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1. Describe your first day at school

- # Where it was?
- # What happened?
- # Explain how you felt on that day

Vocab and idioms used in this cue card

- # Toddlers - age 1 to 3 (child)
- # Enthusiastic - a strong feeling of excitement # Sibling - a brother or a sister
- # Spacious - a having a lot of space
- # Stubbornness - a person who refuses to change plans # Over the moon - very happy
- # Introvert - shy
- # Amiable - friendly # Renowned - famous
- # Stone's throw away - nearby

SAMPLE ANSWER:

School is that place where we spend precious years of our childhood. Those memories always remain close to our hearts. Even though I don't remember my first day of primary school, my parents have told me everything about that day. They have shared that I was really happy to go to school. Instead of crying like other TODDLERS, I was really ENTHUSIASTIC to go there because I loved watching my older SIBLING/cousin/neighbors' kids wearing a uniform and going to school. My school was neither SPACIOUS nor RENOWNED. It was STONE'S THROW AWAY from my house. My parents enrolled me there because they thought my ENTHUSIASM and STUBBORNNESS to go to school would fade away soon. However, that exact opposite happened to me. Like I shared earlier, I was OVER THE MOON on my first day of school. Apart from this, I happily sat there the entire day and learned whatever my teacher taught me whereas almost the entire class cried because they were unable to adjust on their first day. My then teacher shared this incident with my parents when they reached school to pick me up. My parents thought I might find it difficult to adjust them easily because of my INTROVERT nature. However, my teacher told them that I was AMIABLE and had a learning attitude. This thing ASTONISHED my parents. Not only this, when I reached home. I immediately did my school work owing to the excitement. Since I loved going there, my parents did not change my school. After a few times, that school developed and I did my entire schooling from there. Although it was a roller coaster ride, I have NOSTALGIC moments when I think about that school.

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2. Describe an aquatic animal

- # What it looks like #
- # When you saw it #
- # Where you saw it
- # Explain why it is interesting

Vocab and idioms used in the cue card

- # Semi-aquatic: an animal living partly on land and partly in water #
- # Curious: wanting to know more about something
- # Venomous: capable of injecting venom by means of a bite or sting #
- # Coast: area of land close to the sea
- # Lethal: harmful
- # Excruciating: intense (extremely painful)
- # Incapacitated: deprived of strength or power #
- # Indeed: really
- # Stroke of luck: something that happens by chance

SAMPLE ANSWER:

There are near about 8.7M species in the world. 2M of them are animals. I have seen many animals on National Geographic channels as well as in different movies. Here I would like to talk about an aquatic animal which I saw for the first time and seemed interesting to me. That animal is Platypus. Last month my maternal uncle went to Australia with his family. He shared many of their pictures with us which they clicked there. There was one picture that captured an animal. It had a bill and webbed feet like a duck, tail like a beaver and body like otter which seemed really strange to me. When I asked my uncle about that animal, he told me it was a Platypus. It was the first time when I saw a Platypus. I became curious to know more about that animal. My uncle told me that Platypus is the only mammal that LAY eggs instead of giving birth to young ones. In addition to this, the eyes of Platypus contain double cones, which most mammals do not have. Moreover, male Platypus are VENOMOUS. Although powerful enough to kill smaller animals such as dogs, the venom is not LETHAL to humans, but the pain is so EXCRUCIATING that the victim may be INCAPACITATED. I really wanted to see the Platypus in my real life but Platypus lives in only one small area of the world. My uncle visited eastern COAST of Australia where he was able to capture a Platypus by a STROKE OF LUCK. INDEED, that was the strangest but interesting animal I had ever seen in my life.

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3. Describe a bag you want to own

- # What kind of bag it is?
- # From where you want to it? #
- # How much it will cost you?
- # Why you want this kind of bag?

Vocab and idioms used in this cue card

- # Burning desire: extreme interest
- # Contagious: infectious disease that spread from person to person # Stone's throw away: nearby
- # Cost a fortune: very expensive
- # Penny-pinching: unwilling to spend money # Renowned: famous
- # Spacious: having a lot of space
- # Miss the boat: miss the opportunity

Sample answer:

Despite having a plethora of bags, my desire for buying new bags never ends. I have many bags for various purposes. Here I would like to talk about a bag which I really want to own. It is a trekking bag, also known as a mountaineering backpack. In the Bollywood movie 'Yeh Jawani Hai Diwani' all lead actors go trekking. The lead male character's father gifts him this type of bag and permits him to live an adventurous life. After watching that movie, I had a BURNING DESIRE to buy it. However, due to the spread of CONTAGIOUS disease - COVID-19, my parents do not allow me to go outside my hometown, and it is also not available in the market which is STONE'S THROW AWAY from my house. However, I searched it online and got to know that it would COST ME A FORTUNE to buy it because it is of around Rs. 500. Therefore, I am doing PENNY- PINCHING. Apart from this, I have heard that there would be a sale next month in a RENOWNED mall outside my hometown. I am waiting for that day to buy this SPACIOUS backpack. If there would be a sale and my parents would allow me to buy it, I would not MISS THE BOAT. It will encourage me to get out of my comfort zone and go trekking with my friends. Moreover, I will be able to store all the items in it, which I will need while I would be in the mountains. Hope that day comes soon, and I would be able to have a breath-taking experience with my bag.

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4. Talk about your favorite singer

- # Who is it?
- # What style of music do they play #
talk about their personality
- # Why do you like listening to their music

Vocab and idioms used in this cue card

Stress- buster= alleviate stress

Lighten up = more relax and less serious

Eagerly = Excitingly

Loop = on repeat

Lyrics = the words of a song

Renowned = famous

De-stress = reduce stress

Melodious = pleasant to listen to

Miss the boat = miss the opportunity

Sample answer

I am fond of listening to music. It works as a STRESS BUSTER for me. In order to relax, I prefer to listen to different kinds of music. There is one singer whose songs I really like and enjoy listening to. His name is Daljit Dosanjh. He is a Punjabi singer and has won many awards for his contribution to the music industry. I love to listen to his songs because it LIGHTENS UP my mood. It really becomes difficult for me to stop myself from dancing. Apart from this, 90% of songs in my playlist are sung by Daljit. I always EAGERLY wait for his new songs so that I can download them and listen to them on LOOP. I also know LYRICS of almost all songs. I became his fan when his song 'Lak 28' was released. I really enjoyed that song. Since then, I am listening to the songs sung by Daljit Dosanjh. When I searched about him on the internet, I got to know that his first album was released in 2004. He worked really hard and is now considered as one of the successful singers of Punjab. In addition to this, he has judged a singing show 'Rising Stars' and has made his name in Bollywood as well. Along with singing, Diljit has acted in many successful movies which have made him RENOWNED in India. Whenever I have plenty of work to do and feel unable to complete it, I just listen to Dosanjh's songs. It DISTRESSES me. Moreover, Veerwar, Hifi Juliet, Ik Kudi, etc. are my favorite songs of this singer. He really has a MELODIOUS voice. I want to meet him and listen to him singing live. If I get a chance to attend his live concerts, I would not MISS THE BOAT.

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5. Describe a time you made a promise to someone.

- # Whom did you make the promise to #
- What the promise was
- # Why you made the promise
- # Was this promise easy to achieve

Vocab and idioms used in this cue card:

Couch potato: a lazy person

A sedentary lifestyle: a lifestyle that involves less or no physical activity

Contagious: disease that a person can get by touching somebody/something

Binge-watching: watching multiple episodes of a tv program in rapid succession

Lethargic: sluggish/ lack of energy

Worried sick: extremely anxious

Aggressive: angry

A herculean task: difficult task

Predicaments: problems

As fit as a fiddle: healthy

Obese: fat/unhealthy

Sample answer

Making a promise but not keeping it, is the easiest way to hurt others. Therefore, I don't give my words unless I have full attention to keep them. Here, I am going to talk about a time when I made a promise to my parents that I would take care of my health. Last year, I became A COUCH POTATO and adopted a SEDENTARY LIFESTYLE. Actually, there was a lockdown in the entire world owing to the spread of CONTAGIOUS disease - Corona Virus - Since there was not much to do, I started neglecting my health and BINGE- WATCHED some shows. Due to a lack of physical movements, I used to feel LETHARGIC all the time; and suddenly fell sick one day. The doctor advised me to change my lifestyle. My parents were not only WORRIED SICK about my health but also AGGRESSIVE for my ignorance. After that, I promised my parents that I would take care of my health. Initially, it was a HERCULEAN TASK for me to leave my bad habit because, during the lockdown, I ate nothing but junk food. However, it was important to keep my promise as more negligence towards health could cause huge PREDICAMENTS. I hired an online professional. He understood my problem and guided me properly. With his motivation, I did not give up and used to do exercise daily. Apart from this, I also followed the diet chart, which was given by my coach. Finally, with determination and consistency, I was able to become AS FIT AS FIDDLE instead of becoming OBESE. My parents were also happy that I kept my words and started living a healthy life again.

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6. Describe an art exhibition that you visited

- When you saw this exhibition
- Where the exhibition was held
- What was on display
- Explain your impression of the exhibition

Vocab and idioms:

Bosom friend: a close friend Over the moon: very happy Hustle and Bustle: crowd
Spacious: having a lot of space Mesmerizing: fascinating
On seventh heaven: very happy Flourish: grow

Sample answer:

An exhibition is a well-organized event where many artists compete for displaying their work. Even though I am not an artist, I always appreciate others' hard work. For the same reason, I visited an exhibition for my friend. Last year, a competition was held in my hometown where everyone was allowed to show artistic skills. My BOSOM friend, KB, has a keen interest in handmade products. Even she can make anything from waste materials. When she participated in that competition, I was sure that she would win it. However, she didn't only win the competition but her product was also selected to be exhibited. She was OVER THE MOON to hear that. I decided to go with my friend to that exhibition. As we were going there for the first time, we didn't know its exact location. That being the reason, I decided to take the help of Google Maps. Within 40 mins, we reached there. Even though there was so much HUSLE BUSLE, we still got the parking spot because it was really SPACIOUS. After entering the main place, we were MESMERIZED by its decorations. People there were looking very excited. We saw my friend's art there. Everyone was praising her skills. She was ON SEVENTH HEAVEN after listening to everything. I was also equally happy for my friend. After that, we saw other exhibited items. Those were also impressive. Our entire experience was extremely good. I felt proud of my friend because of her hard work and skill. Now, she has started a business of handmade items. Hope, her business FLOURISH, and she gets the popularity which she deserves.

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7. Describe a time when you told your friend an important truth

1. Who your friend is? 2.

What the truth was

3. What your friend reaction was

4. And explain why it was important for you to tell the truth to your friend

Vocab and idioms:

1. Bosom friend: a close friend 2. Couch potato: Lazy person 3. obese: overweight

Initially: in starting

A sedentary lifestyle: a lifestyle that involves little or no physical movements

6. Deteriorate: worse

7. As fit as a fiddle: healthy

Sample answer:

I always try to speak the truth because lies can put us in dangerous situations. Sometimes I hesitate to speak the truth in order to save others from getting hurt. However, I still try my best to avoid lying. Here, I am going to talk about a time when I told my bosom friend an important truth. Last year, KB adopted an unhealthy lifestyle after becoming a couch potato. It was adversely impacting her health. Still, she was not able to accept the fact that she was becoming obese. She started normalizing being overweight and said she was comfortable in her skin. Initially, I agreed with her, but her ignorance started increasing. She used to eat nothing but junk food. I could not tolerate this and had to tell her the truth. I told her that she needs to know the difference between being overweight and being healthy. It was okay to not care about weight and ate whatever she wants. However, she needed to know that living a sedentary lifestyle could deteriorate her health. It causes many diseases. Being comfortable in her skin did not mean she would not do any physical activity we all should be active regardless of our weight. It was really important for me to let her know the truth. She also accepted the truth and realized her mistake. Now she has started doing exercise 4 times a week and has become as fit as a fiddle.

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8) Describe a skill that you can teach other people.

- What it is
- How you learned it
- How can you teach others this skill
- How do you feel about this skill

Vocab and idioms

Delicious: tasty

Piece of cake: an easy

task Proficient: expert

A plethora of: a lot of

Sample answer

With concentration and continuous practice, anyone can learn any skill in a short span. I have also learned many skills. There is one skill in which I am PROFICIENT and can teach to others. It is culinary skills. I can cook a PLETHORA of foods without fire and in the simplest way. Actually, when I was in 7th std, I had stay to at home alone for an entire day because of some reasons. Since I didn't know how to cook, my mother cooked food in advance for the entire day. However, I didn't like its taste. Then I felt ashamed of myself that I could not cook even a single meal. Sometimes, my mother had to go outside and I used to order junk food online. Then I decided to learn simple food items. Now, I love to cook these and every Sunday, try to cook something new. I can teach this skill to others as well. It's easy to cook DELICIOUS cuisines in less time. I have even taught it to my cousin who also finds it a PIECE OF CAKE to prepare. Apart from this, I believe everyone should know how to cook a few items, regardless of gender. It is not only always helpful in difficult times but our mothers can also take rest if we know how to cook. I really feel proud of myself and never say no to anyone who wants to learn this skill.

