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PART 1 (GENERAL TOPICS)

STUDY

What are the advantages of studying instead of working?

Well, there are numerous advantages. These days educational qualification plays an important role in getting ahead. Besides, you get to learn about people, culture, religion, science and many more. And study is the only way to learn about diverse subjects.

What do you study? Where do you study?

I study Management, Hotel Management to be precise. It is a subject that involves learning about hotels, motels and the management related to them. I am on the 2nd year of my Bachelors degree. I study at Balkumari College, Narayangarh, a public College that is close to one of the busiest markets in Chitwan.

Why did you choose this subject?

I have a relative in Australia who is also doing similar course but is in the final years of his degree. I used to talk to him couple of years back and through him I came to know that this course is of high value in Australia. Since I am also planning to pursue Australia later in my life, I thought studying Hotel Management now will help me once I move there.

What do you find the most interesting aspect about your subject?

The food and beverage service is one of the most important aspects. There I get to learn about the dining culture and food. I find it interesting to learn about various types of alcohols too.

What do you dislike about your subject/study?

The housekeeping is something I simply hate. I do not like to be involved in cleaning aspects of houses of hotels and that subject is all about cleaning and maintaining. Though housekeeping is one of the major departments, I found it very unattractive as a career choice.

What do you hope to do after your graduation?

I hope to find a job in a good hotel after I graduate. I want to gain some real world experiences before deciding to pursue my further studies. Besides, I am also hoping to find a teaching position in a vocational college where I can share my learning to the new comers who are willing to explore the food and beverage industry.

What are your ambitions for the future?

I have a plan to go to Australia in the future. Exploring Australian culture and the hotel industry are my aims in life. Most of my relatives are there and International Culture and lifestyles are always on our talks and that's why I have most of my aims related to Australia.

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FREE TIME

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I enjoy playing sports in my free time. To be honest, I enjoy soccer. It is a game I have been playing since I was in grade 5.

How much time do you have each week for doing these activities?

I play for half an hour every day, in the evening. Therefore, in total I approximately have 4 hours every week for the soccer.

Why do you like doing these activities?

Well, I have been enjoying sports since my childhood. There used to be a great charm of soccer in those days. We used to travel to places to watch soccer tournaments and that is how I developed my craze for it. Later, I started to play and started to enjoy every minute of the game. I continue to cherish the game with same love and spirit till this date.

How did you start doing these activities at first?

At first, I used to go to a nearby ground to watch my club play. I was a regular visitor. Eventually I started to play with my friends. We used to play with the extra soccer balls that were available and that is how it all went on. Later, I was a regular sportsman on the field.

Is there any other hobby or sport you would like to try?

Cricket is in the news these days. Even though I do not quite get a grasp of it, I am somehow attracted towards the game. Besides, Nepal made headlines after being selected in the World Cup. A pride in its own. Therefore I want to try Cricket someday.

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SHOPPING

Do you enjoy shopping? Why (not)?

Yes. I do find it fun to go out on a shopping. Though we don't have great place here in Narayangarh that is specially made for shopping, I usually find fun to walk around.

How much time do you spend shopping every week?

Well, I go for shopping only on weekends. Saturdays are fun here. You get to see a big mass from different parts of Chitwan. It's quiet busy and it's fun to walk around in those days. To be precise I spend only 3-4 hours every week for that.

What is your favourite shop and why do you like it?

My favourite shop is 'Fancy Corner'. It is right on the corner of Saheed Chowk and Main Road and a variety of fashionable clothing are available there. I have been visiting there since 2010 and that has always remained my favourite one. The owner is of my age and is fashion savvy. He brings what's trending and it is quite fun to visit his shop, just to look at the fashion wears that are in the news.

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READING

Do you enjoy reading? If yes, why? If not, why not?

Yes, I enjoy surfing through the books. They give me great joy. Books are where I find a true happiness. The stories simply take you on a journey into a different world.

What sort of books do you read? Tell me something about your favourite book.

I read biographies. They are real stories where you can peek into some famous people's lives. I find them very inspirational and motivational. One of my favourite book is 'Binod Chaudhary'. It is a book written by Binod Chaudhary, one of the most richest person of Nepal. The book tells you about his journey from a small businessman towards a business tycoon. Very motivating.

What are the advantages of reading instead of watching television or going to the cinema?

I find reading more advantageous. You get to carry your books wherever you go and read them whenever you want. Also, you get to enjoy the words and the emotions attached with them. You don't get them while watching TV. I find TVs very boring.

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GAMES

What games are popular in your country? [Why?]

Our country is still into outdoor games and soccer still tops the chart. Soccer is still followed by people of all ages and cultures. Even though we do not have big league games or national level tournaments, we follow the game almost religiously, following almost all major tournaments around the globe like World Cup, FA Cup, Champions league.

Do you play any games? [Why/Why not?]

Yes, I do play soccer. Soccer is a game I have been playing since my childhood. There is a big ground close to my hometown that is suitable for soccer. I used to go there after my school, almost every day when I was a child. First, I watched others play and then slowly I started to participate as well. That's how it all started and I play soccer regularly these days too. Soccer has given me a healthy body and a sound mind and I keep recommending it to people around me.

How do people learn to play games in your country?

In general, as kids we learn to play in our schools. Some of us also learn games in our homes and in our neighbourhoods. For me, I started watching others play at first and then eventually ended up playing regularly after few years. I have found schools hiring professional players these days where they teach their students about the many aspects of sports. Sports have become a major subject of the education system in Nepal in recent years which is a plausible achievement.

Do you think it's important for people to play games? [Why/Why not?]

Yes. I think it is important. However, for people who can't play because of some disability, it remains only a myth. I am a huge believer of sports and think that the government should bring serious plans to promote sports from an early age. Sports not only gives you a healthy body but also helps you develop your personality. Besides, when people start playing games, it improves cooperation and harmony among various cultures.

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NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES

Which magazines and newspapers do you read [Why?]

Well, I do not like to read magazines. Daily newspapers are the ones that interest me a lot. I have recently developed this enthusiasm towards politics and those daily feeds are a good way to fulfil your crave for politics. Out of all daily newspapers, I read Kantipur.

What kinds of articles are you most interested in? [Why?]

Like I already mentioned, I am more into the politics. Nepal is popular around the world for its unstable politics. It is sad to see the political leaders fighting over issues that do not affect the citizens directly. From my study and research, I have come to a conclusion that Nepal needs to reshuffle many ideologies in politics in order to catch up with the world. Besides, today's youngsters seem to have started paying attention to the happenings inside the country.

Have you ever read a newspaper or magazine in a foreign language? When/Why?

Yes, all the time. I read 'Republica'. It is a national daily that is published from Kathmandu. The issues covered in Republica are little bit different than that of 'Kantipur'. It is more towards awaking public about the wrong doings in the Country. Besides, its range of vocabulary is worth praising. I have learned so much from Republica.

Do you think reading a newspaper or magazine in a foreign language is a good way to learn the language? [Why / Why not?]

Yes, no doubt about it. I have a background of government schooling. We do not learn much in English. That was the trend when I grew up. Therefore, I personally think that reading English Dailies play an important role in strengthening and enriching your stock of words and grasp in current issues. Moreover, I have enrolled for English exam and reading them has given me much confidence lately.

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WORK

Where do you work?

I work in an Educational Consultancy that is in Kathmandu, Nepal. Kathmandu is the capital city of Nepal and I work there as a receptionist.

Can you describe your job to me?

Well, my job is to take care of visitors who come looking for consultations regarding their higher study aspirations. I meet all sorts of visitors every day and I need to take their details and tell them where to go in order to satisfy their enthusiasm. The job is hectic as I am always running around students who have no clue of what they are up to.

How long have you been working there?

It's been a year and a half already. First, I was on probation for 3 months and then the Administration offered me a permanent position.

What's your daily routine on a working day?

Well, my daily routine is simple. I need to report to work at 10 and therefore I leave home at around 9.30. At home, I am a lazy kid and therefore I am on my bed till 8 sometimes. In office, I am busy handling students' activities all day and therefore do not really get time to sit around or chat with friends. I leave office at 5 and then make trips to friends' house. No fixed routine and no big commitments either.

Why did you choose to do that job?

I was free and was not doing any work. I got to know the Manager through a friend of mine and he encouraged me to give it a try. At first, I was little hesitant but then I became used to it.

What things do you enjoy about your work? Why?

The most interesting thing about my job is I get to meet students from all backgrounds. It is so much fun to interact with them and also to see their enthusiasm towards higher studies. My job has inspired me in so many ways.

What do you think is the attraction of your job/work?

I work in one of the most popular and successful consultancies in my town. I think that is the biggest attraction. Besides, I am right in the front and therefore whoever comes in inside the Consultancy, has to interact with me and follow my instructions.

Do you want to change your current job? Why or why not?

I am not thinking of changing my job at this moment. However, I have found it monotonous at times. I am also doing my Bachelors at the moment. I hope, I will think of other options once I complete my studies.

What are your plans for the future?

I want to finish my Bachelors and then go Australia for my graduate studies. Australia has inspired me in so many ways. I want to get an International degree, work in a multinational company and make lots of money. I have plans of doing business later in my life too.

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FOOD

What kind of food did you eat as a child?

When I was a child I ate foods that were eaten by middle class people. They were rice, lentils, vegetable. I grew up in a middle class family and therefore our days were normal. However, we used to go out to restaurants whenever there were holidays of some sort of national celebrations. So, in restaurant, we regularly ate fried foods.

