright with the sun. Besides, bay view is also adorable. So, whenever I can manage time either I move for the lake with my family or friends and if I cannot manage anyone, I go there all by myself. This is a place for divine peace and the views are outstanding. Like me, many other Irish go to pass their leisure moments by the side of the lake.

There are many things to do in the lake. Different events and festivals are arranged by the side of the lake and people from different parts of the country come to enjoy the events. Most of the events usually begin in the evening and runs until midnight. But sometimes it causes trouble for me to attend an event which ends during the midnight and return home. I get late for office on such days. So, I try to come back before 9 o'clock. When I with the participation of friends arrange for personal events like a short picnic or gathering, I try to hold the event by the day time so that everyone could enjoy and that nobody feels the urge to return.

I have lots of memories with the lake. A large portion of my teenage days has experienced the waves of the lake. I used to come here with my friends and bath on a side of the lake. Besides, fishing was a common issue for us and then we cooked the fishes on the shore too and that made us feel completely thrilled. But with the advancement of time and technology, the lake view has been changed greatly. It has turned into a famous tourist spot and thus different service providers have emerged with their attractive services and commodities. Earlier, we used to visit the lake at least once a day but with the extensive crowd of the current days, we cannot manage space to stand there. Moreover, the crowds gather most in the holidays. However, the experiences amid the crowds are enjoyable for me as well. I see and learn diversified issues from the people visiting the lake.

Model Answer 2:

I like to visit the River Daugava and it has become a regular activity for me too. The river bank provides a great natural view. The river is located in Russia. Thank you for your question.

To be specific, the river is located in the Valdai Hills in Russia. The river flows through Russia to Belarus. It also crosses Latvia and the Gulf o Riga. This is one of the wonderful rivers in the country and its length is over 1000 kilometres. But Russia has got around 325 kilometres in share. The remaining length is shared by the other regions through it is flowing.

I usually visit the river in the evening of weekends. In fact, the river is around 50 kilometres away from my home. So, I need a drive over half an hour to reach the river bank. But once, I am there, the view removes my tiredness and makes me feel refreshed. Besides, I try to pay a visit whenever I can manage time. But unluckily I cannot manage time more than once or twice in a month. It is my business that does not allow me to spend some lazy hours by the side of the river and make a small picnic with near and dear ones.

Usually, I sit by the side of the river bank and enjoy the nature. Sometimes I try to catch fish. But my luck is not always favourable to me. I am unable to get some large-sized fishes while the other members, who accompany me there, can have the best pieces. Besides, swimming in the river is the other preferable activity for me. When I get in touch of the cold water, I feel a sense of joy inside me. Further, taking lunch under the shade of trees and then passing moments by chatting with friends is really enjoyable there. In fact, I have formed a group of seven people who eagerly wait for the weekend and plan various activities to do on the spot.

My experience in the bank of Daugava River is wonderful. Actually, I am charmed with the natural scenario. The flowing river enchants the mind. On the other side, some of its parts are deteriorated by the agricultural wastes and pollution. But initiatives to improve the locations are underway too. Though the river mouth was the place of settlement in the early days, now there are various changes available. Formerly, the River was a trading route and now it is a place for entertainment. Whenever I go there, I try to visit the surrounding nice locations as well to be relaxed. Swimming on the water was also an interesting experience for me. So, I am in love with this place.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a lake, a river or a sea you like to visit."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe your favourite place in your hometown.
- Describe a place near a lot of water.
- Describe somewhere you have been to recently.
- Describe a recent tour or picnic you have had.
- Describe a place you often visit.
- Describe a river or sea in your country.
- Describe a sea beach you have visited.
- Describe a place in your country which is worth visiting.
- Describe a famous tourist spot in your country.

Describe a situation when you were late.

You should say:

- what the event was you were late for
- what the reason was for being late
- how you felt about it

and explain how you managed even after being late.

[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:

Time is priceless and once you lose it, you are to pay heavily for the wastage of the moments. I missed a job interview for being late and I feel regret for that late even today.