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9. Describe a time when you needed to use your imagination.

-When it was

-When you needed to use imagination

-How difficult or easy it was

- Explain how you felt about it

Vocab and Idioms used:

Motto: a word, phrase, or sentences that express the principles and belief of a person

Obesity: being overweight

A sedentary lifestyle: a lifestyle which involves no or little physical movements

Impeccable: perfect

As fit as a fiddle: healthy

Widespread: common

A myriad of: a lot of

SAMPLE ANSWER:

Imagination is more important than knowledge because imagination is the golden pathway to everywhere. Whatever we imagine, we can become and achieve. I also follow this MOTTO and always try to imagine positive scenarios in my life. However, there was a time when I specifically used my imagination. It was an essay writing competition when I was in matriculation. Since I wanted to check my writing skills, I participated in that competition. There, everyone got a different question and we had to write at least 250 words in it. My question was 'What would you do if you were P.M. of India? I have never thought about such a thing before. Then I recalled a Bollywood movie where the lead actor becomes CM for a day. He does good deeds for all the citizens. Then I used my imagination and thought about what I could do for the betterment of my country if I were PM of India. The very first problem which people of my locality were facing, was OBESITY. Owing to overdependence on technology, they started living a SEDENTARY LIFESTYLE. I thought I would definitely build more parks and open gyms so that people could get motivated to do exercise. It seemed an IMPECCABLE solution to me for becoming AS FIT AS A FIDDLE. Another WIDESPREAD problem was increasing pollution. It took me a few minutes to think about its solution by using my imagination. I thought the main causes of pollution were the use of A MYRIAD OF vehicles and increasing deforestation. I would make it compulsory for everyone to plant one tree on their birthday. Since thousands of people have birthdays on the same day, we could breathe in fresh air if this solution was implemented. In addition to this, limiting one vehicle per household would decrease the number of vehicles, ultimately reducing pollution. I was really enjoying writing using my imagination because it was easy for me, but I did not have enough time. So, I ended my writing there.

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10. Describe a special hotel you stayed in

-Where it is

-What it is like

-Why you went there

-How you felt about it

Vocab and idioms

Amenities: facilities

In bygone era: in old times

Breathtaking: very beautiful

Nostalgic: period or place with happy personal association

Ecstatic: happy

Renowned: famous

Cost a fortune: very

expensive Mouthwatering:

tasty Amiable: friendly

Spacious: having a lot of space

Miss the boat: miss the opportunity

Sample answer

Staying in a hotel is a quite expensive activity that only a few can afford. I also stay in one of my relatives' houses whenever I need, instead of living in the hotel. However, there was a time when I was willing to spend money to stay in a hotel with my family members. It was a special hotel built in traditional style along with all those AMENITIES which people used to have IN BYGONE ERA. It gave us the GLIMPSES of Punjabi tradition. When we got to know about this through advertisement, my grandparents were really excited about this. Apart from this, this hotel is built in the heart of Amritsar, one of the cities of Punjab. After reaching there, we all had a BREATHTAKING VIEW whereas our grandparents had a NOSTALGIC experience. They were ECSTATIC to see the old version of Punjab - that version where they spent their childhood. If I talk more about the hotel, from its entrance to its bedroom, everything reminded us about the Punjabi culture. There were pictures of the RENOWNED places of Punjab but in their old form. Initially, we thought it would COST US A FORTUNE to live there because building such beauty with details, really need a lot of funds. However, rooms were available at affordable prices because the

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owner of the hotel wanted everyone to have experience of Punjabi tradition. In addition to this, cuisines available there were MOUTH WATERING, which were served by waiters wearing Punjabi attire. They were even speaking in Punjabi whereas mostly in hotels, housekeepers and other staff members are strictly ordered to speak the English language. However, every person serving there spoke in AMIABLE but in a proper Punjabi manner. It was also as SPACIOUS as usually Punjabi houses are. We all had a great experience there. If I get a chance to visit and stay there again, I would not MISS THE BOAT.

11. Describe a person who wears unusual clothes.

-Who is he

-How do you know him

-What kind of clothes he wears

-Why do you consider his clothing choices as weird

Vocab and idioms used in this cue card:

Renowned: famous

Belly laugh: loud, uncontrollable laugh

Nasty: unpleasant/bad

In spite of: complex structure

Mocking: to laugh at someone in an unkind way

Sample answer:

I believe every person has a unique taste and we should not judge anyone on their preference of clothes. I also love to wear whatever I like. However, if I still have to talk about someone who wears unusual clothes, I can only think of a RENOWNED actor of Bollywood- Ranveer Singh. Even though he wears different outfits in his movies and always looks stylish in them, he always gets in the limelight due to his airport looks. He has the weirdest sense of style and has been named as 'King of quirky outfits'. I don't even have words to describe the attire he wears. Some of his outfits give me BELLY LAUGH. Sometimes he wears so flashy outfit that people comment he could probably be seen from space in that outfit. Some people make fun of him by saying that he wears his wife's clothes. Some even go out of their way to leave NASTY comments on his social media profile just to criticize his sense of fashion. However, I believe he does not care about anyone. He wears whatever he likes, without being bothered by others' opinions.

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12. Talk about an interesting conversation

- When and where did you hear it
- What was it about?
- Who was the speaker?
- Why you think it was interesting

Vocab and idioms used in cue card

1. Amazed: (surprised)

2. Painted a rosy picture: (to make something sound very good)

3. Enrollment: (admission)

4. Glad: (happy)

Sample answer

I have had many talks in my life. Some were on phone and some were face to face. Here I am going to talk about a conversation which I had with my friend and it was very interesting. Two months ago, I met my old friend Kawal. In those days she had come from Australia on holidays. She came to visit me and we chatted with each other for two hours. When I asked her about her studies in Australia, she told me that the quality of education is very good there. When she told me that in Australia both practical as well as theoretical ways are used to teach the students, I became curious about that country. Kawal told me that initially she faced some food-related problems but now she has become habitual and comfortable there. I was amazed to hear that most students in Australia earn by doing a part-time job. She also did a job at a restaurant and managed her fees and living expenses. She painted a rosy picture of Australia in front of me. That talk influenced me a lot and became the turning point of my life. So, I decided to get enrollment and do my graduation in Australia. By doing part-time job, I can reduce the burden for my parents. My friend has offered to help me to go there. She will also help me in finding a good part-time job. I am glad that I had that interesting talk with my friend which changed my life.

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13. Describe a computer/phone game you enjoy playing since your childhood.

-What the game is about

-When you started playing it

-How often you play this game

-Why you enjoy playing this game

Vocab and idioms used in this cue card

Herculean task: difficult task

Enthusiasm: excitement

Sibling: a brother or a sister

Immense: a lot of

Nostalgic: period or place with happy personal association

Stress buster: alleviate stress

Sample answer:

It was not common to have a computer and phone when I was a child. I vividly remember it was a HERCULEAN TASK to convince my parents to buy me a computer. When I got it, I could not play games on it except on Sunday. I used to wait for Sunday to play my favorite game 'Mario'. I love that game so much that I still have it on my mobile and play it whenever I get time. Its full name is 'Super Mario Bros' which is a platform game. Here, Mario has to go through different levels in the Mushroom Kingdom in order to save the princess. In each level, he jumps, runs, and walks to finish it. He also gets some superpowers to boost his performance and fight against the enemies. It was released way before I was born. I am not sure, but I think it was first developed and released in Japan. Now, I play this game with the same ENTHUSIASM which I used to have in my childhood. It is not only my favorite game, but my SIBLINGS also love to play it. I like every aspect of this game especially its tune. It gives me IMMENSE happiness and I usually have NOSTALGIC feelings whenever I hear this tune. Many childhood memories are attached to this game. In childhood, I used to play it every Sunday whereas now I play this game whenever I feel stressed. It is a great STRESS BUSTER for me. I think many people love to play this game regardless of their age. I also believe I will continue playing this, does not matter whether I would be 25 or 55

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14. Describe a part of a city or a town you enjoy spending time in

1. Where it is
2. What it is
3. What do you do there?
4. And explain why you enjoy spending time there

Vocab and idioms used in this cue card

1. Precious: of great value
2. Kith and kin: friends and family
3. Stone's throw away: nearby
4. now and then: usually

Sample answer:

Despite being busy in my life, I try to find time to do some recreational activities with my kith and kin. I have some friends who are close to my heart. Spending time with them works as a stress buster for me. We all like to spend time together at the same place where we all used to do so when we were kids. That place is a part of my city. It is a stone's throw away from my house. When I was a child, I used to finish my homework, before 6 pm so that I can visit the park and play with my friends. We used to play their Cricket, badminton, basketball, etc. Sometimes, instead of playing any game, we all used to sit in the park and shared important matters of our life. I am still in touch with my childhood friends. We all have made a WhatsApp group and make plans now and then to meet in that park. We meet there so that we can spend our time with each other in a peaceful environment. Apart from this, we all play badminton there at least four times a week which is good for our health. Besides this, we also like to sit there and see other children playing and enjoying their precious stage of life. We recall all the moments of our childhood. There are many memories attached to the place. It is also one of the reasons behind spending our time at that place. There is one of our friends who has moved to another city and we all miss him. We video call him while sitting in that park. He also misses that special place. That park is really close to our heart.

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15. Describe a famous person that you are interested in

1. Who this person is
2. how you know about this person
3. what sort of life he/she had before becoming famous
4. How this person became famous
5. Why you like this person

Vocab and idioms used in this cue card

1. Plethora: a lot
2. Renowned = popular = well known = famous
3. Adore - love and respect deeply
4. Traits - qualities
5. Associated = linked
6. Heart of gold = kind and good nature
7. Drop dead gorgeous = good looking
8. Open cages = not locked
9. Proved his mettle = to prove his skills

Sample answer:

There is a PLETHORA of RENOWNED personalities whom I ADORE for different reasons. Some have great acting skills whereas some are fabulous dancers. Some are DROP DEAD GORGEOUS while some have A HEART OF GOLD. There is one famous person who has all these TRAITS and I am very much interested in him. That person is Prabhas. He is an Indian film actor ASSOCIATED with Telugu cinema and the first south Indian actor to have his wax statue in Bangkok. I got to know about him when his movie 'Bahubali: the beginning' was released in 2015. Prabhas started his movie career in the Telugu film industry, but it was the movie 'Baahubali' that made him well known in India. Even the sequel of that movie became the first Indian film ever to gross over Rs 1000 crore in all languages in just ten days. Apart from this, before becoming famous, he was concerned with a B.tech degree from a college in Hyderabad. He never aspired to become an actor, instead, he wanted to be a businessman. It was his paternal uncle who encouraged him to try his hand in acting. Now, he is the highest-paid actor in Tollywood. I like this person because of his dedication because it took around 5 years to make the epic 'Baahubali series' and during those years, Prabhas neither acted in any other film nor got married. He PROVED HIS METTLE in acting with the Baahubali series. In addition to this, I love his nature. He is a bird lover and has a garden which has birds of various types that too in OPEN CAGES. I really like Prabhas. If I get a chance to meet him, I would not MISS THE BOAT.

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16. Describe a time when your computer broke down.

When it was

What you were doing

What you did about it

How you felt about it

Vocab and idioms

Cost a fortune: very expensive

Penny pinching: unwillingness to spend money

Aggressive: angry

Sample answer

Technological gadgets need special care, otherwise, it can cost a fortune to repair. I also did a penny pinching and bought a computer. So, I always take care of it. However, there was a time when my computer broke down. A couple of months ago, my aunt visited us with her Lil son. He was really cute and extroverted. We started having fun. After that, we went to my room so that I can share my toys when I was a kid. Suddenly I got a call from my friend and I had to go outside for work. My cousin insisted to go with me, but I didn't want to take him with me. So, my mother suggested to give him a few games to play with so that he won't get bored. My games were on my computer. I had no other choice left. So, I told my aunt and mother to be with him while he plays the game on my computer. They both agreed but as soon as I left the home, they got busy gossiping. They didn't realize when KB, my cousin, spilled a glass of water on my computer. It immediately stopped working. When I reached home, I felt aggressive, but I didn't say anything because I didn't want to scare my Lil cousin. I had no other choice than sending it to the repair station.

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17. Describe a polite person you know.

Who is this person?