Do you think you will give your own children the same type food? [Why? / Why not]

Well, time has changed. We don't get much time these days to sit at home and cook foods. We are slowly moving towards 'fast food' culture. We are more into restaurant foods. So, I am quite sure that the children will be growing up familiarizing themselves with the 'eating out' culture. The foods are not that much healthier these days however, I am hoping that people will start demanding healthier foods, even if they are from restaurants.

What type of food do you eat these days?

I still prefer healthier food, food that are cooked at home and are low in cholesterol. I have become more health conscious and strictly avoid fat these days. You become more aware of the ingredients as you become older, more aware than 10 years back.

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TELEVISION

How often do you watch television? Why/Why not?

I watch television for two hours every day. I am into learning English Language these days and have developed sort of addition to it. I watch shows that helps in building vocabularies and grammar.

Which television channel do you usually watch? Why/Why not?

I usually watch BBC and CNN. They are news channels and really help you get an overview of the current issues that are on the talks. Those channels have made me an aware citizen and I have learned tons from them. From watching those channels, I have realized that we lack the fundamental understanding of the development.

Do you enjoy the advertisements on television? Why/Why not?

No, I don't cherish the advertisements on television. They irritate me. Whenever I watch television, I want to concentrate and learn as much as I can. I love to focus and utilize every minute of my television time and therefore I hate when advertisements bother the television shows.

Do you think most programmes on television are good? Why/Why not?

Well, not all the programmes on television are good. Some are just waste of time and money. They don't help you become a better person or say don't help us learn. For example, I hate family dramas that are aired through Indian channels. They are just worthless.

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GIVING GIFTS

When do people give gifts or presents in your country?

People give gifts in many occasions in Nepal. For example, we give gifts in birthdays, weddings, wedding anniversaries, valentine days and new years. The culture of giving gifts is a recent phenomenon though. When I was a child, I don't remember people into giving gifts. All we used to do were show up at others house or wish them empty handed.

Do you ever take a gift when you visit someone in their home? Why? Why not?

Well, to be honest, I take a gift with me whenever I visit others these days. But taking something with you is also a recent culture. Till few years back I used to visit friends empty handed. All we cared was being present at the events. However, I am amazed with how people have started taking gifts with them recently.

When did you last receive a gift? What was it?

I received an iPhone from a friend of mine last week. My childhood friend Bishnu was visiting me after almost a decade and he surprised me with the latest phone that is trending. I remember talking him a month ago and I was joking about how important an iPhone was in Nepal. I think he took it seriously and bought me the latest one. Always a pleasure in getting surprises you know.

Do you enjoy looking for gifts for people? Why? Why not?

Well, I hate looking for gifts for people. Whenever I have to visit someone, I simply stop by at a gift shop and pick whatever catches my eyes. I find it very annoying to visit shops and confuse yourself with the abundant gifts available out there. Simply pick something and save your time.

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COLD WEATHER

Have you ever been in very cold weather? When?

Yes. I was trekking up in the Mustang region in the month of January 2005 and it was really cold. I was trekking to explore the region and was on my own. Nobody told me about the cold weather and I wasn't prepared well too. However, I was lucky, I found a shop that was selling warm clothes and it literally saved me.

How often is the weather cold where you come from?

The hail from the Terai plains of Nepal and it is not that cold there. The plains of Nepal are cold for only 3 months during a year. However, when it is cold, it really is cold during those months. I have grown up there and therefore I am more comfortable when it is hot. I do not like cold weather.

Are some parts of your country colder than others? Why?

Yes. Nepal has mountains and hills and therefore it is pretty cold over there. Once I had an opportunity to trek to the Everest region and I felt it personally. I found it hard to trek because of the weather. Moreover, the altitude also bothered me and I had to abandon the trek.

Would you prefer to live in a hot place or a cold place? Why?

I prefer to live in a hot place. Like I already told, I am from the Terai plains of Nepal and the weather is nice over there. Cold weather annoys me and I can't make the most of myself on cold weather. I think it is because I was brought up in hot place and I have adjusted myself according to the weather of the town.

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TRAVELLING TO WORK OR COLLEGE

How do you usually travel to work or college? Why?

I am a student at Balkumari College that is approximately 4 kilometres away from my house. I usually travel to my college in a bike. I have been riding bike since last year and I prefer my bike over other vehicles. Moreover, it saves time and is very reliable as well.

Have you always travelled to work/college in the same way? Why/Why not?

No. Before I used to ride bike, I used to travel to nearby places on foot. I am scared to being a passenger to others' bike and public transportation annoys me way too much. Therefore I used to travel to my college on foot before purchasing bike.

What do you like about travelling to work/college this way?

Well, I can listen to music when I travel on foot. I had listened to various genres of music when on foot. It gives you so much time to do something extra. Besides, I used to play music in those days. So, while on foot, I used to enjoy every bits of music from quite a lot of musicians.

What changes would improve the way you travel to work/college? Why?

Well, I am happy with the way I travel to college these days. However, I feel bad about students who come from far places. The public transportation of our town is pathetic. You have to tolerate the disgusting crowd inside a public bus. If the public transportation system could be changed, it would have made education so much interesting to people who do not enjoy the luxury of private vehicles. Public means have to change and they must change soon.

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NEIGHBOURS

How well do you know the people who live next door to you?

That's a really good question. To be honest, I do not know people that well who live next door to me. I have not lived that much in my house since passing my School Leaving Certificate examinations. I went to India to study, then came home and started my college right after. During my college days, I worked part time and therefore I am not familiar with my neighbours that much.

How often do you see them? Why? Why not?

Well, not that much. Like I already said, I am not home most of the time. However, I have started spending my time at home in weekends and talk to people whenever I see. So, slowly I have started to talk but that hasn't been going that well either. Too busy and hectic.

What kinds of problem do people sometimes have with their neighbours?

I have not faced that many problems yet because I am not home most of the time. However, from what I have heard from my parents, I have figured out that you need to be conscious about the finances a lot. Once you lend money, it is very hard to get you cash back. That is the biggest problem. Besides, the neighbours do not agree much on development issues. We want to keep our society clean and for that want to raise money but the people just could not agree on that. I think that is the biggest issue in most of the societies here in our district. People want everything to be taken care by the government and the government is in simply not interested in taking care of its people.

How do you think neighbours can help each other?

In many ways. First, we need to understand that neighbours are crucial in helping each other to raise the standard of the society as a whole. We can raise money to clean our town, we can be of help to each other in emergencies, natural disasters and many more. In a country where the politics is so unstable, all we can do is help each other in education, careers and development issues.

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YOUR TOWN

Where are you from? Tell me something about your hometown.

I am from Narayangarh. It is a town in the Chitwan district that is also popular as one of the fastest growing towns in Nepal. It is also regarded as a business hub. The town is very close to Narayani river which is a popular river of the country. Besides, places like Devghat, Sauraha and National Park are minutes away from Narayangarh.

Can you describe some important places to visit in your hometown?

Yes. Devghat is a 'not to be missed' place if you are visiting Narayangarh. It is a highly religious place where Hindus from all over come to pay homage to temples that are established here. Also, you can reach National Park that is only 25 kilometers away. You can visit Elephant Breeding Centre there and also take a river excursion in Rapti river. I have seen a surge in tourism in these two places lately. Glad that I am from here.

What is the name of the street you live in? What kind of street do you live on?

The name of the street is 'New Road'. It is very famous in the entire Narayangarh because it has some important offices in it. Most of the wholesalers of different machinery parts, the main office of the western region transportation, emerging hotels of Narayangarh, you name it. It has them all. Even though I live there, I do not find the street that much residential. You have vehicles honking horns till late night and therefore is not peaceful at all.

What do you like about your town?

Well the best part is, it has all the major offices and hospitals close by and therefore you do not need to worry too much about the fundamentals being taken care of. Besides, the Metropolitan office has plans for making the town an exemplary in many ways.

What is the weather like in your town?

The weather is warm. You don't get to experience the extreme cold and the blazing heat. I have lived here all my life and I am simply in love with this weather. Even people from other cities appreciate the weather here.

Which are the best places to eat out in your hometown.

We have a variety of places that offer cuisines from different cultures and countries. Right in the heart of the Narayangarh, we have an Indian Curry restaurant that offers delicious Indian food. Besides, there is a new 'Open house restaurant' popular for Chinese food. You need to book in advance in order to get a seat at that restaurant. Furthermore, I like 'Paleti', a typical Newari restaurant in the town. You get to taste exotic Newari dishes at Paleti.

What kind of jobs do people do in your hometown?

People do all sorts of jobs in my town. Some of them do farming; some have their own businesses whereas some are employed as Government employees. Even though the town is small, we have a variety of preferences whenever it comes about jobs.

How has your hometown changed over the last five years?

One of the major changes has to be the construction of new buildings. Five years ago, when I was in

grade 9, it was really hard to see buildings that had concrete in them. These days a lot of buildings have been built all over my town. Moreover, the town has seen a dramatic surge in terms of medical facilities and education. We have more hospitals and colleges. And not to exclude, I have found that people have started taking initiatives towards tourism. I hope, in the next five years, we will see amazing investments in hotels and resorts too.

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HOLIDAYS

What do you do when you have a holiday?