I was called for a formal interview at Unilever against the post of communications manager. I applied for the post about two months ago and they asked me to attend the written test first. I attended at the test and become one the tenth applicants who have passed the test. Then the authority told us to contact later and accordingly I received the latest email asking me to join at the formal interview. But unfortunately, I could not attend the interview in time and lost the chance to attend on the job.

In Mumbai, traffic congestion is a common scenario. Many of the people have to get stuck in the traffic jam in the early hours of the morning every day and the scenarios are worst the central area where almost all the important offices are located. I started for the interview about one hour before of the mentioned time but could not reach in time there. At first, I stood in a bus queue and when the bus arrived I could not manage to ride as the bus was already packed with office going passengers. So, I failed to board in the bus and waiting for the next metro service will be late for me. Immediately I hired an auto to reach the Unilever office. I think my luck betrayed me on that day so that I could not go for the interview. I got stuck again in the middle of the road.

Initially, I felt that my luck in not favouring me and losing the chance to appear on the interview was frustrating me as well. Thereby, I felt a deep sense of anger. Traffic congestion is a common scenario in India and the common citizens are the worst sufferers. They cannot go to their places at the right time. I did not have the idea how actually they felt when they missed their appointments. The delay on the interview taught me actually how the feelings of those people were. At last, I felt pity for me as I could not go to my current office in time and also made late for the interview at the same time.

Finally, I appeared before the Unilever office building about one and a half hour later of the scheduled time. When I entered the interview room, I found that the interviews were going to be ended and when I informed the interview reception that I am one of the candidates, they allowed me to sit for the interview. But since I was late, they, in fact, did not show much interest and simply asked few questions about myself. With the behaviour and attitudes of the interview board members, I understood that I am discarded from the list.

Model Answer 2:

Usually, I try to do everything in time, but sometimes there are unwanted late. In this case, I can remember the day when I made late for my biology practical exam in my school and consequently my grades turned poor. Thank you for the question.

In my school days, I was a student of science and thus had to participate in various practical classes. Biology was one of the most important classes and most of the times it had practical classes. The teacher who took the class was too much strict and never allowed his students to be late for the class. He

punished them with poor scoring if he found someone guilty of the charges of making late to attend the class. I had fallen a victim of the fact. I could not attend the last practical class in time.

In fact, it was not my fault that I made late willingly. It was a rainy day, and I could not get something to reach school in time. I went out with an umbrella with me but the school was far away from my residence. I used to ride on the public transport to reach the school but on that day nothing was available. Therefore, I had to walk all the way to the school. the school was located in the centre of the city while my residence was about three kilometres away. Without finding any transport, I walked and made late.

The feelings were uncontrollable when my teacher told me some harsh words for being late. He did not understand that it was rain. He only said that as the other students have attended the school in time and so should be I. I failed to make him understand that the late was unintentional. Besides, my dad went out early in the morning with his car. If he had been at home, I would have asked him to drop me at the school. It was not a good day for me.

Managing the event was really tough for me. I was unable to completely manage the event and the teacher graded me poorly in terms of maintaining discipline in his class. So, the overall grade in the semester dropped. When the class was over, I went to meet with the teacher at his cabin but he did not want to understand the issues. In fact, he was a kind of inflexible person and never compromised with anything. As a result, most of the students of the class did not like him much. Finally, he gave me poor marks that made me suffer in the next semesters. I never made late in his classes again. It was a rigid lesson for me.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe a situation when you were late."** you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe a time when you missed an important appointment or meeting.
- Describe a bad traffic experience you have.
- Talk about an event or time when you could not reach somewhere in time.
- Describe an embarrassing experience you recently have had.

- Describe a time when you had to work hard to meet a deadline.
- Describe a time when you missed your class or office.

Describe an indoor game you have enjoyed playing in your free time.

You should say:

- what the game is
- how you learned to play it
- where you have played it

and explain why you have enjoyed playing this game.

[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:

Games and sports have always attracted me but I like the indoor games more than the outdoor ones. I usually play chess in my free times and enjoy it more than any other indoor games.