How you know him/her

Explain why you think this person is polite

Sample answer

Nowadays, attitude can be seen in everyone. Most people lack etiquette. However, I am blessed to have a family who is not only polite but also us how to be polite and handle mannerless people. However, here I am going to talk about a person who is polite, apart from my family. That person is my bosom friend KB. I am not saying she never gets angry. But getting angry and being polite are two different things. Whenever she gets aggressive over something or someone, she always tries to calm herself and reasonably reply to others. She thinks if we are polite with others and show manners, it reflects our family background. Apart from this, she always tried to help others, especially young ones. She just loves children and also teaches them to have a calm nature. I met her in 5th std when she moved to my school. We immediately became friends and are together since then. Moreover, my parents also like her because of her respectful nature. Apart from being polite, she is sagacious in her works. KB is really punctual and knows the value of time. I also became punctual because of her influence. Unlike her, I am short-tempered and sometimes speak loudly whenever I get angry whereas KB always says that this kind of behavior impacts only us and spoils the entire day. I Hope, I will also be able to be calm and polite like KB.

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18. Talk about a time when you gave advice to someone

- what the advice was
- whom you gave it
- why you gave the advice
- how you felt about advice

Vocab and idioms used in this cue card

1. Addicted - inability to stop doing/using something
2. As fit as a fiddle - healthy & strong
3. Glad - happy
4. Gratitude - thank

Sample answer:

By giving advice, we can really guide others in choosing the right path. I also take advice from experienced persons so that I can save myself from getting into trouble. If the matter is of giving advice, I try my best to suggest something which can help others. Here I would like to talk about a time when I advised my friend which helped him a lot. Three months ago, my friend was ADDICTED to junk food. He daily used to visit the nearby street market to eat junk food which negatively affected his health. Although he was hospitalized for his habit of eating excessive junk food, he was unable to control himself from eating unhealthy food. That time I advised him to join a club organized by my cousin. I can understand that it is quite difficult to change our habits, but if we try to do something with others, it really makes our work easy. That's why my cousin had organized a club to help others. In that club, anyone with a willingness to change bad habits was allowed. So I advised my friend to join that club. He decided to work upon my suggestion. When he joined and participated in all the activities performed in that club, it changed his mindset. He realized the benefits of good health. It really inspired him to have a healthy lifestyle. After that, he started making minor changes in his daily routine. After following all the steps and performing all the activities suggested by the club members, he started realizing some changes in his health. Within three months, he has become AS FIT AS A FIDDLE. He is GLAD that he acted upon my advice and joined my cousin's club which changed his life for the good. He always shows GRATITUDE for my kind advice.

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19. Describe a thing you bought and you are happy about

Why you bought it

From where you purchased it

Explain why are you so happy about it.

Sample answer

Instead of wasting money lavishly, I always think rationally before buying anything. So, I rarely have regrets after buying anything. However, there was a time when I was thankful to God that I bought that thing. It was a book written by Brian Tracy on time management. Its title was 'Eat that Frog'. I don't usually read books apart from my textbooks but my brother loves to read books. He likes to order books online and read in his spare time. Last month when I was struggling to get things done on time, he suggested these books. However, he didn't give his book because he thought I might not take care of his book. So, I bought it from the market. It was the best thing I have ever purchased. Initially, it seemed a little strange to me but when I read those books I found it very exciting. I even finished it in one sitting. There were 21 lessons given on time management which helped me in saving my time. I loved a few of the lessons and implemented them immediately in my life. In addition to this, there were also some questions at the end of each chapter. By answering those questions, I learned some tricks about finishing any work on time. Then I realized how my brother always finishes a lot of work in less time. Now, I also complete everything on time without unnecessary delay. Moreover, I also don't do procrastination. I am really happy with this purchase

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20. Describe something important that has been kept in your family for a long time.

1. What is it
2. When your family had it
3. How your family got it
4. And explain why it is important for your family

Vocab and idioms used in this cue card

1. Plethora of: a lot of
2. In bygone era; old times
3. Got hitched: got married
4. Cherish: to love and look after something

Sample answer:

In today's throw-away society, having antique or old things is really rare. Most people do not like to keep anything for a long time. However, in my family, we have something important from the time when my grandfather was in his 20s. It is a picture of my grandfather with his extended family. During those days, it was rare to click pictures whereas nowadays, anyone can click a plethora of pictures within a day using a mobile phone. However, in the bygone era, it was not in fashion to click pictures. When my grandfather got hitched, every member of his family attended that wedding. Then they decided to click a picture and gave a copy of that pic to everyone. Since then, my grandfather has this picture. In addition to this, we have framed that pic in my grandparents' room. Now, only a few members of his family are alive. Sometimes, he recalls memories of that day and shares them with us. We can easily see the happiness on his face whereas he narrates that incident. Even though that picture is not in a good position since it is really old, nothing can be compared with the memories which it brings to my grandparents. We all cherish that picture and try our best to stop it from being torn.

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21. Describe an ambition that you have for a long time

- # What the ambition is
- # What would you do to achieve it
- # Explain why you want to achieve it

Vocab and idioms used in cue card

- # A piece of cake - an easy m, task
- # Crack of dawn - very early in the morning
- # Herculean task - difficult task
- # Sedentary lifestyle - Which involves little or no activity
- # Obese –fat
- # Productivity - output
- # Couch potato - a lazy person
- # Myriad - A lot
- # Habitual - Doing something very often
- # As fit as a fiddle - healthy and strong

SAMPLE ANSWER

Only by setting goals, we can get ahead in our lives and achieve heights of success. I have also achieved many things by setting goals and writing about it in detail in a diary. However, there is one goal which I have failed to attain but have hope that I will definitely achieve in the future. That goal is to exercise at least five days a week. Although it does not sound too difficult to achieve, sparing even 10min for doing exercise is not a **PIECE OF CAKE**. Whenever I try to wake up at **CRACK OF DAWN**, my sleep always become a hurdle. It has become a **HERCULEAN TASK** for me to find time for exercise. I don't want to adopt a **SEDENTARY LIFESTYLE** because it does not only make us **OBESE** but also reduce our **PRODUCTIVITY**. I know many people who are **COUCH POTATO** and face **MYRIAD** health issues due to overweight. I don't want to be like them. That's why I have divided by this goal into sub-goals in order to make it easy for me to achieve it. Firstly, I would try to do the exercise one day in a week and that too for 5min only. After that, I will gradually increase the duration. I think only by taking small steps, we can become **HABITUAL** of something. I will try to increase the duration after every week and would definitely become successful in doing exercise 5 days per week. I eagerly want to make it my habit because my parents have told me that we won't face health issues later in our life only if we take proper care of our health in our 20s. I think it is a great life lesson and everyone should follow this. I hope to accomplish this goal as soon as possible and be **AS FIT AS A FIDDLE**.

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22. Talk about a toy you liked in your childhood

What was the toy # who gave it to you

How often did you play with it

Vocab and idioms used in cue card

Pursue- follow or chase (Someone or something)

In Seventh heaven -very happy

Mimic- imitate (copy somebody's behavior)

Decade- Period of ten years

Recall- to remember

SAMPLE ANSWER

Whenever I think about my childhood, I smile because of all those precious days when I neither had any stress to go ahead in the competitive world nor any difficulty to find time in order to **PURSUE** my hobbies. I used to watch my favorite cartoon and play with my favorite toys. I still remember the toy which was dear to me when I was a kid. Actually, my favorite cartoon was 'Bob the Builder' and I really wanted to be friends with its all characters. On my 5th birthday, my maternal aunt gifted me 'Bob the Builder' toy set. I was IN **SEVENTH HEAVEN** when I opened that gift. Even though I liked the entire set, the vehicle which the main character had in the cartoon was my favorite. It was yellow and named as '**SCOOP**'. I used to imagine myself as Bob and liked to **MIMIC** whatever he did in each episode. I vividly remember, after getting that toy as a gift, I forgot about cake as well as other presents and immediately started playing with it, but did not let anyone touch it. Apart from this, that toy was also helpful in completing my homework. My mother usually hide it so that I can properly concentrate on my school task. Completing homework as fast as I can so that I could get more time to play with 'Bob the Builder' toy set later became a daily activity. As I was extremely careful while playing with that toy, I had it for at least a half **DECADE**. When I grew up, my craze for that toy decreased and I became interested to play outdoor games. That's why my mother kept it at some safe place. Last month when my mother took out my all-old toys to donate it, I **RECALLED** all the memories after seeing that same set. I didn't let my mother to donate my favorite toy and have kept it in my room. Childhood days were really amazing.

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23. Describe a country in which you would like to work for a short time

- Where you would like to work
- What kind of job it would be?
- When would you like to go?
- Why you want to work there

SAMPLE ANSWER:

Working abroad can provide life-changing experiences. Even though I want to go abroad for higher studies, I would love to work in my own country after completing my studies. There are some of my **KITH AND KIN** (meaning: friends and family) who are already working abroad. My childhood friend works in Australia. I have not met him for five years. I really miss him. So, I want to work in Australia for a short time to spend some quality time with him. I would love to work there after completing my studies. As I want to do.... (mention your subjects/study here)so I would prefer to do the job as During my studies, I will try to apply for a temporary job in Australia so that I will get some time to spend with my friend. If I don't get a job where my friend is already working, I will try to get a job in the same city. In this way, we can meet on weekends/holidays and enjoy together. My friend has told me that companies in Australia have a good work culture. Apart from this, working with a diverse set of people will not only improve my team working skills but also broaden my horizon. In this way, I will spend time with my friend as well as get some work related. I will surely get the best of both worlds (meaning: benefit from both sides)

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24. An incident when you forgot an Appointment / something important

What meeting was it

When was it

What did you do about it

How did you feel Later

Vocab and Idioms

Without A hitch - Without any problem

Genuine - Real

Perplexed - Confused

Dilemma - confusion

Miss the boat - miss the opportunity

SAMPLE ANSWER

I always set alarm for every important event so that I can get my work done **WITHOUT A HITCH**. The same goes for attending any appointment. Does not matter whether it is related to meeting a friend or any formal issue, I am one of those individuals who always reach on time. However, there was a time when I missed an appointment but that was because of a **GENUINE** reason not due to my carelessness. A couple of months ago, I decided to meet my friend's father related to my studies because I was **PERPLEXED** about my future. Being a counsellor, he was ready to assist me in getting out of **DILEMMA**. As the meeting was at 12 noon, I decided to reach there before 15 min of fixed time so that I would not **MISS THE BOAT** to get valuable information which could help me in changing my future. Unfortunately, I got stuck in huge traffic congestion. After a few minutes, we got to know that it was because of a dog who was injured and lying on the road because of being hit by a car. Moreover, some other dogs were also there and barking on the vehicle. They might be calling for some help for the injured dog whereas everyone was ignoring them. I had mercy on that dog and decided to call animal help care, they answered immediately and told me to stay at that place. In addition to this, they shared some ways through which I can keep that dog alive. Within 15 min, they reached an accidental spot and took away

the animal with them. When I was feeling so happy to help the innocent creature of God, suddenly I remembered about my meeting. It took me 20 mins to find another public transport. As my friend's father had also called other students to guide them, they

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began and finished the meeting on time. Despite being busy, he was ready to give me another appointment when we heard my reason behind being late. He really appreciated my efforts and blessed me with his knowledge.

25. Describe a line that you remember from a poem or song

What is it?

What poem/song is it from?

How do you know about it?

How do you feel about it?

Vocab and idioms

Hindrance: obstacle/difficulty

See eye to eye: to agree with someone on a subject

Vividly: clearly

Determination: the quality of having firmly decided to do something, even if it is very difficult

Commendable: Praiseworthy

Sample Answer:

Listening to music works as a stress buster for me. The songs which I listen to in my sad mood are always different than the songs which I prefer to listen to in my happy mood. However, there is one song that is my all-time favorite and always puts me in a cheerful mood. The song is the title track of the movie 'Dil Dhadkne Do'. Even though I love the entire song, there is one line that touched my heart, and I changed my way of living just because of it. The meaning of that line in English is 'If the world feels bad then behave like strangers, and let the heart beat. I really used to care about other people's opinions which most of the time became **HINDRANCE** in my progress. I **VIVIDLY** remember a time when I wanted to dance at my school party; however, I thought others would not like it and would make fun of me moves. Such thoughts continued to occur in my mind until I heard this song. This song, especially this line, changed me. Now, I don't care about those people who don't **SEE EYE TO EYE** with me. Instead, I make my goals and work on it with full **DETERMINATION**. Although I still regret the times when I did not do the things as I wanted to do, I am grateful that, now, I have started listening to my heart. Actually, this song was released in 2015 and sung by Farhan Akhtar and Priyanka Chopra who also acted in the movie. Since Farhan Akhtar is my friend's favorite actor, whenever any new song from his movie releases, my friend immediately set that song as his caller tune. In this way, I heard this song for

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the first time. I am glad that I came to know about this **COMMENDABLE** song that changed my life positively.