Interesting question. Well, I am a bike addict. I ride it all the time and one of my most favourite hobbies during holidays is to go on a long ride. Whenever I have a holiday, I plan in advance for a trip, away from my hometown. Besides, I have like minded friends who enjoy the same. We are freaks and we have been doing this for a year now.

Who do you usually spend your holiday with?

I usually spend my holidays with my friends. I have couple of friends who are very close. We share moments, take help of each other all the time and plan activities together.

Where do you like to spend your holidays? Why?

Well, like I said earlier, we go on a ride whenever we have holidays. We have been to many places and my all time favourite place to spend time is Pokhara. It is approximately 5 hours ride from my hometown and Pokhara always amazes me with its beauty. You have live music, international aura and a friendly environment.

Why are holidays important to you?

Holidays provide opportunities to revitalise your body and mind. I personally think it is important to refresh yourself once in a while. Since I am caught up with too many commitments, I am always eager whenever I have holidays coming up.

What do people usually do during holidays and in your town?

My hometown has changed a lot during the last five years. I have seen people going for vacations lately. So far I have seen most of the people travelling inside the country, to popular touristic destinations. However, I believe that the trend will change soon and they will start making trips abroad. I am impressed with this changing culture and believe that this is something we have learnt from westerners.

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YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Can you describe the house where you live?

I live in a big and spacious house. Altogether, there are 6 bedrooms, 2 living rooms, a kitchen and 2 bathrooms. The house has a unique design and is considered different from the rest of the houses around. Even the colouring was done by experts from China.

What is there to do in the area where you live?

I am lucky to be from an area where people are too energetic. We have a big soccer ground where national level tournaments are hosted very frequently. There are volleyball and basketball courts right next to the soccer ground. Besides, I have heard recently that the government has approved an ambitious plan to develop that area with an International standard swimming pool. Since I am a sports fan, that is too much to ask for from an area.

What do you like about the area where you live?

The best part of the area is its sports arena. You can meet people from different parts of our district there. Therefore, I have found this to be very beneficial for networking and career.

Do you think it is better to live in the centre of the town or outside the town?

Well, to be honest, I have not thought about that yet. Frankly, I think both of them have their own pros and cons. Living in the centre of the town gives you easy access to the most fundamental services like medical checkups, education and banking. However, you have to bear the pollution of the city on the other hand. Similarly, living outside the town gives you pollution free lifestyle. You also get to know the people in your neighbourhood. However, you always have to travel to the city to receive medical treatments, quality education and career opportunities.

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TRANSPORT

How did you come here today?

I came here on bike. I like it when I get to take my bike for long trips. Kathmandu is almost 150 kilometres away from my hometown, which, I think, isn't that long. Therefore I decided to undertake this journey like that.

What is public transport like in your town?

To tell you the truth, it is messed up. Government seems to take no initiative in trying to fix the problem and it has gone way beyond our control. There is a syndicate among public transporters and they seem to be ignorant about punctuality. Nepal is an underdeveloped country and people can't afford to have expensive vehicles. They must rely on public transportation and that is the reason why such a syndicate has occurred.

Do you think people should use public transport more? Why (not)?

Yes. I do believe that people should use public transport more often because it will save our environment. Besides, the traffic will decrease as well. Even though my town is comparatively smaller than other big cities around, we have an unbearable problem in managing the traffic. There are road jams all the time. That is why, I firmly believe that the government should encourage public transportation with stricter rule of law.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

What is your favourite sport?

Cricket is my favourite sport. I have been playing cricket since my childhood. Besides, the leap of our national team towards T20 world cup has injected an enormous amount of energy in me lately.

Do you play any sports?

Yes. I play cricket. I have seen people playing cricket since I was in grade 2. Later, I started playing it since I was 14 years old.

What sports are popular in your country?

Football and cricket are popular in our country. I cannot be exact but I guess, there are more football lovers than cricket to this date. However, the recent victory of our national team in achieving a place in the T20 world cup cricket has brought a huge enthusiasm and hope towards cricket.

Do people like to play sports or watch them on TV?

Well, I think people love to do them both. People who are capable of playing sports actually play and enjoy the many aspects of it in the ground. Whereas people who are old enjoy them on TV.

What are the benefits of playing sports?

First, it gives you a healthy body. You actually worry about your fitness and avoid bad habits like smoking or drinking. Besides, sports provide you a golden opportunity to network with people from all backgrounds, cultures and ages. Also, it teaches you about the cooperation and harmony among friends and community.

Has the kind of sports people like changed over the years?

Well, outdoor sports like football or cricket were always liked by people of my country. However, I have seen a slight change over the years. Recently, I have found that the youngsters are more attracted towards virtual games rather than games that actually demand physical involvement. The technology is the reason behind it. We have youth who play games like temple run, candy crush and angry birds massively these days.

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TELEPHONING

How often do you make telephone calls? Why? Why not?

Telephone has become an important aspect of my life. I frequently make telephone calls to call my friends, family and colleagues. Telephone saves time. You do not have to meet in person or visit your friends and relatives to convey a message. Therefore, I am sure that telephone has become a vital part of every one's life these days.

Who do you spend most time talking to on the telephone? Why?

To be honest, I spend most of my time talking to my girl friend. Her name is Rita and we met recently through a common friend and have similar likes and dislikes. We talk for an hour daily and discuss about life plans, studies and daily activities.

When do you think you'll next make a telephone call? Why?

I am sure I am going to make my next telephone call immediately after this speaking test is over. I have friends who want to listen to about my test. Besides, my girl friend also knows about it and was very desperate to hear about it. She is also planning to give an IELTS exam next month and wants to know about questions asked in this test.

Do you sometimes prefer to send a text message instead of telephoning? Why? Why not?

Yes. I prefer texting instead of telephone calls in many occasions. Sometimes I am busy in a meeting and cannot answer a call. Besides, sometimes you are with friends or are simply not in a mood to answer. Texting comes into play in such a situation and saves you big time.

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BICYCLES

How popular are bicycles in your home town? Why?

Bicycles are very popular in our home town. Not only in my home town, they are, I think, popular in the entire country. Nepal is a developing country and many people here cannot afford to buy expensive vehicles. Besides, bicycles have always been favoured over other vehicles here.

How often do you ride a bicycle? Why? Why not?

I used to ride bicycle a lot when I was a child. My parents even bought me one then. However, my rides have decreased these days. I go to college and work in a hospital and therefore I travel quite a bit every day. Therefore I have a bike that I use for all those tasks nowadays.

Do you think that bicycles are suitable for all ages? Why? Why not?

No. I don't think so. The traffic has gone crazy these days in my town. The riders and drivers do not care about pedestrians on the streets. Therefore I believe bicycles are not suitable for children and senior citizens these days.

What are the advantages of a bicycle compared to a car? Why?

Bicycles help you be on shape. You need to generate energy on your own to ride a bicycle and therefore they are good means that help you stay fit. Besides, they are not that expensive when compared to a car. Also, you do not need fuel to run a bicycle.

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LAUGHING

What kinds of thing make you laugh?

Comedy TV shows make me laugh a lot. I am literally addicted to such shows. I have recently started watching ‘Comedy night with Kapil’ and it cracks me too much. The host is a talented guy and makes fun of celebrities all the time. Besides, jokes make me laugh as well.

Do you like making other people laugh? Why/Why not?

Oh yes. I like to make others laugh. However, I am very poor and think that it’s not my cup of tea to make others laugh. I consistently go through ‘instruction videos’ to learn about ‘how to make people laugh’ but have failed in my attempts.

Do you think it’s important for people to laugh? Why/Why not?

It is a must. I personally believe that people should laugh more often. It relieves you of tension. Besides, you feel good about the everyday life. Also, it cheers you up, brings happiness and smile on your face. Having a smiley face is always better than a grumpy one.

Is laughing the same as feeling happy, do you think? Why/Why not?

I do not think so. People can laugh even though they are sad. You can suddenly start giggling but it doesn’t show that you are happy. Being happy is a different experience. It brings a different kind of aura in you, you transcend that vibe of happiness.

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KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH PEOPLE

How do you usually contact your friends? Why?

I have started using virtual media to contact my friends these days. Facebook comes first whenever I have to contact friends. Since I have friends in Australia, USA, UK, I use facebook to relay messages and update them about the happenings of my life. Viber comes second. I use it to contact whenever I have wifi around me. It has made making calls much cheaper. Amazing, simply love this leap in technology.

Do you prefer to contact different people in different ways? Why?

Yes. Whenever I have to contact my friends, I use social media and Viber. However, if I need to call my relatives or say my parents, I simply phone them. Also, if there is anything urgent, I do not waste time by messaging them over facebook, I call them immediately. Sometimes, you simply can't trust over facebook and Viber. Calling in person is the only way I prefer on such time.

Do you find it easy to keep in contact with friends and family? Why/Why not?

Yes. It has become much easier to be in touch these days because of the technology. I still remember days when it was really difficult. The calls were expensive and you could not get hold of person at another end on those days. However, because of the technology, smart phones and Apps, it has changed the world inside out.

In your country, did people in the past keep in contact in the same ways as they do today? Why/Why not?

No. It's obviously no. Before, they used to keep in touch with the help of telephones, specially land line phones. Besides, letters and emails were used massively. Even I used to write letters when I was a child. I have wrote numerous letters to my friends around the world. However, technology has taken the lead in recent years. People in my country have started using mediums like Skype, Viber and Facebook to contact each other and keep in touch. It is amazing to see technology being adapted in a country like ours.