Chess is a very exciting indoor game and this two-player game requires a lot of attention. Usually, it is played on a checkered board and the two opponents are trying hard to defeat each other. This is the only game that could be played at anywhere including both indoor and outdoor spaces. Not much space is required to play the game and the players are usually more intelligent than the regular people. There are 16 pieces on each side of the game for each of the player and the most intelligent one wins the game after lots of mental efforts. It is believed that game has been originated in India and it was before the 10th century. The players are to attack their opponent with soldiers, kings, queens, rooks, knights and bishops to win the game.

When I was in my senior high school, I met a boy, Samuel Rodriguez. He was an exceptionally intelligent boy and loved to play chess. I had one thing common with him. We were neighbours and as a result, I frequently visited his home. Suddenly, one day I found him playing chess alone. I had the curiosity to play chess but could not materialise the desire as I did not know how to play the board game. So, I asked Samuel to teach me chess. He taught me chess like an

expert teacher. He explained the capacity of the pieces and their abilities as well – what they can do or what they cannot. It took around a week for me to learn the entire game. But in the early days, I could not win the games due to my unskilled attempts. Gradually I have improved in the game and can finish the game within the first ten minutes.

I usually play chess with some of my friends who are interested in playing the chess. My father was a great chess player and had won many prizes in different competitions. But I could not manage time to play with him as he remained busy always and also did not want to play with me as well as I could not take proper attempt to defeat him. So, he was a bit irritated to me over chess playing and thus avoided me. However, now as an expert player I play the game with my colleagues, wife and sometimes with my relatives who are also experts in chess. Besides, I am planning to participate in the upcoming chess championship in the annual sports day at my office.

I always enjoy the game because it is a mind game and requires lots of patience and intellects. Unless you are equal to your opponent, you do not have chances to fight back and finally, you have to lose the game. It is enjoyable when you can discover the next attempt of your opponent and can accordingly take preventive measures to save your soldiers and other pieces.

Model Answer 2:

Playing card is my hobby and this is one of the most popular indoor games that many of the people prefer it like. Yes, this is my favourite indoor game that I often play at my home.

This is a very popular indoor game across the world. It is popular for many reasons. There are some specific games available to play with the cards. In fact, the number of games with cards is countless. There are some traditional games while there are some specific games as well. I am able to play some of the traditional and a few specific games. The rules of playing card games are different in places.

When I was a child, I saw my dad playing cards at home. And most of the time, he played alone while I sat beside him. He was the first teacher of mine in learning card games. He knew lots of tricks with the cards and taught me some of them. My father used to tell that if I practice more, I would be able to deal with the cards perfectly. On the other side, when I went to college, I came to know some other card games and played with my college mates. Some of the

college friends knew some special ways to play cards. But I have never participated in gambling with cards while some of my friends did.

I have played cards in several places. But I love to play it at home. Solitaire is my favourite card game and I can pass hours by playing this game. Sometimes, I play the card with my friends at their homes too. When playing cards at out of my home, I usually carry a packet of cards with me for some reasons. In fact, I cannot play a card if the cards are of not standard quality. So, I carry a packet of my own and use them when I find the cards are not of my standard.

I have enjoyed playing card games. Actually, the enjoyment cannot be described in words. It a kind of addiction that only the card players know. Besides, there are different types of games are available with the cards which crate a sense of enjoyment for the players. It has also some positive impacts. Playing cards help to take an instant decision. Besides, dealing the cards also is a matter of high skill. If you can shuffle and deal the cards perfectly, it points that you have some extraordinary skills in you. Playing cards also is a great way to pass idle hours. For all the reasons, I am in love with the game.

If you can talk about the cue card topic **"Describe an indoor game you have enjoyed playing in your free time."**you should be able to talk about the following IELTS cue card topics as well:

- Describe your favourite game or sport.
- Describe something you often do with your family members.
- Talk about an indoor game popular in your country.
- Describe something you like doing at home.
- Describe an indoor game you like to play.
- Talk about a game or sports you would like to learn to play.
- Describe something you would like to start doing.
- Describe an activity you often participate in.
- Talk about a game or competition you have recently took part in.
- Describe a game you played in your childhood.
- Describe something you enjoy doing in your free time.
- Describe the leisure activity you like most.