26. Describe a tradition in your country

- What it is
- Who takes part in it?
- What activities it involves
- Explain how you feel about it

Sample Answer:

When a custom continues from generation to generation, it becomes a tradition. If I talk about my country India, its culture and traditions are something which has now become renowned all across the world. Whether it is the way of greeting others, eating food with hands, or fasting, India is known for its diverse traditions. Here, I would like to talk about my favorite tradition. It is to live in a joint family. Yes, the majority of family members in India live together. In a bygone era, the joint family included grandparents, parents, siblings, paternal uncle aunt, and cousins. It was not only beneficial for delegating household chores but also to reduce the financial burden. However, now only a few are living with extended families whereas the majority still live with their grandparents. Since elders have experience of different things in their life, they seem always ready to guide their young ones. In addition to this, such tradition has made Indians polite and respectful towards grey-haired people. In contrast, in western countries, adolescents tend to leave their parents' home after turning 18. They have to struggle between their studies and jobs to handle the daily expenses. Even though this practice makes individuals independent, it can also have a devastating impact on life if individuals are not under elders' supervision. Therefore, I like the tradition of living together. Moreover, when I find it difficult to convince my parents about something, I always take my grandparents' help because I am really close to them. My cousins and I also have a lot of fun every day because we all live together under one roof. I hope this tradition never changes.

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27. Describe a person who you think is very open

- Who this person is
- How to know this person
- Why do you think this person is very open
- Explain how you feel about this person

Vocab and Idiom used: -

- Fortunate: - Lucky
- Frank: - friendly
- Stereotypes: - a fixed idea about a particular type of person or thing, which is often not true in reality
- Stubborn: - a person who refuses to change plan
- Turn the ship around: - to change the direction

Sample answer:

These days, it is difficult to find a person who has an open personality instead most people try to hide their true selves. However, I am **FORTUNATE** to live with such a person who is really open and loved by everyone because of her such personality. She is none other than my grandmother. She is not only **FRANK** but also open-minded. Even though she never hesitates to express her opinion, she always tries to understand the situation and act accordingly. When I expressed my desire to study abroad, my granny stood with me and supported me in achieving my dream. However, she also openly shared everything which might happen if I live alone abroad but would not follow my elders' advice. My parents were finding it difficult to share such things with me whereas my grandmother easily told me about drugs and the bad company which I need to avoid while staying alone in overseas. There are many such examples where my grandmother did the things which were mandatory according to her. Apart from this, she never believed in **STEREOTYPES**. She always treats every child equally regardless of gender. In addition to this, granny always remains ready to adapt to new things whereas it is common in old people to not wanting to adjust in the new world. My grandmother understands that it is today's need to adapt, change, and be expressive to bring changes. I also want to be like her. I, on the other side, can neither express myself properly nor **STUBBORN** enough to get what I want. In this way, I

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have lost many growth opportunities. However, we cannot **TURN THE SHIP AROUND**. Hope, I can also become like my loving grandmother.

28. Describe an old friend you got in contact with again

In today's era, it is a herculean task to have a friend who always remains with us through our thick and thin whereas it is easy to spot people who are usually fair-weather friends. However, I am fortunate to have a few genuine friends. Even though we hang out once in a blue moon owing to our hectic schedule, we always remain one call away whenever anyone needs help except one friend. She is KB who moved to the south side of our country because of her father's transfer. Since she wanted to become a doctor, she didn't use any social networking sites so that she can properly focus on her studies. A few months ago, when the authorities organized a free health check-up camp, I also went there. I was surprised to see KB as an intern there. She was assisting the doctors in their work. We immediately recognized each other. I was over the moon to meet her because we used to be really closed during school days. Even she was also happy to meet me. We decided to meet at the same place where we used to hang out when we were kids. I called all my other friends to meet in the park. KB also reached there, after the camp. We all had a great time. From creating memories to recalling those nostalgic moments, we didn't realize how fast we grew up. Apart from this, even though KB changes her dressing style, her behavior was the same as before. Her amiable nature and witty behavior always attract others. Now, I have convinced her to join any of the social networking sites so that we can be in touch regardless of place. I am really fortunate to have such a wonderful person in my life.

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29. Describe a family which you like and are happy to know

- Who they are
- Where they live
- How you know them
- Why you like them

Vocab and idioms:

- Fortunate: Lucky
- Through thick and thin: through bad times
- Astonished: surprised
- Happy-go-lucky: cheerful
- Rationally: logically

Sample answer:

The love of family is life's greatest blessing. I am **FORTUNATE** to have such a sweet family who always stays with me **THROUGH THICK AND THIN**. However, apart from my own family, there is one family that I admire the most and I am glad to know them. That is the family of my rother-in-law. When my cousin visited our home for the first time after her marriage, we were excited to welcome her and her husband. However, we were **ASTONISHED** to see her in-laws with her. We didn't know they were coming. Even though we arranged everything for dinner, it was for limited people only. Moreover, it was impossible to cook food for six more people immediately. We thought my cousin's in-laws would be aggressive because I told my cousin to not eat much before the visit since we were preparing her fav cuisines. However, their reaction was the exact opposite. The apologized to not clear how many members were coming. Even my cousin's mother-In- law also helped in preparing more food for them. We were impressed by their humble nature. I have seen many families who show an unnecessary attitude at the bride's home. Many usually try to find mistakes and taunt unnecessarily. Apart from this, they knew that we were feeling embarrassed owing to insufficient food. So, they started cracking jokes to lighten up our mood. I know it was their mistake to not informing us about their visit, but these days, no one accepts the mistakes instead they always try to blame others. Another thing which I liked about them is their **HAPPY GO LUCKY** nature. Now, we have met numerous times at their home in Punjab. They always seem happy. Even in every situation, they try to understand another person's perspective and do no pass judgmental comments. They are really open-minded and always behave rationally. I am glad that my cousin got married to such a great family.

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30. Describe an energetic person that you know

- Who this person is?
- How you know this person
- Why you think this person is energetic
- Explain how you feel about this person

Vocab and idioms used in this cue card

- Sedentary lifestyle: a lifestyle which involves little or no physical movements
- Lethargic: Lazy - Full of beans: Energetic
- Health-conscious: concerned about one's health
- The crack of dawn: early in the morning
- As fit as a fiddle: healthy

Sample answer:

Owing to over-dependence on technology, people have adopted a **SEDENTARY LIFESTYLE** and have become **LETHARGIC**. Even I am not as energetic as I used to be. However, I know a person who is always full of beans. This person is none other than my mother. Even though she is in her 40s, she is more energetic than me. The main reason behind this is she is **HEALTH**-conscious. She daily wakes up at **THE CRACK OF DAWN** and never misses her morning walk and exercise. I find her extremely energetic because I have never seen her struggling between task due to tiredness. After my school time, I always feel tired and refuse to play outdoor games whereas my mother handles her office projects along with household chores, and still completes everything quickly and smoothly. I believe the reason behind her energy, apart from daily exercise, is proper sleep. She knows when to task rest and when to continue work without a break. On the other hand, we all never get proper 8 hours of sleep due to our addiction to social networking sites. I am trying to adapt her lifestyle and have a healthy diet only. I hope I can be **AS FIT AS FIDDLE** like my mother, and enjoy my life with full energy.

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31. Describe a time when you saw children behaving badly in public.

- What it was
- What the children were doing
- How others reacted to it
- And explain how you felt about it

Vocab and idioms used

Toddler- age 1 to 3 (child)

Pre-schooler- age 4 (child)

Cranky: bad-tempered/irritable

Tantrum: an uncontrolled outburst of anger and frustration, typically in a young child

Have (or throw) a fit: be very angry

Pandemic: an epidemic that's spread over multiple countries or continents.

Every now and then: from time to time

More often than not: usually/ commonly

Out of the blue: suddenly

Nip something in the bud: curtail something at an early stage

Adolescence: Teenage

Turn the ship around: change the direction

Sample Answer:

It can be understandable for a TODDLER or a PRESCHOOLER to be CRANKY. However, a 5 or above age child should know how to behave in public. Throwing TANTRUM in public can embarrass the parents and that child is often considered as SPOILED. This thing reminds me of the time when I witnessed TWINS being ungrateful and throwing a FIT. Before this PANDEMIC, I used to visit the mall every now and then / more often than not. I vividly remember I visited the 'Mall of Amritsar' to enjoy with my friends. In the food court, when we all friends were waiting for our order, I saw twins sitting beside our table with their parents. They were also waiting for their order. Out of the blue, one of the kids became AGGRESSIVE. He

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might have ordered his favorite soft drink. Our order was ready before their items. When he saw that, he came towards me and dipped his finger in my drink. The thing which **ASTONISHED** me was his parents did not even try to stop him. They kept sitting at their place and told me that their son always behaves like this. This was really unacceptable behavior. When I stopped him, he started crying and threw my food on the floor. Then his sister started crying. She could not wait for the food and started shouting at the workers. This lack of **ETIQUETTES** attracted the attention of other people. They were also annoyed with the behavior of the twins. Their parents did nothing to stop them. After seeing the horrible behavior, I thought about how important it is to **NIP SUCH BEHAVIOUR IN THE BUD** while kids are still young. After they reach **ADOLESCENCE**, it would be a lot tougher to **TURN THAT SHIP AROUND**. We all hurriedly ate so that we would not have to stay longer with those manner less kids.

32. Describe a conversation topic you were not interested in

- Who you talked with?
- When you had the conversation
- What the topic was
- Why you were not interested

Vocab and Idiom used :-

- More often than not
- Kith and kin
- Perplexed
- Armchair expert

- A Big fish

SAMPLE ANSWER: -

I have had many conversations in my life. Some were on the phone while others were face to face. Even though more often than not I try to understand others' points of view during a talk, there was a topic in which I was not at all interested. It was related

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to my studies. I vividly remember when I attended my cousin's wedding, all our kith and kin were there; however, I was perplexed. I could not enjoy the wedding. The confusion was regarding choosing subjects after matriculation. I could not decide whether to opt for commerce or science. Then, suddenly, one of my uncles came and started asking about my studies. I did not want to share anything with him because he is an armchair expert. He had already misguided many people on different topics. Therefore, all of us try to avoid discussing important topics with him. But he considers himself as a big fish and always give unasked advice. That being the reason I did not want to have a conversation with him. Still, he started giving unnecessary suggestions. He wanted me to become an engineer because engineers earn a lot of money. I did not want to choose a career just because of money instead I wanted to opt for those subjects which I can really enjoy. When I told the uncle that I was not interested to be an engineer, he did not stop there. He gave contact details of all those people who could provide tuition to me for a better understanding of subjects. He kept talking, and I had to have a conversation because I did not want to disrespect him. Apart from this, he easily gets angry and spoils everyone's mood. For the sake of my cousin, I had that conversation with my uncle, Mr. Singh, even though I was not willing to have an interest in it.

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33. Describe an expensive activity that you enjoy doing occasionally

- What is it?
- Who do you do it with?
- Why is it expensive?
- Explain how you feel about it

Vocab and idioms used

- Lavishly: in a luxurious manner
- Recession: temporary economic decline
- Rational: based on logic
- Renowned: famous
- Burning midnight oil: work hard
- Delicious: tasty
- Once in a blue moon: rare

SAMPLE ANSWER:

Spending money lavishly in this recession period is not a rational approach. I also try to save as much money as I can. However, when it's time to reward myself after immense hard work, I don't think much about money. Dining out at a renowned place is my favorite activity which is quite expensive and I reward myself with it after burning midnight oil. Being a foodie, I love to try different cuisines, but dining out at an expensive place with family is quite a charm. I occasionally prefer to visit different places and try the never had before cuisines. Since famous places cost a lot of money, I don't do this activity every now and then. Even I don't like to take money from my parents for this expensive hobby. When I started a part-time job, only then I started to visit expensive places whereas I try to go to affordable places if parents have to pay the bill. Moreover, I have visited 4-5 places till now and had delicious and mouthwatering food. If I don't have enough savings, I try to go with my friends to such places so that we can divide the bill among us. In case of saving enough money to pay for 5 people, I like to go with my family. I hope to earn enough so that I can do this activity regularly instead of doing it once in a blue moon.

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34. Describe an area of science that interests you

- what it is
- how you learned about it
- why are you interested in it?

Vocabulary and idioms used :

- Intrigue: interest
- Bygone Era: old times
- With flying colours: with a great success

SAMPLE ANSWER

Even though I was not interested in science subjects when I was in school, now I have developed my interest in one of its subjects. Owing to the development of technology in every sphere of life, I have started taking interest in the IT field. It does not mean I want to work in this field, it just intrigues me to know how technology has reduced human efforts. In the bygone era, it was not even possible to cover a few miles easily whereas now people can even visit other countries within minimal time. Apart from this, people could not even think of doing multitasking without getting tired; however, now most of the work is done within few hours. Contacting people regardless of location, getting any kind of knowledge just by sitting at home and many more has amazed me. Apart from this, there are many applications where we can face swap with other people. These things really entertain me. These things were never taught to us in school instead I learned it from my friends. Moreover, I have also benefited from it because I prefer studying through the internet. The content in the easiest language helped me a lot in clearing my exams with flying colors. Hope science continues to amaze us with new inventions.