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DANCING

Do you enjoy dancing? Why/Why not?

I love dancing. I have been dancing all my life. I still remember my first teacher who inspired my journey in dancing. I was in grade 8 and 12 years old.

Has anyone ever taught you to dance? Why/Why not?

Yes. My teacher taught me how to dance at first. His name was Kanti Gurung, an energetic fellow who had a huge crush on dancing. He used to give lessons to kids in a club and had inspired to dance in my childhood. He was a good dancer.

Tell me about any traditional dancing in your country.

There are numerous traditional dances in Nepal. I am going to talk about Tharu dance, a popular traditional ceremony practised by a marginalised community. The dance is a well known event among us because it can be seen everywhere. The dance is especially popular in Sauraha, a popular tourist destination where visitors from all over the world come to enjoy the nature and wildlife.

Tharus are respected for their hard work and exotic culture and that can be seen on their dance too. The dance consists of almost two dozen dancers who perform in harmony with each other. To be honest, the exemplary dance is a ‘must see’.

Do you think that traditional dancing will be popular in the future? Why/Why not?

Yes. I see the future of traditional dancing amazingly well in Nepal. Nepal is a country nested between two giants, China and India. It offers numerous opportunities to learn culture and civilization to foreigners. I have personally seen the growth of tourism in Nepal in recent days. Traditional dances have become an important part of foreigners. They have a huge enthusiasm towards traditional dancing. In such a scenario, you can bet on the future of traditional dances without any doubts.

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Which instruments do you like listening to most? Why?

I like listening to guitars. To be precise, I love the unplugged version of them. I am quite disappointed when I find the music torn apart with the modern gadgets. The soft and meaningful music produced by hollow guitar has a precious tone in it. They are unbelievably soothing. I cannot resist.

Why you ever learned to play a musical instrument? Which one?

I was attracted towards guitars from an early age. That's why I was determined to learn how to play. It took me a while to convince my parents to buy me one and finally I succeeded when I passed my school with good grades. Later, I used that guitar to learn the basics. I had a neighbour who was an expert in teaching guitar and he was the one who taught me the very basics.

Do you think children should learn to play a musical instrument at school? Why/Why not?

Yes, I personally believe children should learn to play from their school. I have seen children dedicating some of their school time for music in western countries. However, we have failed to include such lessons in our schools. Allowing children to learn music in schools give them a wonderful opportunity to learn outside the box. They grow up to be free thinkers and might even take music as a career. Nepal lacks good musicians and hence we have not made any mark in the world music scene yet. Once we start motivating our children to take up subjects that have international career, it might actually help country get world renowned names later.

How easy would it be to learn to play an instrument without a teacher? Why?

I assume it would be really difficult to learn to play an instrument without a mentor. Playing musical instruments is a tough job and you need a good understanding to actually be a good composer. Besides, you save a lot of time with the help of a teacher. Without a proper guidance, the journey is not going to take you anywhere.

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YOUR FRIENDS

Do you prefer to have one particular friend or a group of friends? Why?

I prefer to have a group of friends. Having more friends mean you are actually networking with more people who might be of great help later in your life. To put it in simple words, more helping hands when in need.

What do you like doing most with your friends?

I like to talk about life and many issues that have direct impact with our everyday life. I am an avid reader and I like to learn different perceptions of life. Chatting is my all time favourite hobby and I love doing it with friends as well. Besides, when you listen to the various strategies, ideas and perceptions from your intimate folks, it enriches and empowers you more.

Do you think it's important to keep in contact with friends you knew as a child? Why/Why not?

Well, that depends. I am a firm believer of friendship and have contact with almost all of my friends from my childhood. Besides, you have social medias that help you connect with buddies that might have been disconnected.

What makes a friend into a good friend?

A friend turns into a good friend once you start trusting each other. Trust is important. Besides, when there is love, the friendship gets even stronger.

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YOUR COUNTRY

Which part of your country do most people live in?

We have Himalayan range, the Hills and the Terai plains. I am sure that most of the people live in the Terai plains because it offers a good weather and enough land for people for farming. Also, the plain is connected to India, a country that has been considered a booking business hub of the world.

Tell me about the main industries there?

The plains offer magnificent landscapes and numerous exotic cultures. Therefore, tourism is considered one of the major industries there. The stunning views and wildlife have been sought after by many tourists from all over the world and therefore, the numbers of tourists have increased each year. Besides, since the region is connected with India, manufacturing industries are on the rise too.

How easy is it to travel around your country?

If you travel around the Terai plains, it is fairly easy. Plenty of facilities like buses, cabs and private vehicles are available that takes you around. However, if you are attempting to journey around the hills or the Mountains, you face numerous challenges. There are not many vehicles available and the trails are harsh as well. Also, the extreme weather becomes vital in the travel.

Has your country changed much since you were a child?

Yes. It has changed drastically in recent years. The construction of high rise buildings is on the rise. Also, it looks like the government is more cautious in approving building designs and therefore planned housings have emerged. Recently, the government started scrapping houses that were built alongside the main highways and roads. It is a positive change that will have a long term impact. Overall, there is so much happening these days.

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COLOUR

What's your favourite colour? Why?

Blue is a colour I like the most. I feel comfortable whenever I come across something that is blue. Besides, it soothes my mind and calms me down at times. Also, it doesn't violate any cultural beliefs and is not a colour that is hated most here in my country.

Do you like the same colours now as you did when you were younger? Why/Why not?

No. I grew up liking black. Black was a colour I fell in love with during my school days. Most of the dresses I wore were dark and I was literally addicted with the aura of the colour. That colour had a profound impression on me. However, that changed slowly as I started to explore the world around me. I was into movies, music and art and started to like blue. And here I am now, regarding blue as my love.

What can you learn about a person from the colours they like?

That's an interesting question. To be honest, I cannot make an impression of a person by the kind of colour he likes. However, I can guess. I can guess that if a person likes red, he is more aggressive. The color is a symbol of aggression and my simple assumption tells me so. Also, if a person is more into white that symbolizes the calm nature he bears. These are my random guesses and I am not sure how true they are.

Do any colours have a special meaning in your culture?

Yes, few colours do. Red is a symbol of religion. Most of the people in our country are religious and follow centuries old tradition. Red, as they say, tells that you are into a particular religion. Likewise, white is peace and harmony. There are numerous festivals that celebrate cooperation among citizens and 'white' is frequently used to identify the nature of the ceremony. I am, however, a free man and have respect towards all the cultures that celebrate colours. I have no biasness or inclination towards a certain group and therefore, I simply admire different prospects put forth by those communities.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Do you prefer relaxing at home or going out in the evening? Why?

I love to explore. If given a choice, I will always opt for going out in the evenings. My town is a small town, however, it is always full of exciting moments. There is an open market that goes live in the evenings. And you get to see people from all over, in that open market, in the evening. Besides, because of the fact that my town lies right next to a river, the breeze in the evenings is heavenly and incomparable. I have not experienced such aura in any other place except ours.

When you go out for an evening, what do you like to do?

I wander aimlessly inside the open market whenever I am out of my house. I work all day long and evenings are when I decide not to indulge myself with commitments. I talk to people, make fun of my friends and crack jokes. Some evenings are special because I spend them in theatres, watching new releases. I am a movie maniac and I watch movies from all genres.

How popular is this with other people in your country?

Well, I have found people committing for leisure walks and entertainments in the evenings in our country lately. However, it was not like this 5 years ago. Before, people were comfortable inside their houses, doing nothing but watch television. These days, you see people with their families out for fun and meetings. That is a plausible change in the mentality in people here.

Is there any kind of entertainment you do not like? Why/ Why not?

I do not like to watch television. I believe, that is a waste of time. Besides, all programs here in our country are full of propagandas. They serve special interest of certain community or business and deliver nothing but gossips. Also, I was less interested in televisions from the very beginning.

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FOOD AND COOKING

What kinds of food do you like to eat?

I enjoy all sorts of food. I am not selective when it comes to dishes. Since I am from Thailand, I eat sea foods all the time. Sea foods belong to our culture and we are comfortable with it. Also, they are nutritious and healthy.

What kind of new food would you like to try? Why?

I would like to try foods from South Asia. I have heard a lot about Nepal and would like to taste a diverse variety they cook over there. I have found the influx of Nepali tourists in our country lately and I hear about their food all the time. They have rice as a major part of their diet and therefore would like to try out someday soon.

Do you like cooking? Why/Why not?

Believe me, I hate cooking. I have never liked being inside the kitchen and trying my hands out in cooking. Also, I think that is something we inherited as a cultural norm. We have a male dominated society and the men are mostly out in the field, either working or doing business.

What was the last meal you cooked?

Well, I do not remember the last dish I made. It was a long time ago, probably, 4 years ago. However, I sometimes prepare tea for our family. It is relatively an easy task anyone can do. I even offer tea to the guests who visit my house.

Do you prefer home-cooked food or food from restaurants? Why?

I prefer food from restaurants. I am a firm believer that you should not waste your precious time in cooking. Therefore, I go for foods that are available as fast foods. However, I am conscious of healthy food and carefully examine them before buying. You need to be careful here because a lot of foods do not follow standard procedures of cooking. There is too much fat and oil which are not edible.

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DAILY ROUTINE

What would you like to change in your daily routine?