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35. Describe a prize that you received

- what it was
- when you received it
- what did you do for it
- how you felt about it

Vocabulary and idioms used :

- Boost- increase
- Prove my mettle- prove the skills
- Obstacle- difficulty
- Productivity- efficiency
- Cost me an arm and a leg - very expensive
- Tell them around- convince them
- Kill two birds with one stone- to do one thing which will achieve two things

SAMPLE ANSWER

By getting prizes, everyone gets encouraged to perform better. It boosts the confidence of the performer because it shows that a person's achievement is appreciated. I have also won some prizes in the form of trophies and medals in my school as well as in my college. Here I would like to talk about a prize which I won last December. It was a painting/dancing/quiz/cooking competition. Many participants from different places came to this competition. The best part was the winning prize which was ₹50,000 cash prize. I am lucky that this huge contest was held in my city. As I have brilliant artistic skills, I participated in the competition not to prove my metal but to win that cash. Actually, during those days, I was facing many obstacles in my work. So, I was planning to buy a laptop to save my time and increase my productivity, but it could cost me an arm and a leg to buy it. Moreover, my parents also refused to buy me a new laptop because they thought I would not focus on my studies if I spent most of my time on the laptop. They did not know that I could save my all notes on the laptop. In addition to this, I could carry it anywhere I wanted. Including all the important documents on my laptop was definitely going to benefit me. However, it was really difficult to tell them around. That's why I wanted to win that prize. I did not need to do something special for the competition because I already had the required skills which just needed polishing. After winning the cash, I bought this laptop and gave the

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remaining money to my parents. They felt proud of me. In this way, I killed two birds with one stone by winning the price.

36. Describe a time when you first talked in a foreign language

- Where were you
- Who You Were With
- What Did You Talk About?
- Explain How You Felt About It

Vocab and idioms:

- Herculean task: a difficult task
- Amiable: friendly

Sample Answer:

Learning a new language is not a herculean task. With interest and continuous practices, anyone can learn a new language. In this way, I also learned a few lines of a foreign language. Here I would like to share my experience of speaking a foreign language for the first time. The language is Spanish. I first got to know about this language when I heard the song 'Senorita' from the Bollywood movie 'Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara.' The majority of lyrics were in the Hindi language but the song starts with the Spanish language which sounded interesting to me. I googled the lyrics and learned a few words. When I visited the Golden temple with my family, a few foreigners were speaking in the Spanish language. When I heard it, I immediately recognized the language? I really wanted to have a conversation with them in Spanish. I initiated the conversation and introduced myself to them in Spanish. Luckily, they were amiable and replied to me with a smiling face I was really excited as well as happy at that time. After a few minutes, they started using high vocabulary. Then I could not answer them. I conveyed my message in English and shared that I knew only a few words and felt happy to converse with them. They Praised me for my efforts. That was the time when I talked in a foreign language for the first time. Even though English is also a foreign language, I learned it in school and it doesn't seem foreign to me, but I don't know anyone who knows the Spanish language. Even I have also forgotten almost all the words of this language because I did not practice much but I am glad to talk with those strangers.

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37. Describe a good decision you made recently

- What it was
- When you made it
- What the result was
- How you felt about it

SAMPLE ANSWER:

In order to avoid any regretful outcome, I usually prefer to take elders' advice before making any decision. My family also supports my decisions. Recently, I took a good decision to help a poor kid in his education. Last month when I was playing badminton with my brother, he suddenly heard someone crying. We immediately stopped playing and started following that whimpering. We saw a little boy crying in the corner of our street. The boy was a cobbler who usually sit outside the street. His family was very poor but he wanted to study. So, he used to go to a government school in the morning and worked as a cobbler in the evening. When we asked about his problem, he told us that someone had stolen his money which he saved to buy a mobile for his online classes. Due to the Coronavirus, all schools started providing online classes. Since he didn't want to miss his classes, he worked hard to buy a phone. He also shared that with his father's earnings, they were barely able to meet their ends. So, he had to work in the evening to pay his school fee. Then I realised how good my life was. I was not only going to a renowned school with all facilities but also getting pocket money to spend on myself. I wanted to help that child with some of my money so that he could buy a new phone. My family was happy with my decision. Even my father also decided to contribute some money to help that kid. That poor kid initially refused to take my money; however, we convinced him. He was really happy to continue his studies. It also made me happy. I got a lot of blessings from everyone and also learned to show gratitude in my life with whatever I have.

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38. Describe an event you attended in which you didn't like the music played.

- What the event was
- Where you were
- What the music was like
- Why you didn't like the music

Vocab and idioms:

- Vividly: clearly
- Get hitched: Get married
- Melodious: sweet-sounding
- Kith and kin: Friends and relatives
- In Seventh heaven: very happy

SAMPLE ANSWER:

Listening to music works as a stress buster for me. The songs which I listen to in my sad mood are always different than the songs which I listen to in my happy mood. However, I always prefer Punjabi songs. Therefore, when I attended a non- Punjabi wedding, I didn't like its music. I VIVIDLY remember this thing happened last December when my cousin GOT HITCHED with a South Indian girl. Since it was an inter- caste marriage, both families decided to compromise on some matters. Groom's family was ready to have the event according to the preference of the bride's family whereas the bride's family also did some compromises like choosing the date preferred by our family. However, owing to different cultures, they also had different tastes in music. Even though the music played during the wedding was MELODIOUS, I didn't like it. Dancing on the loud music with KITH AND KIN is common in our Punjabi families. I missed that thing a lot at that particular event. Not only me, but my family also didn't like the music but the groom was IN SEVENTH HEAVEN because of his wedding. We were happy to see his smiling face. Therefore, we did not complain about the music. It was obvious to have such differences owing to different cultures. After the event, when we all reached home, we had a blast and danced on the loud- music till midnight. That was the only time when I didn't like the music played at an event.

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39. Describe an ambition that you have for a long time

What the ambition is

What would you do to achieve it

Explain why you want to achieve it

Vocab and idioms:

A piece of cake - an easy m, task

Crack of dawn - very early in the morning

Herculean task - difficult task

Sedentary lifestyle - Which involves little or no activity

Obese – fat

Productivity – output

Couch potato - lazy person

Myriad - A lot

Habitual - Doing something very often # As

fit as a fiddle - healthy and strong

SAMPLE ANSWER

Only by setting goals, we can get ahead in our lives and achieve heights of success. I have also achieved many things by setting goals and writing about it in detail in a diary. However, there is one goal which I have failed to attain but have hope that I will definitely achieve in the future. That goal is to exercise at least five days a week. Although it does not sound too difficult to achieve, sparing even 10min for doing exercise is not a PIECE OF CAKE. Whenever I try to wake up at CRACK OF DAWN, my sleep always become a hurdle. It has become a HERCULEAN TASK for me to find time for exercise. I don't want to adopt a SEDENTARY LIFESTYLE because it does not only make us OBESE but also reduce our PRODUCTIVITY. I know many people who are COUCH POTATO and face MYRIAD health issues due to overweight. I don't want to be like them. That's why I have divided this goal into sub-goals in order to make it easy for me to achieve it. Firstly, I would try to do the exercise one day in a week and that too for 5min only. After that, I will gradually increase the duration. I think only by taking small steps, we can become HABITUAL of something. I will try to

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increase the duration after every week and would definitely become successful in doing exercise 5 days per week. I eagerly want to make it my habit because my parents have told me that we won't face health issues later in our life only if we take proper care of our health in our 20s. I think it is a great life lesson and everyone should follow this. I hope to accomplish this goal as soon as possible and be AS FIT AS A FIDDLE.

40. Describe a time when you change your opinion

When it was

what the original opinion was

why you changed it

how you felt about it

Vocab and idioms:

More often than not: usually

Crack of dawn: early in the morning

Kith and kin: friends and relatives

Repercussions: negative impact

Sample Answer:

Instead of being judgmental, I try to analyse the situation before forming my opinion. More often than not I do not change my opinion; however, there was a time when changing my opinion was a rational decision. A few years ago, I used to consider family functions as a wastage of time instead I always tried to be busy in my studies. My cousins and siblings preferred to skip classes to attend family functions. Sometimes they just take the day off from studies. Even though my parents never had any problem with this, I had the opinion that such kids can never become successful in life. Even when it was a function at my home, instead of enjoying the sleepover with my cousins, I preferred to sleep early so that I can wake up at the Crack of dawn to study. Then one of my uncles approached me. He shared how he misses his youth days when he enjoyed a lot with his kith and kins. I did not expect him to say that. I always wanted to be like him because of his successful life. Although we rarely met, I had heard a lot about him from my mother. I thought he might always be busy in his studies and never attended recreational activities. He shared that we need to have balance in our life. We need to know when to study and when to enjoy life.

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Focusing on only one thing can have repercussions in life and we can miss many important things in life. Then I realized that my opinion about those who enjoy their life is not correct. Now, I don't consider those people as losers. I believe balance is really important in life. I admire those people who enjoy the important moments of life along with properly focusing on their education as well as career.

41. Describe an intelligent person you know

- » who this person is
- » when and where you first met him/her
- » what kind of person he/she is
- » why you think this person is intelligent

Sample answer:

I have met a lot of people in my life but the most intellect person I could think of is my childhood friend Kawal. I still remember the day when we met for the first time. I was in 3rd std when she enrolled in my school. I was sitting alone that day. So, she sat beside me. At first, I thought she was an introvert as she did not talk during first few lectures but in the recess/break she made a lot of friends in the class. Everyone was impressed by her bewitching/captivating personality. Apart from this, despite of taking enrolment one month after starting of new session, she covered all the previous work within a week. She still has that grasping ability. So, she easily learns new things. That's why I consider her as intelligent. In addition to this, she always stood first in the class and had also performed well in extracurricular activities. She also never liked sedentary lifestyle. That's why she daily does yoga for one hour and play some sports on weekends to be as fit as fiddle. She is still my bosom friend. Moreover, she lives stone's throw away from my house. So, I usually go to her house to spend some quality time with her. She also has a mini library in her home where she has kept extensive study material. She always read books to increase her knowledge. Besides this, she is not only sagacious but also very gracious. She always speaks politely with others. Even though we don't have similar future plans but we always try to be in touch and help each other through thick and thin.

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42. Describe a photo of yourself that you like (or you have taken)

= When and where it was taken

= Who took it/ how you took it

= How you felt about it?

Vocab And Idioms Used In Cue Card

= Organize: to put or arrange things into a system or logical order

= Time of our lives - an extremely enjoyable experience

= Drop dead gorgeous - v. beautiful

= Elegant - stylish

= Attires - clothes

= Full of the joy of spring - v. happy

= Get hitched - get married

= As happy as Larry - extremely happy

= Lavishly - to a great degree

Sample Answer

Nowadays, it is a trend of taking selfies. I also love to take my own photographs every now and then. However, the pic I like the most was not taken by me instead it is with my family, and was taken by a professional photographer. When it was my parents' 25th wedding anniversary, all our relatives were invited. We had TIME OF OUR LIVES that day. That time we clicked a family picture which everyone loved so much that we decided to hang it in our living room after framing it. It is rectangular in shape. In that picture, there are parents, we all siblings and our grandparents. Everyone in that picture is not only looking DROP DEAD GORGEOUS in ELEGANT ATTIRE, but also seem FULL OF THE JOYS OF SPRING. WHEN MY Parents GOT HITCHED, it was a simple wedding. Clothes they wore, were also not much expensive whereas we specially bought expensive clothes for their 25th anniversary. Even I spent an entire week for deciding my dress. My parents were happy to relive their precious moments while my grandparents were AS HAPPY AS LARRY when they realized that their kids have become capable enough to throw a LAVISH party. Besides this, we all Siblings were happy that we were finally able to attend our parents' wedding. Even though

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the reason behind everyone's happiness was different, together it made that picture special for us. Whenever we see that picture, we have a smile on our faces. Hanging that picture on the wall of our living room was the best idea. Does not matter how many pics I click, that picture will always remain close to my heart.

43. Describe a person who helps others in his or her free/spare time

Who this person is?

» How often this person helps others

» How this person helps others

» Why this person helps others

» How you feel about this person

Vocab and idioms:

» Generous: kind

» Down to earth: realistic

» Underprivileged = poor

» Poverty stricken = poor

» Traits = qualities

SAMPLE ANSWER :

Nowadays, everyone has become materialistic. All they want is to earn money to buy things so that they can show off in front of others. Even in their free time, instead of spending their precious time with their loving family members or helping someone in need, people work to earn more wealth. But there is one person who is so GENERIOUS and DOWN OF EARTH that he is always seen spending his spare time in helping others. That person is my neighbor Mr. Singh. He is in his 40s and work in an MNC. After his working hours, he provides free tuitions to poor children. Moreover, he also teaches some elderly people because he thinks that everyone should get some education regardless of their age. So, he provides 2 hours tuitions to poor children and spares his one hour to teach elderly people. I just love this thing about him. He does this five days in a week. On weekends, he runs a club where he invites many of his friends and other people from the city. He motivates them to do some good deeds like donating old clothes to UNDERPRIVILEGED people. Besides this,

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Mr. Singh also donates his old clothes to POVERTY-STRICKEN persons. In addition to this, he sometimes visits old age home to spend time and provide some things of basic needs to them. He really has a heart of gold. Apart from this, in the process of helping others, he never neglects his family. He goes out with his family once in a month. His family members also appreciate his good deeds and sometimes help him in his work too. His acts really inspire me to spend my spare time to help others. Everyone should adapt some of his TRAITS.