I am trying hard to implement a daily writing habit. That is something I am working at and hope to change in my daily routine. I have special respect towards writers who are consistent at writing. They produce a good body of work regularly. I believe, writing is a true art and a skill that is very hard to master. I want to become a regular writer, someday in my life and therefore want to practice it regularly.

Are all your days the same?

No. My days are different each day. I work and study and therefore have to manage my time equally to both education and job. When I do not have college, I get up late in the morning and when I do not have job, I am out till late evening. Besides, I am also working on some projects online these days. I am caught up with too many assignments and therefore my schedules are never the same.

Tell me about your typical weekday and your typical weekend.

On weekdays, I get up early and rush to college, attend classes and join my job that starts at 1pm. I work till 8pm. Then, I go back to my house, do some online surfing and go back to bed at around 10.30pm. On weekends, I wake up late at around 9.30am. Since, I do not work on weekends; I meet friends, go on rides and visit relatives. My college is off on weekends and therefore I have ample of time to roam around, relax and enjoy.

What is the balance of work/study and free time in your normal day?

Like I said earlier, I have a college and a job and therefore I am always either studying or working. Studying takes up most of my time since I am doing my Bachelor in Business Administration and majoring on Accounting. I work and my job is an easy one thus I do not have to devote much to it. In weekdays, I am occupied with all sorts of works so I regard weekends more importantly.

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CLOTHES

How important are clothes and fashion to you? Why/Why not?

I hail from an average family from the Terai plains of Nepal. I did not pay attention to fashion while growing up and simply preferred clothes to fulfil purposes. For example, during winter, I used to buy jackets that made me warm. During summer, light colors always delighted me. Therefore, clothes are important but I do not look for fashion while choosing them.

What kind of clothes do you dislike? Why?

I hate formal clothes. I grew up wearing casuals all the time and I am very comfortable wearing them. Whenever I have to wear formal clothes, it annoys me beyond my tolerance. I feel irritated and cannot wait to undress them. Also, we do not prefer formals in our ceremonies and most of the people can be seen in jeans and t-shirts.

How different are the clothes you wear now from those you wore 10 years ago?

Well, I like casual clothes and the way I dress up has not changed much since the last 10 years. However, I have found changes in the colors people prefer these days. Back in the days, people were more into dark colors but today, people choose light over dark colors. Moreover, people have started adopting fashion from the west nowadays. You can see resemblances between the westerners and ours.

What do you think the clothes we wear say about us?

I believe the clothes we wear tell about our professions. People who are more into formals are into professional fields like teaching, accountancy and banking. And people preferring casuals are more into construction, dairy and retail businesses. I am inclined towards casual clothing and therefore I love retail businesses.

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FRIENDS

Are your friends mostly your age or different ages? Why?

I have friends from all ages. I have children in my neighbourhood and I play with them frequently. They have become my buddies. At college I have friends of my age. Besides, I am a Leo Club's volunteer and we visit old age homes frequently. We distribute clothes, food and medicine to them and I have managed to make friends there as well. Many of those seniors know me by my name.

Do you usually see your friends during the week or at weekends? Why?

I see them during the week and at weekends too. However, during weekdays, I cannot hang out with them because I am caught up with commitments. I have a job as well and that keeps me occupied all the time. During weekends, I relax, enjoy and roam around. Saturdays are for friends.

The last time you saw your friends, what did you do together?

We watched a movie and had dinner together. There was a new release from Hollywood and we planned for it from quite a while ago. We met at KL mall and drank tea first. Then, we moved towards the theatre, bought our tickets, watched movie and finally wrapped the day with a dinner in an Indian restaurant. The food was delicious. We are planning for a similar event very soon.

In what ways are your friends important to you?

They are important because they support me financially. Even though I have a job, I am not good at managing my money. I spend on unnecessary activities and always run out of cash. My friends are very supportive in this regard. They lend me money and in return, I make them happy by sponsoring snacks sometimes.

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LEISURE

Do you have any hobbies or interests? What are they?

Yes, I do. I love Photography. It has attracted me since my childhood and the attraction has ever since grew up tremendously. Beautifully captured images always fascinate me. Photography is a passion in itself and needs persistency. To be a good photographer is something that takes years of hard work and I guess, I am half way there.

How did you become interested in that hobby/interest?

When I was in the 5th grade, I had an opportunity to travel to Spain and visit an Art Gallery there. The breathtaking images created a huge impression in me and ever since, I have developed a love towards that art form. Museums and Art Galleries are always my priority whenever I visit a new place.

What is there to do in your free time in (candidate's home town/village)?

It is sad that there are no places to exhibit your work in our home town. However, we have numerous movie halls in the town. Even though photography is something I practice on my own, the movie halls have created a wide enthusiasm towards visual arts in the city. I hear my friends talking about movies all the time. The theatres premier movies from different genres and therefore, I believe, have contributed a bit in telling people about cinematic varieties.

How do you usually spend your holidays?

I go on trips whenever I have holidays. Since, I am into taking pictures; I spend my time taking images of people, places and cultures of various places. Holidays excite me tremendously. My trips are well planned and budgeted because of the limited finances I can afford. And therefore, I am working extra hours to be able to fund my vacation on my own.

Is there anywhere you would particularly like to visit? Why?

Yes. I would like to visit Egypt. They have wonderful ancient monuments and buildings. The history is precious and they have all sorts of Artists who visit the monuments every year. I hope to learn about their rich culture and tradition when I visit.

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YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE

What place do you most like to visit? How often do you visit this place?

I like to visit rural areas, where there are limited resources to travel and communicate. I have always liked simple living and feel at peace when I get to explore such environments. Nepal is full of rural areas that are considered precious in terms of wilderness tourism. The cultures are intact and offer different perspective of living.

Why do you like it so much?

Like I said earlier, the environments offer different perspectives of living and I am simply fascinated by such surroundings. Besides, there is no pollution and cultural exploitation. Those areas offer a variety of flora and fauna too. Overall, the experiences in visiting rural areas simply out shadows other adventure activities.

Is it popular with many other people?

I do not think that people like to visit such places any more. They have become modern and are happy exploring places full of artificial facilities.

Has it changed very much since you first went there? In what way?

To be honest, such places have not changed much since I visited last. The government of our country has taken initiative in preserving exotic places and rural areas. I guess, such initiation is because the country is trying to bank on wilderness tourism that exists there. And those might be the reasons that I have found those places not much changed over the period.

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PART 2 & 3 (TOPICS AND DISCUSSIONS)

BEAUTIFUL PLACES

Describe a beautiful place to visit in your country. You should say;

Where it is

How to get there

What there is to do when you are there?

And explain why you recommend this place

ANSWER

I am going to talk about Pokhara, a fascinating place to visit and gather amazing memories. Pokhara is considered one of the most sought after places in terms of natural beauty and lies in the Western Nepal. Western Nepal is home to world class tourist attractions and Pokhara tops the chart.

If you board a flight from the capital city, it will take you half an hour to reach there. You can also choose to reserve private vehicles or public transportations. A private vehicle will take approximately 5 hours whereas a bus will take you almost 7 hours to reach Pokhara. It is easily accessible and connected to the major cities around the country via road and air.

Pokhara offers numerous facilities to make your trip memorable. A beautiful Fewa lake offers boating excursions and fishing information. You can hire a boat and boat around the lake for an entire day. Besides, the place is home to monasteries and temples. One of the major attractions of Pokhara is its caves. The caves are narrow and are regarded ‘a must visit’ by many foreigners. A small stretch right by the Fewa lake is ‘the most happening’ place in entire Pokhara and has a variety of speciality restaurants, bars and discos.

I recommend Pokhara because of its friendly international atmosphere. You can meet people from around the world and expand your networks. Besides, if you are an adventurer, you have ample thrilling events happening all the time. You can enrich your trip by hiring bicycles, bikes or even cars and visit the outskirts of Pokhara.

To sum up, the place will not depress you. It is my all time favourite place and I frequently visit in order to revitalize myself once in a while.

PART 3

ATTITUDES TO TOURISM

Why do you think people like to travel to different places in their free time?

People have different motives while travelling to places. Some go to revitalize their work spirits,

some go to expand their networks while some simply visit to have fun. For me, it's always related with 'expanding my networks'. I am always on a lookout to meet people from a variety of races, cultures and businesses. I love to share experiences, share my learning and make new friends.

How do you see tourism changing in your country in the future?

The governments has finally realized the potential of tourism in our country and started investing on the infrastructures. People are more conscious about the positive impacts of an international network and therefore value tourists' arrival. In my opinion, more facilities will be offered to the tourists and more destinations will be open to the people. Besides, domestic tourism is also on the rise these days. Since the spending power of people have gone up, they have started purchasing various tourism packages to have fun. The future looks promising in tourism.

CONSERVING THE COUNTRYSIDE

Why is it important to protect the countryside?

The countryside holds tremendous potential in terms of tourism. The cultures, traditions and lands are exotic and are preferred by people willing to experience something different. They are the goldmines and therefore should be protected in order to uplift the prosperity of a country.

In what ways is the countryside in danger in your country?

In our country, the government is in the process of connecting the countryside with the urban cities. The enormous potential that countryside holds is still ignored by the majority of people who live there. The ignorance might risk the extinction their valuable cultures and traditions. That's the major risk we have.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS

Why are historic buildings and monuments important to a city?

Historical buildings are the identity of a city. They give us information about an entire generation. They tell us stories and are also considered important in tourism aspects.