44. Talk about a prize you want to

win Vocab and Idioms used in cue

cards: -

- 1: Boost = Increase
- 2: Obstacles = Difficulties
- 3: Productivity = Efficiency
- 4: Cost Me an Arm and A Leg = Expensive
- 5: Tell Them Around = Convince Them
- 6: Kill Two Birds with One stone = to do one thing which will achieve two results

SAMPLE ANSWER:

By getting prizes, everyone gets encouraged to perform better. It BOOST the confidence of the performer because it shows that a person's achievement is appreciated. I have also won some prizes in the form of trophies and medals in my school as well as college; but there is one prize which I really want to win. There is a painting/dancing/quiz/cooking competition which is going to be held in my city in the month of July. Many participants from different places will come for this competition. The best part is the winner will get the Rs 50,000 cash prize. I am lucky that this huge contest is going to be held in my city. As I have BRILLIANT ARTISTIC skills, I really want to take part in that event to win huge cash prize. The winning prize includes huge amount which I can use in many ways. Actually, I face many OBSTACLES in my work. So, I am planning to buy a laptop to save my time and increase my PRODUCTIVITY, but it will COST ME AN ARM AND A LEG to buy it. Moreover, my parents have also refused to buy me a new laptop because they think that I will not focus on my studies if I spend most of my time on the laptop. They do not know that I can save my all notes in that

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laptop. In addition to this, I can carry it anywhere I want. If all the important documents will be in my laptop, it will be beneficial for me. However, it is very difficult to TELL THEM AROUND. That's why I want to win that prize. Apart from this, after buying the laptop, I will give the remaining money to my parents so that they can use in best possible way and feel proud of me. In this way, I can KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE. I am eagerly waiting for that competition. I hope to win that prize.

45. An Exciting Book You Read

- When you read it
- What type of book was it
- What was it about
- Why did you find it exciting

SAMPLE ANSWER:

As I love cricket, I don't usually get time to read books apart from my textbooks but my brother loves to read books. He likes to order books online and read in his spare time. Last month, when I was struggling to get things done on time, he gave me a book on time management. That book was 'Eat that frog'. When I read its title, it seemed very strange; when I read that book, I found it very exciting. I even finished it in one sitting. There were 21 lessons given on time management. I loved a few of them and implemented them immediately in my life. In addition to this, there were also some questions at the end of each chapter. By answering those questions, I learned some tricks about finishing any work on time. Then I realized how my brother always finishes a lot of work in less time. I was really impressed by that book and its writer. The author of the book was 'Brian Tracy'. He has written many books on time management and has a YouTube channel as well. He also gives many time managements as well as money management tips on his channel. I thanked my brother for suggesting me a wonderful book to read. It has been only one month since I read that book. Still, it has changed my life in a better way. Now I always find time for everything I love.

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46. Describe A Time When You Received Good News

- Who Shared the News With You
- What Was the News
- Explain Why the News Was Important.

Vocab and idioms used in the cue

card # Culinary skills: related to cooking

Cuisines: a style of cooking

On seventh heaven: very happy

SAMPLE ANSWER

No news can be good news in this year (2020). So much has happened in 2020 which has changed many things. However, last Sunday I got good news via text message from my friend. It was really strange for her to send a text message because we always commute either through audio calls or video calls. The message was about approval of monetization. Actually, my friend wanted to try her luck by creating a YouTube channel. She has really good CULINARY SKILLS. She started teaching how to cook different CUISINES on her channel. She was lucky to get views and subscribers on her channel. After hard work, she completed the 3 conditions and became able to monetize her content. She was happy to find a way to set the second source of income. However, it had been three months since she sent a request for monetizing her channel but it was still under process. She was losing hope. When I read the message that her channel got monetized, I was really happy to read it. Actually, my mobile was switched off because the battery of my mobile drained. I was not even at home and my friend was trying to share the good news with me. After reaching home I charged my mobile and saw her message. From her message, I could easily judge that she was really excited about it. I immediately called her and from her voice, she seemed like ON SEVENTH HEAVEN. It was really important for her to share that message because everyone from her family was against the idea of creating a YouTube channel. They thought it is a waste of time. That's why my friend wanted to share her happiness with me. I was happy to hear good news in this bad year.

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47. Describe A Film/Movie That Made You Laugh

What is the name of the movie

When did you watch it?

Who you watched it with?

Why it made you laugh

Vocab and Idioms Used

Hilarious: funny

Belly laugh: a loud uncontrollable laugh

Decade: 10 years

Commendable: praiseworthy

Being broke: poor

Protagonist: the main character

SAMPLE ANSWER

It does not matter how busy I am, I always try to get time to watch funny clips. It works as a stress buster. However, I never get time to watch an entire movie. A few months ago, I had the burden of my exams. In order to refresh my mind, I decided to watch television. When I went to the living room, I saw that my brother was already watching a movie. It was 'Hera-pheri'. Even though I had watched it already when I was a kid, I decided to watch it again because of its famous MEMES on the internet. It was so HILARIOUS that it gave me a BELLY LAUGH. Hera - pheri means 'monkey business'. In that movie, three unemployed men try to look for answers to all their money problems. It was released 2 DECADES ago. Still, it makes everyone laugh because its lead actors' dialogue timing is perfect. Apart from this, every member of the cast is brilliant in the performance of their roles. Initially, it seems as if it is going to be a really serious movie but it turns out to be one roller-coaster ride of laughter. My brother and I could not control us laughter. After hearing us, our entire family came there and joined to watch the movie. We all really had a great time together. That movie is COMMENDABLE. From being BROKE to millionaires, the PROTAGONISTS did not fail to entertain us. Even now, it is common to find memes from some scenes of that movie. This movie will always remain close to my heart.

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48. Describe An Occasion When You Wasted Your Time.

- Where you were
- When it was
- What you did
- Explain why you think it was a waste of time

Vocab and Idioms:

- Stone's throw away: nearby
- Bosom friend: a close friend
- Renowned: famous
- Worried sick: very worried

SAMPLE ANSWER:

Nowadays, there are many things which can easily distract us and we end up wasting our time. This thing also happened to me. Last year, when it was my cousin's wedding, my mother gave me a minor work. She told me to take her dress from the tailor. Since the tailor's shop was Stone's throw away, I thought to play a game on my mobile. Even though my mother told me thrice to pick up her dress before the closing hours of the shop, I kept playing the game and told her not to worry about her dress. However, I got a call from an unknown number. To my surprise, it was of my childhood bosom friend KB. I was thrilled to talk with her. She informed me that she would visit my house on weekend. She wanted me to take her to all the renowned places in our town. After the call, I started making a list of places where we can visit and enjoy. I also called my other friends to share this news. I thought it was a waste of time since I had three days to prepare for her visit. My mother's dress was more important because she had to attend a wedding at night. After two hours, when my mother could find her dress in her room and saw me using my mobile, she started shouting at me. I hurriedly ran to the shop, but it was already closed. I was worried sick about my mother's dress. My mother kept calling me but I could not gather the courage to tell her the truth. Fortunately, the tailor gave a dress to my father when he was returning home. Even though my mother got her dress, she was really angry with me. That was the time when I wasted the time on those things which I could have done later.

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49. Describe Something Or Someone That Made A Lot Of Noise

Cues: -who or what makes the noise?

- what was the noise like?

- what do you do when you heard the noise?

-how do you felt about it?

Vocab: -Devastating: adverse/bad

-Vividly: clearly -enthusiasm: excited

-Meticulously: carefully

Idioms: -The crack of dawn: early in the morning

-Wee hours: between 2 to 4 am

-Kith and kin: friends and family

SAMPLE ANSWER

Noise pollution can really have a devastating effect on the ears. I usually try to avoid such places which include high noise levels; however, there was a time when one of my neighbors caused noise in high frequency which I could not avoid. I vividly remember it was the first day of my summer vacation. I planned to sleep till 11 a.m. because I had to wake up at crack of dawn during my college days. Even though I was in a deep sleep, I suddenly woke up after hearing a loud noise. It was the noise of a wedding band. My neighbors got married and they were celebrating. Actually, in Sikhism, all the ceremonies are done before noon whereas Hindus do their ceremony after midnight. They were celebrating at the wee hours because usually, their all rituals end at that time. They did not care about anyone and continued the loud noise. Apart from this, their kith and kin were also dancing with full enthusiasm. I could not understand from where they got this energy. Initially, I felt irritated after hearing that noise; however, I felt that we should respect others' cultures and rituals. Even we love to dance at the wedding of our near ones despite being extremely tired after ceremonies. I stood there and kept watching them meticulously. They all seemed very happy that changed my mood and I decided to bear that noise just for the sake of their happiness. That was a time when my neighbors made a loud noise.

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50. Describe An Old Person You Know And Respect.

- ✓ Who he or she is
- ✓ How you know this person
- ✓ What he or she is like
- ✓ Explain why you respect him or her

Vocab and idioms used

- # Etiquettes: manners #
- Deeds: work
- # Praise to the skies: to praise excessively
- # Stereotype: a fixed idea about a particular type of person or thing, which is often not true in reality
- # Stubborn: not wanting to do what other people want you to do; refusing to change your plans or decisions
- # Astonish: surprise #
- Dilemma: confusion
- # With flying colours: with great success #
- Down in the dumps: sad

SAMPLE ANSWER:

Only by giving respect, we can gain others' respect. Along with this, it shows our ETIQUETTES. That's why I try to greet others by being as polite as I can. However, there is a person who earned my respect just because of his DEEDS. It did not happen once or twice only, but such numerous incidents are there. She is none other than my grandmother. I would not PRAISE HER TO THE SKIES, but she, really, is my inspiration. She is open-minded and always remains ready to adapt to new things whereas it is common in old people that they don't want to adjust in the new world. My grandmother understands that it is today's need to adapt and change. Even in her young days, she never believed in STEREOTYPES. Even though the girls, in the bygone era, were not allowed to study, my granny did her graduation going against the society's mentality. She achieved her goals and always encourages me by saying that by being STUBBORN and showing pure dedication as well as consistency, anyone can achieve anything. I still remember when I was in 7th std and wanted to give up studies just because I got fewer marks in math. Instead of

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SCOLDING me like my parents, she took me to a fair to try different rides. That time, I was not only ASTONISHED but in DILEMMA also. Then she taught me that success and failure are part of our life. We should not take these things to our heart and focus on the future to improve ourselves. I still follow her advice. That day, I relaxed for a few days and started studying again with full concentration. I cleared my exams WITH FLYING COLOURS. Even now I do the same whenever I feel DOWN IN THE DUMPS. I have never met anyone so calm and AMICABLE person who tries to be kind to others equally regardless of their gender and age. Due to these reasons, I respect and love my grandmother 💎

51. Describe A Time When You Took A Risk That May Have Gone Wrong, But Turned Out Well

Or

Risk You Have Taken Which Had A Positive Result

You Should Say:

- = What it was
- = When you took it
- = Why it turned out well

Vocab and idioms used in the cue card

- # Hindrance: an obstacle रुकावट
- # Cost a fortune: to cost a lot of money
- # Hectic: busy # Out of the blue: suddenly
- # Elegant: stylish
- # Dilemma: confusion
- # Worth a shot: trying as there is some chance of success
- # Knows no bounds: have no limits
- # Detrimental: harmful

SAMPLE ANSWER

Taking risk is scary, but without taking risk we cannot change ourselves which becomes HINDRANCE in growth. I have also done some risky things in my life. Here I

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am going to share about a time when I took a risky decision which might have COST ME A FORTUNE. A few months ago, it was my cousin's marriage. However, due to the HECTIC schedule, I couldn't get time to buy a new dress. OUT OF THE BLUE, I saw an ad of an ELEGANT dress when I was browsing the internet for work purpose. It was an ad by a shopping website. I really wanted to wear that dress at my cousin's wedding. Then I recalled that two of my friends Kawal and Komal also had ordered a few items from the same website. I quickly called them and we had a conference call. When I asked about the review of the website, Kawal shared that she loved the experience and still buys electronic items from that particular website whereas Komal told me that the website's service was not good. She even warned me to never buy shoes and watch from that website. It put me in a DILEMMA. As both friends bought totally different items and had different experiences, I could not decide whether buying a dress from the website was WORTH A SHOT. Anyhow, I took a risk and purchased the items. The riskier thing was 'cash on delivery' option was not available. I had to pay every penny in advance. I was too scared at that time because I spent nearly my months' earnings on a dress, and I wasn't even sure about the delivery. Fortunately, I received my dress on time and it was same as shown on the website. My JOY KNEW NO BOUNDS. There was a chance that I could face the DETRIMENTAL impact of my decision, but all turned out well. There were still a few items delivered by that website, which customers did not like. If my dress had the same results, I had to wear old and simple clothes at my cousin's wedding. However, all is well if the end is well.