Is it better to keep old buildings or build new modern ones?

It is important to keep old buildings because they are our pride. The old buildings are precious we will not be able to build a history with modern buildings. However, if we have land that is vacant, we can construct new buildings on them. It is our responsibility to preserve our heritage and history.

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[Part 1 \(General Topics\)](#)

FAMILY

Describe the person in your family who you most admire. You should say,

What their relationship is to you

What they have done in their life (to you or themselves)

What they do now

And explain why you admire them so much.

ANSWER

Well, that is a very tough question because I admire all members of my family. However, I am going to talk about my mother who, in fact, has helped me be a man I am today. Her name is Sita Gurung and she is one of the best mothers you can ever imagine to have. I feel fortunate every single day to have her by my side.

After hearing about the struggles my mom faced, I had a true respect. My father hailed from a lower class family who had hard time managing money for his studies. His family was going through a financial crisis and there were no hopes around. My parents' marriage happened at that critical time and my mom was the one who took charge and brought the family's fortune towards financial stability.

My mom is a business woman these days. We have extended our businesses in manufacturing, agricultural and retailing and therefore she is quiet occupied with those commitments. I am inspired by the tremendous amount of work my mother puts in every day and therefore have decided to go for a business degree abroad. The degree, according to my parents, will bring dynamics in our business ventures.

Since my hardworking mom has devoted her entire life working for the family and creating opportunities for the people around, she has become an ideal person to many business women. Furthermore, I had to rely on her suggestions at different stages of my life and she has never gone wrong on those decisions. I truly admire her for her precision and visionary thoughts.

PART 3

ATTITUDES TO FAMILY

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

The families have started preferring independence these days. This is recent and I consider it modern. Before, when I was a child, I remember families living together. They used to live in a single house and used the same kitchen. However, the split of modern days has brought positive as well as negative consequences.

Should husbands and wives have different roles within the family? Why (not)?

Yes. Both of them have their own respective roles. I do not know about other countries and cultures, however, here, the tasks are predetermined and are fulfilled separately. For example, most of the husbands work and are responsible to make sure that their families are well fed and housed. They are either salaried persons or have their own businesses. On the other hand, the wives take care of their family and are at home most of the time. One of the most important roles they have in our culture is to raise a child.

FAMILY OR FRIENDS

Which is more important to you: your family or your friends?

Well, both of them are important to me. I grew up in an extrovert society among a lot of friends. Friends have played important roles at crucial stages of my life. I cannot even imagine my life without my buddies. At the same time, family has been there for me too. The values, the schooling and the educational wealth I have, is because of my family. Therefore, to me, both of them have special space.

What conflicts can arise between a person's family and a person's friends?

That's an interesting question. I personally believe that you should not try to bring your friends' issues to your family and your family's issues to your friends. Friends and families can never get along with each other. Families are always cautious of who you are hanging out with and friends hate when families interfere with personal issues.

For example, last weekend, I did not go home because I was with my friends, partying the entire night. I had to face the consequences the next day. I was almost grounded for a week. My family was worried about me and I can understand their frustrations. However, the family worries were not sympathized by my friends and I had to convince them that there was nothing wrong with it.

FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

What responsibilities do parents have towards their children?

I believe parents have to be pay special attention towards their children's education, health and happiness. They have to be very supportive at different stages of their children. The time is changing and today's kids have massive expectations. Those expectations can create distances in relations. Therefore, parents these days need to monitor their kids and be their friends.

What responsibilities do children have towards their parents?

Well, like I said earlier, since the time is changing, today's kids also need to understand that their parents cannot fulfil each and everything a child wishes for. This is where they are tested. They must share their feelings, aspirations and goals so that their mom and dad can do their best in helping them out.

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SHOPPING

Describe your favourite shop. You should say:

Where it is

What things it sells

What sort of people are its customers

And explain why you like the shop so much.

ANSWER

Out of so many shops, my favourite has always been 'UFO'. I am going to describe about it in details. UFO is situated right in the centre of our city and is a shop that is home to world's latest fashion. Our city is considered as one of the most happening places of the entire nation and the shop has added an extra delight to the lively city we have. The best part is, it is within the walking distance from my house. So, whenever I have some time to kill, I stop by and browse through numerous items they have up there.

UFO caters to the middle class people. People who have got money to spend upon their lavish needs. It sells clothes, shoes and fashionable items such as body sprays and cosmetics. The items are reasonably priced that you cannot beat in the entire town. Also, it has become a good place to meet people from different backgrounds and economic status. Besides, I have found it a good place to network.

There are many reasons why UFO is my favourite. It has got one of the best services staffs you can imagine. They are reliable and do not hesitate to answer your countless questions. The management seems to be careful in updating all the items regularly. The interior of the shop is well lit and clean too. I recommend UFO to all the aspiring youths who have a craze for fashion as well as networks. The shop should fall under everyone's visit list.

PART 3

THINGS TO BUY

What typical things can visitors to your country buy?

The hand-made souvenirs are the best our country offers to visitors. We have finely designed hand-made wood crafts, metal crafts and clothing lines that are famous all over the world. Since, we have centuries old historic places; such hand-made items are easily available to most of the shops around those historical places.

What things do young people like to buy in your country?

The young people are more attracted towards buying cloths in our nation. The technology has a huge

impact in us and therefore we get cloths that are trending all around the world. Today's youth does not seem to worry about careers, education and responsibilities and are more inclined towards catching up with the latest fashion only.

MONEY

Is it a good idea to save money? Why (not)?

Well, I do not believe in saving money. All I believe is to live every single moment and make the most out of your life. To me, savings have to automatic. I mean, if you love what you do, that will ultimately bring you fame and fortune. I see people dying to save money and not living their dreams. That is a total waste.

Do you think that people are happier if they have money? Why (not)?

In my opinion, money is subjective. For me, it is never about money. I am happy when I get to do what I want to do. Money and wealth is secondary and always comes after happiness. However, I have also seen people who are happy when they have a lot of money. Money is the major part of their life.

SHOPPING

What can shops do to make shopping more pleasant for their customers?

Shops need to equip themselves with the latest upgrades in order to make their clients' visit a pleasant one. I live in a city where people are always demanding and I have found it hard to find shops that offer the latest materials. For example, I was so desperate to buy an iPod last month. I was working on an online project that needed iPod to test my progress and the sad part was, I could not find a shop that offered iPod for sale. Such is the situation of shops where I hail from. Secondly, the owners also need to focus more on customers' complaints. They only care about their sales and when there is something defective, they simply ignore. That mentality has to change.

Do you think that in the future people will do most of their shopping using the Internet? Why? Why not?

Yes. I have no doubt about it. The internet has dominated almost every sector of the modern world. The banks have started their financial transactions through internet, you can order food in internet and you can even date with people there. Therefore, I firmly believe that the inevitable has come already. In the future, no one can stop the craze of internet shopping.

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OPEN AIR MARKET

Describe an open air or street market which you enjoyed visiting. You should say;

Where the market is

What the market sells

How big the market is

And explain why you enjoyed visiting this market.

ANSWER

I am going to talk about a market that I visited few years ago. I was travelling with some friends in Pokhara and we stopped off in a town called Mahendra Pool. We went to explore the business hubs of the city one afternoon and found out that a place close to the downtown was literally mobbed by people. I think it was a Saturday afternoon if I remember correctly. Anyway we asked one of the locals what was going on and they explained that it was 'market day' which apparently is a big event for the people of Pokhara.

We strolled down the street to see what all the fuss was about. When we arrived at the market it was really impressive, it spanned about 200 metres blocks and there seemed to be all kinds of different things you could buy. We saw clothes, food, shoes, jewellery and many local crafts for sale as well.

I think we must have spent a couple of hours there just exploring all the market stalls and some of us bought some souvenirs for friends back home. It was a great experience because there were people from all over the region who had come to set up their stalls and sell their goods there. After we had finished looking at everything we stopped at one of the food stalls to have some snacks, some spicy momos and a nice refreshing Gorkha beer, it was excellent.

I think it's one of the biggest markets I've ever been to, and it was certainly one of the most colourful. They even had local musical bands performing all day. As I said, we spent at least a couple of hours looking at all the offerings, and were thoroughly thrilled to witness an amazing street event. The locals of that area organize it every weekend and it's a great place to be if you are around that area.

Market day is quite a big tradition in some parts of our country. I didn't realize it until I visited the Pokhara one. Besides, I recommend people to visit such events every once in a while to feel the vibrant culture that is emerging very rapidly.

PART 3

SHOPPING AT MARKETS

Do people in your country enjoy going to open-air markets that sell things like food or clothes or old

objects?

I do not remember people going to open-air markets when I was a child. People bought their amenities in shops. However, I have seen changes in the way people prefer buying different items. These days, most of the population seems buying their required items in shops that offer them in a reasonable price and open-air market are the ones who are actually doing it. Therefore, such markets have become a recent trends and people are honestly enjoying going to them.

Which type of market is more popular? Why?

Like I said earlier, it used to be the shops who sell items within a closed building. May be the open air markets did not exist in those days. However, since such markets have emerged, the population has preferred such markets. They are more popular nowadays. They offer more items and the items are of various types. For example, you can buy agricultural products, clothes, household amenities and what not within a small visit.

Do you think markets are more suitable places for selling certain types of things? Which ones? Why do you think this is?

Yes. They are. Markets are where buyers come with buying aspirations. I believe, food items are the most suitable items to be sold in markets because people from different backgrounds, race, cultures and economic status visit them more often. They look for something new, something that they can try and buy. Thus, a variety of food items will definitely fulfil the expectations of a wide range of buyers.

Do you think young people feel the same about shopping at markets as older people? Why is that?

Well, I am sure young people have more enthusiasm in markets than older people. The energy and curiosity is definitely higher in the younger generation. Besides, they are always on a lookout for something new and unique and markets offer a perfect place to browse around.

SHOPPING IN GENERAL

What do you think are the advantages of buying things from shops rather than markets?

I personally think, authentic items are one of the major advantages. Markets are temporary and the shopkeepers might not offer items that are original. The shops in the open-markets might try to fool people because of their foul intentions. This happened to me once when I bought a pair of shoes. I was happy to purchase a branded shoe in a reasonable price. However, the shoe did not last for a week and when I took it back to the same shop, the shop was nowhere in sight. Later I realized that I was fooled and was sold a duplicate piece.

How does advertising influence what people choose to buy? Is this true for everyone?

Advertising insists a person's buying behaviour. They inform you about the existence of a product and on knowing that, people buy them. I personally believe that this is true. We do not buy items that we have not heard about. For instance, when given a choice, we obviously go for items that are recommended by a celebrity or are being advertised on television, radios or newspapers.

Do you think that any recent changes in the way people live have affected general shopping habits? Why is this?

Yes. People have started investing on a lavish lifestyle and their way of living have influenced the items they chose to buy. If a man drives a car, he obviously buys expensive items to show other people of his status. Besides, the population has started preferring original and authentic goods these days because they want something that is branded and more durable. This is something I have realized recently. It was not like this before. I still remember people preferring items that were cheap and only fulfilled their immediate needs.

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RESTAURANT

Describe a restaurant you enjoyed going to. You should say:

Where the restaurant was

Why you chose this restaurant

What type of food you ate in this restaurant

And explain why you enjoyed eating in this restaurant.

ANSWER

I have visited numerous restaurants till this date and there are very few that caught my attention. I am going to talk about the one restaurant that I visited recently.

I had an absolute fun going to, to that eatery. It was a cold evening and one of my close friends called me and invited to join a dinner get together. It was him who chose the restaurant and I must say that it was one of those very few occasions where I had a fine meal, the most delicious so far to be honest. The facilities were excellent, the service was amazing and the ambience was rich. It was a perfect place to dine. The restaurant was approximately an hour's drive from the city and was situated right by the famous Narayani River. I guess the place is called 'Thumsi' which is quite popular among restaurant goers. The place offered a scenic view of the flowing river and you could even hear the sound the river produces. To tell you the truth, I had heard about the place couple of times but had no clue about its whereabouts.

The restaurant offers typical local cuisine and their speciality is 'fish items'. You do not have to worry about the hygiene as they are very serious and careful with the food handling. Like I said earlier, it was not my choice to go there since I was invited as a guest for a small dinner organized by one of my close friends. Beside, the menu at the place includes different food items and therefore has something for everyone. Apart from fish items, they also prepare traditional meat dishes, special vegetarian items and exotic mushrooms.

I decided to go with their famous fish items. I asked them to cook 'prawns'. The prawns were from the Narayani River and were cooked very deliciously. Since it was a cosy dinner, I also had a chance to taste the local liquor from the area. The area is home to 'Gurungs' and they are famous for their unmatched taste in liquors. I have already recommended that place to a lot of my friends who prefer to try new taste and places.

To sum up, the entire experience was amazing. I had no complaint about the place and the variety of food they had. Also, I am a food lover and I really get excited whenever I experience such unique get-togethers. Our friends crave for places that offer rich experiences and I am a proud member of the group. The experience was better than what I actually thought of.

PART 3

RESTAURANTS

Why do you think people go to restaurants when they want to celebrate something?

Well, I believe people have different reasons. Firstly, restaurants are places that people do not go frequently and therefore going to them gives you joy. Also, you do not have to worry about cleaning your dishes and take care of the mess after the celebration. People can enjoy and celebrate without thinking of the post party works.

Which are more popular in your country: fast food restaurants or traditional restaurants?

Traditional restaurants are more famous in our country. We are among developing nations and the concept of fast food has not caught people's attention yet. Whenever we prefer to go to restaurants, we always look for environments where we can sit and chat for hours. Since visiting restaurants is only limited to certain groups of people here, we are always on a lookout to make the most of our time. On the other hand, we only have limited number of fast food places available. The idea of ordering snacks and food that are not from our culture is still unpopular. Also, I believe, the idea of pizzas, burgers, hamburgers as a complete meal takes some time for people to accept.

Why do you think that is? Why are only traditional restaurants popular?

The major reason behind traditional restaurants' popularity is because people are habituated with them only. They have spent an entire generation only knowing about the existence of traditional restaurants. Since I already told you that fast food is a new concept, I guess, it will take some time for people to get used to them. However, I have found that people are curious about fast food places these days. I have noticed families trying them lately. Also, the marketing strategies from fast food eateries are quiet persuasive. It will not take long for people to choose fast food among many traditional restaurants.

Some people say that food in an expensive restaurant is always better than food in a cheap restaurant – would you agree?

I do not agree with your statement. In my experience, I have found no differences between the quality of food that are available in expensive and cheap restaurants. The expensive restaurants focus on people who have money and can spend them without being curious about the price. However, the cheap restaurants prioritize middle or lower class people who want to experience dining experiences without spending much.

PRODUCING FOOD

Do you think there will be a greater choice of food available in shops in the future, or will there be less choice?

To be honest, I seriously believe that there will be more choices in food in shops. People have started demanding more and more and with the ease of transportation, restaurants have started including

items that are considered ‘hard to find’.

What effects has modern technology had on the way food is produced?

Well, modern technology has helped produce food so that they are less dangerous to people’s health. It has allowed to study different composition in food and therefore, food producers pay extra attention while producing them. The obesity is a common problem and with the help of technology, modern food firms make sure that the items contain less fat and are healthier. However, this is not the case too. Food is being ‘tampered’ without our knowledge. The reason behind such tampering is to make sure they taste better and are popular in the mass.

How important is it for a country to be able to grow all the food it needs, without importing any from other countries?

It depends upon the possibility and intention of a country to be able to grow all the food it needs. For example, the government of our country insists in making itself ‘food independent’ and save all its outgoing expenses by emphasising the production within its boundaries. For us, it is very important to produce whatever we eat within our territories and therefore it is crucial for us.

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TRAVELLING

Describe a memorable journey you have made. You should say:

Where you were going

How you were travelling

Why you were making the journey

And explain what made the journey so memorable.

ANSWER

I am going to talk about a memorable journey that I made last month with my brother. I have probably made hundreds of journeys to this date but last month's was the best I have ever had so far.

We two decided to ride our bikes to the Indian city, Sikkim. We had heard a lot about the town and its landscapes from long ago. Since we both were free and had new bikes, we talked about going on for a long trip. A trip that is full of adventures and thrills.

Sikkim is a beautiful city of the northern India. There were many hurdles to take our bikes across the country; however, we managed to get our permits without any hassle. We, then, rode our newly bought Yamaha buddies, enjoying the beautiful sceneries and places. It took us almost 24 hours altogether to reach the beautiful town from where we live. We hail from the southern plains of Nepal. The major purpose of the trip was to have a wonderful experience full of fun. Even though the trip was long, we did not miss to enjoy throughout the journey.

We did not have any experiences of touring long distances in bike. Therefore, at first, we were quiet unsure about adventure we were going to undertake. However, after riding for some hours, we were simply confident. The best part of the journey was, we were free of commitments and on our own. We stopped at places we thought of stopping and stayed at places we decide to stay. Along the trip, we got to see amazing cities, exotic cultures and centuries old monuments. We also visited some insanely famous cities of India and felt that there were so much happening over there. The memories we captures are precious and will remain in us for years to come.

PART 3

TRAVELLING AND LEARNING

What do people learn from travelling?

There is so much to see and learn from travelling. For instance, you can experience exotic landscapes and the traditions and can learn the cultural heritage of the people who live there. Besides, travelling lets you see the history of different cities and educates about the rich background they had over the years.

Do you think the growth of international tourism is a good thing? Why (not)?

Yes. I believe the growth brings in positive changes in a society. Tourism is such an industry that can generate hundreds of thousands of jobs and can alter the economic status of a country. Besides, you can expand your network of friends, business reach and knowledge with the help of tourism. Even though International tourism is massive, the recent changes in the perception of people and their view towards domestic tourism has brought valuable improvements in people.

TOURISM AND CULTURE

How has tourism changed the way people live in your country?

Tourism has showed people the face of ongoing changes worldwide. When you meet and talk with people from around the globe, you realize the cultural shifts and the advancement in technology through them. To be honest, I believe that Tourism shows you the way to live and experience life. People go on visiting new destinations in order to expand connections and share their learning.

How should tourists behave when they visit your country?

In my opinion, tourists should follow the rules and regulations of the country they are visiting. They must obey the traffic laws and respect the sentiments of people. I am quiet unhappy about the way tourists behave when they visit China. For example, they imagine us as dumb people and try to neglect our emotions and feelings. That is wrong. The government must aware the visiting foreigners about the rules and regulations before they apply for a visitor visa so that our beliefs remain intact.