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52. Describe a mistake you have made

What it is # When you made it

How you made it

How you felt about it

Vocab and Idioms

To err is human - all people make mistakes # Hectic – busy

Out of the blue - suddenly # Elegant - stylish

Huge - big

Blunder - a mistake

Died down - become less obvious/stronger # Cost me a fortune - to cost a lot of money

Terrified - scared

Regretted - a feeling of sadness about something that cannot now be changed खेद

Aggressive - Angry feeling

SAMPLE ANSWER

TO ERR IS HUMAN. There is no one in the world who never makes a mistake. I have also made many mistakes. One of them was when I purchased an expensive dress from a website despite being warned by my mother. This thing happened last year. It was my cousin's wedding. However, due to the HECTIC schedule, I could not get time to buy a new dress. OUT OF THE BLUE I saw an ad of an ELEGANT dress when I was browsing the internet for work purpose. It was an ad by a shopping website. I really wanted to wear that dress at my cousin's wedding. I shared this thing with my mother, but she refused to let me buy a dress from a new website because cash on delivery option was not available. She thought we might find it difficult to return and got the refund in case of not getting relevant dress. This thing made me sad. But instead of dropping the idea, I ordered the dress without letting my mother know about it. It was my HUGE mistake. I did not even read the review of that website. I just waited for the delivery of that product. Alas! my mom was right. That website gave me horrible service. First of all, they did not deliver my product on time. I had to continuously call them to get the delivery of my product. Secondly, the dress was not of my size. They sent the wrong size. But this was not it. The biggest BLUNDER was the dress they showed on the website. My Joy DIED DOWN. I was so TERRIFIED to share this with my mother

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because it COST ME A FORTUNE to buy it and I spent my half of the savings on it. However, I had to share this with my family. They SCOLDED me and tried to find a way to get a refund, but the website had no return, No refund policy. I REGRETTED my decision. Even though my parents bought me a new dress for my cousin's wedding, I still get AGGRESSIVE whenever I recall that incident.

53. Describe a volunteering experience you have had

- What it was
- Where it was
- Why you volunteered
- How you felt about it

Vocab and idioms

- ✓ Fall on deaf ears = no one listens to it
- ✓ Making mountain out of a molehill = Overreact
- ✓ Get hitched = Get married
- ✓ Productive = efficient
- ✓ Assistance = Help
- ✓ Quarrel = an angry argument
- ✓ Amiable = Friendly
- ✓ Compels = forces
- ✓ Vividly = Clearly
- ✓ Hectic = busy
- ✓ Bosom friend = a very close friend
- ✓ Amiable = friendly
- ✓ Resolve = settle

SAMPLE ANSWER

To be honest, I don't like it when someone COMPELS me to do something. I find it difficult to give my 100% in such situations whereas when I volunteer at any place, it always leads to PRODUCTIVE results and make me happy. It reminds me of a time when I VOLUNTEERED at my friend Kawal's home. I VIVIDLY remember sister of Kawal was GETTING HITCHED. Being my BOSOM friend, he invited me to join the function. When I went to his home, I saw that two of Kawal's cousins were having a QUARREL. Actually, they made a MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLEHILL and returned to their respective homes. Even though Kawal tried to RESOLVE their issue, it was

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like his words were FALLING ON DEAF EARS. The situation was OUT OF CONTROL. Instead of reducing the burden, those cousins left Kawal alone when he really needed them. As I could not see my friend all alone, I offered to volunteer at the wedding. I took the duty of welcoming all the guests. My friend's father always liked my AMIABLE nature. He was even happier when I called my brother to help. My brother picked the guests from the railway station as well as airport. Apart from this, I also checked twice whether the catering service was satisfying the arrivals. Fortunately, everyone was happy with the cuisines provided. It became really HECTIC because there were so many people and I was doing this for the first time. However, I was happy that my little ASSISTANCE helped Kawal's family to enjoy the wedding. I did not know volunteering experience could give me so much satisfaction

54. Describe a program or app in your computer or phone

What is it

How often do you use it

when and where you found it

Vocab and Idioms

Kith and kin - friends and relatives

Bittersweet experience = An emotional feeling that is a mixture of both happy and sad

Myriad- alot

Boon - a thing that is very helpful and that you are grateful for

SAMPLE ANSWER

With the advertisement of technology, our lives have become so convenient that we can do our multiple tasks within a short span of time. Applications available in our mobiles are also beneficial in increasing our productivity. Here, I would like to talk about one of those applications which I use daily. That application is WhatsApp. It is so common that all my KITH AND KIN have installed it. I use this not only for communicating with my near and dear ones, but it is also helpful in sharing important documents with them. In addition to this, the feature of video calling let us talk with any person in our contact list regardless of their location. I just need an internet connection to use this application. Apart from this, there have been many times when WhatsApp has saved my precious time. Once I was in my friend's home for group study. Unfortunately, I forgot my important notes at home. As my home was at least 30min away from my friend's home, we thought it would be wastage of time to return to my home to get those notes. Luckily, we got an idea. My mother clicked pictures of those notes and sent it to me on WhatsApp. After that, we

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printed those pictures and saved our plenty of time. Besides this, I have many WhatsApp groups through which I get in touch with my many friends. there is also a family group through which we all family member share all BITTERSWEET moments. This application has proven as BOON to humankind due to its MYRIAD benefits.

55. Describe a long car journey you went on

- Where you went
- What you did at that place
- With whom you went there
- Why you went on that journey by car?

Vocab and idioms used

- # Ants in one's pants - Be extremely restless, uneasy, impatient
- # Crack of dawn: very early in the morning
- # Full of beans: energetic
- # Exhausted: very tired
- # Renowned: Famous
- # Delighted: Pleasant

SAMPLE ANSWER

I usually prefer to travel either by train or plane in case I have to cover the long route because these modes help me in saving plenty of time. However, last year we all cousins gathered up and decided to spend our holidays differently. We decided to have a journey with our own vehicle. We had ANTS IN OUR PANTS while making the decision. To have a long journey, everyone agreed to visit Goa in our car. The plan was to start the tour from my home. That's why everyone reached at my place at 8 in the morning. As my duty was to cook breakfast for them and some snacks for the trip, I had to wake up at CRACK OF DAWN, but I was FULL OF BEANS because we were finally executing our plan. The journey started at 9:30 and we all took turns to drive the car. Moreover, everything was preplanned so that we won't face any hurdle during our road trip. Due to the huge distance of Goa from my place, it took almost 2 days to reach there. When we reached there, we all were EXHAUSTED. Resting for a few hours seemed a good option to us. After that, we went to different beaches. There were many RENOWNED beaches which offered us the opportunity to go paragliding, banana boat riding and scuba diving. In addition to this, we attended a headphone party where people party hard without disturbing the peace of the area. We all really had DELIGHTED experience. After spending a week there, we returned by our car.

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When we reached home, our parents could not believe that we did only have a journey on our car but also enjoyed it instead of feeling tired. We all cousins were also glad that we decided to have this different experience in our lives.

56. Describe a place you visited that has been affected by pollution

- Where is it
- When you visited this place
- What kind of pollution you saw there?
- Explain how this place was affected.

Vocab and idioms used in the cue card

- ✓ Escalate: increase rapidly
- ✓ Decades: 10 years
- ✓ Under the weather: unwell
- ✓ Killing two birds with one stone: to do one thing which will achieve two results
- ✓ Carpooling: if a group of people carpool, they travel together to work, usually in cars owned by the people in the group, so that only one car is used at a time
- ✓ Hustle and bustle: crowd
- ✓ Cat is out of the bag: reveal the fact previously hidden
- ✓ Stone's throw away: nearby
- ✓ Habitual: done constantly as a habit
- ✓ Rationally: logical
- ✓ Deteriorate: to make worse

SAMPLE ANSWER:

I don't think there is any place left where humans have not caused any damage yet. Even due to human activities, the pollution level has been ESCALATED since last two DECADES. However, there is a place in my city which is most impacted by noise pollution. Actually, last year I had to visit that place because one of my classmates, Peter, was not well. He had borrowed

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my book a week before going UNDER THE WEATHER. It became difficult for me to study without my book. That's why I decided to visit his home. I could ask about his wellbeing as well as take my book which I lent him. This would be like KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE. However, as soon as I visited there, I regretted my decision. That place was extremely loud. The continuous honking of vehicles gave me a headache. There were plenty of cars but I didn't see more than one person in one car. It seemed as they might have never heard a thing like CAR POOLING. It became difficult for me to find a way to my classmate's house. After facing HUSTLE AND BUSTLE, I finally reached Peter's home. He had MIGRAINE. The CAT WAS OUT OF THE BAG. Of course, due to excessive honking of horn caused migraine to Peter. Apart from this, there was a factory STONE'S THROW AWAY from Peter's house. The noise from everywhere frustrated me within a few minutes. I couldn't understand how Peter, his family and others were living there. I can never stay at such place even if anyone offers me millions of dollars. I always give preference to my health over anything. Moreover, I never visit such places unless it is an emergency or I don't have any other option. When I returned, I had to miss school/college for next two days because I was not HABITUAL of such a noisy area. After that my parents restricted me to visit such place ever again. I think people should do carpooling and behave RATIONALLY while driving, otherwise pollution can really DETERIORATE health.

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57. Describe a friend/person who is a good leader

- Who this person is
- How you know this person
- What he does
- How this person behaves
- Why do you think he is a good leader

Vocab and idioms

Piece of cake: an easy task

Obstacles: hurdles/problems

In the bygone era: belonging to or happening in a past time # Prove one's mettle: to prove that one has the necessary skills

Voluntary: done or given because you want to do it, not because you have to do it

Adolescence: teenage

Praises to the skies: to praise very much # Eve-teasing:

sexual harassment of women # Miss the boat: miss the opportunity

Traits: qualities

SAMPLE ANSWER:

Being a leader is not a PIECE OF CAKE. Leaders have to face MYRIAD OBSTACLES in order to complete any task as well as inspire their followers. In the BYGONE ERA, females had to face more HURDLES than males because previously people thought that women don't have such qualities which can make them leader. However, nowadays, there are many females who have PROVED THEIR METTLE in their respective fields. One of them is Kiran Bedi who has inspired me a lot and I really want to meet her. She is a retired IPS officer and current governor of Pondicherry. She is the first woman to join the IPS and remained in service for 35 years before taking VOLUNTARY retirement in 2007. Apart from this, she has won several titles at national and state-level tennis championships in her ADOLESCENCE. After starting her career as ASP, Kiran Bedi has achieved many medals as she brought a reduction in many types of crime. Words are not enough to praise her good deeds. I have heard a lot about her from my grandfather. He PRAISES Kiran Bedi's work TO THE SKIES and has shared that she was the only woman in a batch of 80 men when she started her police training. Moreover, she was also posted to such areas where there were not enough officers to handle the high-volume criminal activities. Still, she managed to

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reduce the crime rate within 3 months, especially those crimes which were related to EVE TEASING and wife-beating. I really believe she is a good leader because she has done so much for the society that our youth cannot do. Youngsters should follow her footsteps and consider her as their role model instead of wasting their precious time on things like tik-tok and pubg. I also heard that she gives positive vibes to her surroundings. If I get a chance to meet her, I will not MISS THE BOAT to meet such a great personality and adapt some of her TRAITS.

58. Describe a dinner you really enjoyed

- When it was
- What you ate
- Who you were with
- And explain why you enjoyed it

Vocab and idioms:

- # Hassle: complicated and annoying thing which requires a lot of efforts
- # Hospitality: looking after guests and being friendly and welcoming towards them.
- # Once in a while: sometimes but not often # Delicious: tasty
- # Culinary skills: Cooking skills
- # Cuisines: styles/method of cooking
- # Amicable: friendly
- # Generous: Kind

SAMPLE ANSWER:

Nowadays, everyone prefers to eat out in order to save themselves from HASSLE. My family also loves to have a meal in a restaurant ONCE IN A WHILE. However, if the matter is of inviting someone over dinner, my family always prefers to invite them to our home to show our HOSPITALITY. Here, I would like to talk about a situation when we invited my cousin and her in-laws for dinner at home and enjoyed a lot. We invited them in March. My cousin was coming for the first time after her marriage. We were so excited about it. It was also the first time we were meeting my cousin's new family because we did not get much time to meet all the members of her in-law's family on my cousin's wedding. I helped my father in preparing the favorite CUISINES of my cousin while my brother helped my mother in decorating the house. They were very happy to visit our home. Firstly, we served snacks in front of them. After that, we all had dinner together. Out of all the dishes, butter chicken and carrot pudding were loved by everyone. They all were impressed by my father's CULINARY SKILLS and praised DELICIOUS and mouthwatering

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dishes cooked by him. We also enjoyed their company because of the AMICABLE nature and GENEROUS behavior. In addition to this, we ordered ice cream for them, but everyone wanted to eat Carrot pudding only in the dessert. We all enjoyed the dinner. We were glad that the guests liked the food items. My cousin seemed happy with her new family. We gossiped for a few minutes. After that, they all returned to their home. We also enjoyed the time which we spent with them.