WAYS OF TRAVELLING

What do you think is the best way for a tourist to travel if they want to learn about your country?

Our country is home to centuries old traditions and cultures. We have uncountable places where you'll get opportunities to learn about us. The best way for a foreigner to make the best out of our country is by trekking around those places that offer a chance to enrich your global understanding. We have travel companies that offer custom tours and vacations and a tourist must consult with them before making plans to explore our country.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of travelling by plane?

Well, the major advantage is you will get an overview of the entire country's landscapes within hours and the disadvantages are, you cannot explore the numerous opportunities a country offers to enrich your understanding about that particular state. Travelling by plane gives you a bird's eye view of the country and on the negative side, you will have no clue of how the country actually feels like.

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ADVENTURE

Describe an exciting experience in your life. You should say:

When the experience took place

Where the experience took place

What happened exactly?

And explain why the experience was so exciting.

ANSWER

I am going to talk about my encounter with a Rhinoceros when I was doing a Jungle Walk in one of the exotic forests in Nepal. I have had many moments that I consider exciting, however, my memories with that wild animal is something I will cherish thorough out my life as one of the best I have ever had.

I was roaming around Chitwan National Park during my holidays this January. Suddenly I received phone call from one of my colleagues who was also visiting the park and was planning to do a jungle walk inside the forest. The forest there is considered truly wild and people regarded it as a must visit place. We, then, decided to pursue the adventure at our own risks.

Afterwards, we paid a guide to take us inside the dense forest. As we were walking, we encountered a huge Rhinoceros right in front of us. We had no clue about what was happening and then suddenly we heard a scream 'run'. The guide shouted at us and asked us to run. That left us with no choice but to run madly. We ran for almost 10 minutes and found us right by the river. It was scary, yet, full of fun. I was never in such a situation before and therefore the experience will always remain as one of the most exciting and thrilling.

PART 3

SAFETY AND DANGER

In what ways is life becoming safer, and in what ways is it becoming more dangerous?

Life is safer because of technologies that aware us of the forthcoming calamities. We have weather forecasts, hurricane warnings and storm predictions. However, we humans have the quest for adventures and we keep risking our lives to experience moments that are considered rare and life threatening. Our passion towards adventures has made our lives dangerous.

Should people always avoid danger, or is it a good idea sometimes to take risks?

Well, obvious dangers should be avoided. For instance, we should not pursue thrills that have been regarded unsafe. However, adventures that are well planned and obey the safety regulations are worth going for. Life should be experienced by taking risks sometimes otherwise it will become a boring

journey.

TAKING RISKS

What risks should people try to avoid?

Well, I find life worth taking risks. You should not bind yourself for a safe journey the entire time. You live once and at the end of the day, all that counts is the adventures you have undertaken.

Do you think people take fewer risks as they grow older? Why (not)?

Yes, I have found people taking fewer risks as they grow old. This might be because they lose energy and enthusiasm as they grow old. Also, some might have already taken enough risks and do not find adventures worth going for.

ADVENTURE

How important is it to have adventure in our lives?

I believe life is either adventure or nothing at all. It is mandatory to have thrills throughout our lives. Adventures keep pushing ourselves and make our living exciting. Without adventures, life is truly a boring journey.

What do people learn about themselves from having adventures?

People learn the value of life by adventures. They realize that life is lived only once and should not be wasted. One realizes his potential and worth by pursuing exciting journeys into the world of adventures.

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NEWSPAPERS

Describe a newspaper or magazine you enjoy reading. You should say:

What kind of newspaper or magazine it is, e.g. fashion

How often you buy it

What articles and information it contains

And explain why you enjoy reading it.

ANSWER

I read numerous newspapers every day but there is one that I do not miss out to read. It is 'The Daily Post'. I am going to talk about it.

The daily post is a national daily of China that comes out in English and is published in various Chinese cities at the same time every day. The one I read is published from Shanghai and includes articles and informative stories about politics, fashion, education careers and what not. Even though it comes out daily, I do not buy it every day. I have a colleague who has subscribed to it and therefore I get to read it from him. The newspaper is very popular in China as it covers everything under the sun and inside China.

I had this enthusiasm to enrich my vocabulary and grammatical range in English. I was madly in love with the language and therefore thought of reading newspapers regularly in order to strengthen my control. That is how I started reading newspapers. However, after a while, I actually started paying attention to the editorials and opinions of famous people. Their views and perspective were so precious that I started to look the world through them.

The experience of viewing the world through others' perspective was unique and powerful. That not only enriched my knowledge but also gave me a better control over my English skills and therefore I fell in love with the newspaper and started enjoying every single topic within.

PART 3

ATTITUDES TO NEWSPAPER

In what ways are newspapers better for learning about the news than listening to the radio or watching television?

Newspapers are easy to carry with and hold enormous wealth of information. You can read it anywhere, anytime. However, for radio or television, this is not the case. You have to be glued to one place to use them. Also, if you miss out news, you have to wait in order to listen to it or watch it again.

Do you think newspapers should be completely free to say whatever they want?

No. I do not think that newspapers should be given freedom to speak whatever they wish to. There are privacy rights and sensitive issues that should not be violated. Newspapers should respect others' emotion and they should also distinguish between right and wrong. Furthermore, in my opinion, those who do not practice the core fundamentals of journalism, should actually be banned.

TASTES IN READING

What do people enjoy reading in your country?

People wish for gossips and scandals in our country. I believe, this has to be the case for most of the countries in the world too. We are simply attracted towards information that entertain us.

Do you think it is important for people to read a lot? Why (not)?

Yes. People should read voraciously in order to be a knowledgeable and a contributing citizen. Once you start reading, it gives you different perspectives to look at the world. Besides, it makes you smart and you could benefit by surpassing others in education, career or business. Therefore, I think it is crucial for people to read.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIVES

What sort of stories do newspapers and magazines publish about well-known or famous people in your country?

It is sad to tell you the truth that newspapers and magazines are only after celebrities' scandals and gossips. Also, I have found that most of the media houses are affiliated with particular political parties and only print news favouring them. The opinions are sometimes biased and do not tell us the truth.

Do you think the media should be allowed to publish stories about the private lives of public figures?

No. I am totally against this. Public figures also have private lives and they do not want to get tortured all the time with news that are not real. Today's media manipulate information and add up fake stories about the private lives of public figures. There has to be stricter guidelines and the law should punish media houses that depend on selling others' private issues.

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EXCITING

Describe something you did that was new or exciting. You should say:

What you did

Where and when you did this

Who you shared the activity with

And explain why this activity was new or exciting for you.

ANSWER

I am going to talk about my experiences of Paragliding that I did two years ago. I hail from Nepal which is full of touristic activities. Paragliding was something that the adventure organizations were trying for the first time and I was selected from a pool of two thousand applicants. I think, there were 20 of us who were invited to experience the thrill.

The town of Pokhara is a famous destination in the entire Nepal. It is surrounded by the tallest peaks that go beyond 8000 metres. Paragliding in the lap of those beautiful Himalayas was a 'once in a lifetime' adventure.

Since, they were trying the possibility of Paragliding in the beautiful town of Pokhara, we were called first to experience it. There were 20 of us who were taken up to the hill first and were asked to sign 'releases'. All of us were excited and we started flying from the top of the hill one by one. At first, we had no idea of what it was going to be like, however, once we took off, we started to enjoy. I actually saw Pokhara from almost 500 metres above. I was flying like a bird.

After the experience, the company that was trying the possibility announced that they were going to offer Paragliding from the next month. The activity was new because no one did Paragliding before in Pokhara. I was among those few lucky thrill seekers who believed and dared to pursue.

PART 3

DOING NEW THINGS

Why do you think some people like doing new things?

People are different and so is their nature. Some seek secure lifestyle while some pursue adventures that shake their boring living. Those who dare to go for adventures are the ones who believe in trying new things in order to live life from a different perspective.

What problems can people have when they try new activities for the first time?

Well, sometimes there are too many risks when people try new activities for the first time. It could be life threatening too. For instance, I had a friend who was scared of water. He did not know how to

swim and therefore he kept himself away from water most of the time. Once, he decided to go for rafting on his friends' recommendation. While rafting, he fell off the boat and almost drowned.

Do you think it's best to do new things on your own or with other people? Why?

I think whenever you do new thing; you should do it with others. That keeps you in the sight of others and keeps you safe as well. Also, you can discuss and get safety tips when in group. I have found people who dare to attempt new adventures on their own but I find it very risky. I fall under those who love company and therefore always do things with my friends or colleagues.

LEARNING NEW THINGS

What kind of things do children learn to do when they are very young? How important are these things?

Children first learn to walk on their own when they are very young. Walking on their own is the most important thing for them. Also, they try to be creative with the toys we give. It is very important to let them walk and play at those early ages. It gives them confidence and happiness.

Do you think children and adults learn to do new things in the same way? How is their learning style different?

No. Children have their own way of attempting things and adults have their own. Adults consult research and learn from others while learning whereas children are worry free and try to learn on their own.

Some people say that it is more important to be able to learn new things now than it was in the past. Do you agree or disagree with that? Why?

Yes. I agree. Today, you need to know so many things in order to catch up with the modern day people's pace. The jobs demand multitasking and your persistency in being able to juggle among different responsibilities. It was not like this in the past. Before, all you needed to do was to be able to perform your assigned responsibilities. Things have changed and it has changed drastically.

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