59. Describe a large company that you are interested in

- # What the company is
- # What kind of business it does # How you know about it
- # How you feel about it
- # Why you have interest in this company

Vocab and idioms used in the cue cards

- # Amiable: friendly
- # Renowned: famous
- # Lured: the attractive qualities of something
- # Ask for a favor: ask for help
- # Perks: benefits # Astonished: surprised
- # Sedentary lifestyle: a lifestyle which involves little or no physical movements
- # As fit as a fiddle: healthy # Refrain: stop
- # Cherry on the cake: additional benefit
- # Win-Win situation: all participants can profit in some way
- # Productive: efficient

SAMPLE ANSWERS:

Everyone dreams to work in such an environment which does not promote healthy competition but also includes AMIABLE employees. Even though I always wanted to build my own company, now I have changed my mind and want to gain some relevant experience. I came across a RENOWNED company which LURED me because of its perks. It is 'Google'. Yes, I really want to work in Google Company. Actually, a few months ago, my cousin was looking for a company to work as an intern. Then he ASKED FOR A FAVOR from me. I googled different companies which might

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be of his interest. Then I thought why not to search about Google itself. People working there are known as 'Googlers'. Its PERKS to the employees ASTONISHED me. I have always seen many people who adopt a SEDENTARY LIFESTYLE while working whereas Google's employees do not face such issues because this company provides free gym. It's really helpful to be AS FIT AS A FIDDLE. Apart from this, there are many organizations which do not care about employees' well-being and people always have to overwork. However, in Google, googlers can head over to the on-site massage therapists. It does not only save money but also REFRAIN people from the stress of overwork. I consider it as CHERRY ON THE CAKE. In addition to this, they have 20% free policy. This policy goes by the ratio of 80% work and 20% play. These benefits really encouraged me to work hard and achieve my goal of working in the 'Google' company. I feel this is a WIN-WIN SITUATION because happy employees show more PRODUCTIVE in the work. I would consider myself a fortune if I get a chance to work there.

60. Talk about something you enjoyed doing in a group

- What was it
- With whom you did it
- When you did it
- How you felt about it

Vocab and idioms used in this cue card

Solo: alone

Contrasting: to be different when compared # In the nick of time: at last moment

Arrogant: Overly proud (negative sense)

Recall: remember # Spoil: to change something good into bad # On seventh heaven: very happy

SAMPLE ANSWER:

Playing SOLO is really easy because we don't expect others to help us and we can use our ways as well as ideas to implement plans, whereas playing or working in a group requires people skill. There is a chance of conflicts because of CONTRASTING ideas. Fortunately, I had a positive experience when I participated in a group activity. Last year, it was a collage making competition

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in our college. I really wanted to take part in that competition. I convinced two of my friends to accompany me because it was a team project. My one friend selected pictures for the collage whereas other decorated it. My role was to find relevant information and present it in front of the judges. The selection of the team was going to be on the basis of uniqueness, clarity of topic and presentation. Besides this, it must be completed within 30 minutes. Three of us gave our best in our roles. I really enjoyed that thing because, sometimes, due to ARROGANT behavior of group members, the chance of SPOILING the mood increases. It had happened with me before but I really loved that group activity because of happily participation of all group members. We all followed the instructions. We were not even allowed to borrow anything from others. If anyone forgot any major part of the collage, that person was neither allowed to go outside to bring it nor could borrow from others. So, we were really careful about it and had everything with us. We completed our project IN THE NICK OF TIME. As the judges were coming towards us, we were getting nervous. However, they were impressed by the choice of pictures and decoration. That time I took a deep breath and tried to calm myself to reduce nervousness. I also RECALLED jokes made by my friends so that I don't get too nervous. I liked that my friends were fully supportive. I gave my presentation confidently and our group won the competition. We were ON SEVENTH HEAVEN after hearing the result. That was possible only because of our teamwork. That was the group activity which I really enjoyed.

61. Describe a film you watched or describe a film that made you think a lot

- When and where you watched it
- What it was about
- Why did you choose to watch it?
- How did you feel about it?

Vocab and idioms

- 》 Perspective = your opinion or attitude towards something
- 》 Plethora of = a lot of
- 》 Kith and kin = friends and relatives
- 》 Recreational activities = activities for enjoyment
- 》 Studious = (used about a person) spending a lot of time studying

SAMPLE ANSWER

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Good movies do not only entertain us but also inspire us to change our PERSPECTIVE towards life. There are PLETHORA of movies which release every year, but there is one movie which has impressed me so much that I want all my KITH AND KIN to watch it so that they can also learn an important life lesson from it. That movie includes Ranbir Kapoor and Deepika Padukone and titled as 'Tamasha'. Even though it was released in 2015, I got a chance to watch it last Sunday. Actually, that day neither my internet connection was working nor I had an important thing to do. So, out of boredom, I decided to watch a movie on television. The starting of the Tamasha movie seemed quite interesting to me. Thus, I decided to continue watching it. In that movie, the way Ranbir Kapoor expressed the condition of youngsters is really outstanding. He shared that how instead of following dreams, today's generation has become a robot who works on instructions and don't enjoy life. The same thing is with my friends. Instead of spending free time in doing RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, they have become STUDIOUS. I know that study is important, but humans also need free time to relax otherwise it can negatively impact their health. My friends don't even visit new places once in a year. That movie impressed me so much that I really want my friends to learn valuable lessons from that movie and start balancing different aspects of their life. I will be more than happy if they will get inspired from that movie and start making important changes in their life. I felt that Bollywood should make such type of movies instead of making the same baseless romantic movies. Unfortunately, that movie didn't earn much revenue in the theatres. That might be the reason why producers don't make such movies. I believe the audience should change their taste and encourage those who try to provide unique content. Only then Bollywood will start making such masterpieces.

62. Talk about a new public building/place where you would like to visit

Vocab and Idioms used in cue card

Renowned - famous

kith and kin - friends and relatives

Eagerly - used to emphasize a strong desire to do or have something # Curious - wanting to know or learn something

Astonished – surprised

Talk round - convince

Ants in one's pants - be extremely restless, uneasy, impatient

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The best way to spend the holidays is to visit new places. I usually try to visit RENOWNED places in my city with my KITH AND KIN during holidays. There is one public place which is recently built and is not in my city, but I have a desire to visit there. Actually, I EAGERLY want to visit waste to wonder park which is in New Delhi and was opened for public on 21 Feb 2020. In that place, all the seven wonders of the world are built, that too with waste material. As I can't afford the trip to different corners of the world in order to see 7 wonders of the world in real life, I am curious to see their REPLICA which can be seen at affordable price. When my friends visited there and shared pics of that place in their WhatsApp status, I got to know about this park. I was ASTONISHED to hear that such a wonderful place is available for the public in India. Even the ticket is available at Rupees 50 per person on weekdays and Rupees 100 on weekends, which is quite cheap. My friends have suggested me to visit there at night as its lightening AMAZE everyone. Hope, I TALK my parents ROUND and we soon make a plan to visit waste to wonder park. I really have ANTS IN MY PANTS to see the artwork which is made out of waste material. Visiting there with family would be a wonderful way to spend our vacations. I am glad that the government gave an awesome gift to the public by building such a unique place.

63. Describe your favourite clothes

What it is like

Who gave it to you

How often you wear it

How you feel about it a Or why you enjoy wearing it

Vocab and Idioms

Souvenir - something that serves as a reminder

Renowned - famous # Stunning - very attractive

Kill two birds with one stone - to do one thing which will achieve two results

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Whenever I visit any new place, I buy something as SOUVENIR. I have a huge collection of many things which I have bought from different tourist places. I like all of them and recall the memories attached with them. There is a piece of cloth which is really my Favourite. I bought it from New Delhi. I visited there with my family in December. We enjoyed there a lot. At one of its RENOWNED places, I saw a very stylish shrug/blazer. I wanted to buy it because that could go with every type of cloth. Even though it was quite expensive, I decided to buy it. There was only one piece left at that time. I bought it without wasting much time. When I showed that

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shrug/blazer to my family members, everyone appreciated my fashion sense. I was glad that everyone liked it. Now, whenever there is any special occasion, I wear my fav pair of jeans and t-shirt with that shrug/blazer. As it is black, it suits well with most of my clothes. Moreover, it is so stylish that it gives different look to every clothing. Everyone compliments my choice and ask me where I bought it from. Apart from this, shrug /blazer changes the look of even simple cloth. So, I don't need to spend a lot of time in finding or buying clothes for special moments. It saves my time as well as make me look STUNNING. In this way, I (have) KILLED TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE. I

am happy that I decided quickly and bought the shrug/ blazer from that tourist place. Now, it has become my favorite piece of clothing.

64. Describe one of your family members. you spend the most time with :

Who is he/she?

What do you usually do together? # What kind of person he/she is?

Why you spend most of the time with him/her?

Vocab and idioms used in this cue card

Through thick and thin - through difficult times # As fit as a fiddle - healthy and strong

Crave - to want and need to have something very much # Enthusiasm - a strong feeling of excitement

Amusing - entertaining # Turn down - reject

Miss the boat - miss the opportunity

SAMPLE ANSWER

The love of family is life's greatest blessing. I am fortunate enough to have such a sweet family who always stays with me THROUGH THICK AND THIN. I like all of my family members, but there is one member whom I admire the most and love to spend time with him/her. Or In this contemporary world, the majority of people want to live separately from their elders. However, I am fortunate that my grandparents' blessings are still with me and we all are living under one roof. My grandparents are really close to me, especially my grandfather who is also my fav person from my family. We both spend the majority of our time together. On weekdays, in the evening, we play mind games such as chess, crosswords, sliding puzzle, pretending etc. in order to do brain exercise whereas, on weekends, we play different outdoor games. He believes that being mentally strong is as vital as

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being FIT A SAFIDDLE. Apart from this, he loves to try different CUISINES. Whenever one of us CRAVE for any particular dish, we immediately search its recipe from google and try to do experiments in the kitchen. Even though, most of the time we don't cook the dish as DELICIOUS as we plan, my grandfather's ENTHUSIASM motives me to keep trying new things even if we fail at it. This is the reason I love to spend time with him. He is always ready to do creative and crazy things unlike my family. The rest of my family members can always be seen busy in their routine work and sometimes they think doing those things which won't benefit us in the future is entirely a waste of time. On the other hand, my grandfather has a different perspective. He believes that we should try all those things which we find AMUSING. I am also like him. That separates us from others. My fun-loving grandfather never TURNS DOWN my ideas of doing crazy things. That's why, I never MISS THE BOAT to spend my time with him.

65. Describe a goal that you achieved which was set by you

- What it was
- When did you set it
- How did you achieve it
- Explain how it influenced your life

Vocab and idioms used in the cue card

Cold feet: loss of confidence

There and then: immediately # Conquer: overcome

Gut: daring

Recall: to remember

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By BURNING MIDNIGHT OIL, anyone can achieve whatever he wants. There are many successful people who have attained many things by working hard. I have also achieved many things in a similar way. One of my goals was to reduce stage fear. It is the incident of last year. I don't know what happened to me, one day, I just decided to CONQUER my all fears. Stage fear was one of them. In order to reduce it, I decided to take part in the extempore competition. In this, the candidate is required to give a speech on the topic given THERE AND THEN. I knew that I was not good

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enough to win that competition because I could not talk on a topic without preparations, but, as I already said, my goal was not to win the competition but to reduce my stage fear. It really needs GUTS to speak on stage in front of everyone. I decided to do so. Thus, I gave my name for the competition. Just before the starting of the contest, I had **COLD FEET**. It became difficult for me to continue it and I was thinking of giving up. That time I **RECALLED** all those times when I tackled my hurdles, and achieved my goals. My friends also encouraged me by saying that it is OK to feel nervous but giving up should never be an option. That time I gathered courage and decided to give a speech on the stage. Although I was a little nervous when it was my turn, I tried my best. Even though I didn't win the competition that day, the goal of removing stage fear was accomplished which I set for myself. It influenced positively in my life and now, I don't feel fear in doing public speaking.

